

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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2nd Sunday of Advent (Year B)

10th December 2017

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Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

10am

(Spanish) 11.15am

12.15pm

7pm

Mon - Sat 10am

6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am

6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am,
followed by Tea/Coffee in the
Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at
7pm in the Library. New members
are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is on
Thursdays at 11am in the Founders'
Room.

Saints Days

Mon 11th – St Damasus

Tues 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wed 13th – St Lucy

Toddler Group: The last get
together will be on next Tues 12th
December and will return on Tues
17th January 2018. If you have any
queries or would like to contact this
group, you can do so on this email:
servitetoddlers@gmail.com

St Peregrine December Mass: Will
be on Wednesday 27th December
2017 at the 10am Mass. There will
be no evening Mass on this day
(6.30pm).

Sunday Reflection – “Prepare a Way for the Lord” The consumerist pressure is great, the hectic round of parties, the frantic search for presents, and Sundays now are part of the shopping spree! The Media tell us how some celebrities will celebrate Christmas. We are all urged to get into the swing of things! Not many will speak of the coming of a Saviour. It is so easy in our secular age for some to indulge in over-eating, drinking, spending and in other forms of undisciplined behaviour. So it is good that John the Baptist strides on to our Liturgical stage this week and challenges our familiar preparations for Christmas. He would have reveled in a climate of austerity. He is dressed in the traditional garb of the prophet, hairy and unkempt. In him we see a primitive wildness, reluctant to accept society's standards, a man from outside the system, from beyond the edges of civilization, who is uncompromising and challenging. He comes to shake up his world! His diet is a few locusts, wild honey, berries and roots, and untreated animal skins are adequate for his clothing. He would never be a guest on a TV chat show for his very presence would tear apart the hypocrisy of the system. He dared to speak about sin. What an effect he had on the people of Judea and Jerusalem! He spoke about repentance and baptism! This voice in the wilderness put them in touch with their own primitive and untamed forces within, and gave them the courage to be honest, so they confessed their sins. That was good news. He introduced them to 'someone... more powerful than he was, who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit'. He led them to the Christ of God. This Advent we too need to step off the treadmill and dare to look at how we live our lives, and then to recognize our need of God's gift of a Saviour. “Come Lord Jesus, Come”.

New Liturgical Year: There is No 'Gloria' during Advent. The central altar symbol is the “Advent Wreath”, telling us the Christmas story of God's eternal love. Advent is a period of devout expectation and hope.

Celebration of Reconciliation: Our Sacramental celebration of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas will be on tomorrow Monday 11th Dec at 7.30pm in the Church. A number of Confessors including visitors will be available for Penitents. All are welcome, Saints are excused!

Dear Parishioners: I have been instructed by my Advisers in the light of present circumstances to take a break for a few months from Pastoral duties in the Parish from Christmas to Easter 2018. I just need to rest for some time and recover lost energies. In my absence, Fr. Allan Satur OSM will be released from his Chaplaincy work in the local Hospital to take over Pastoral duties in the Parish and Fr. Chris will be Vicar-Prior. When ready I will resume my duties. I am sorry for any inconvenience caused. It is hoped the Diocese will appoint a Chaplain to replace Fr. Allan in the Hospital for these few months. Let us keep each other in prayer. Sincere thanks and God Bless you all. *Fr. Pat OSM*

Filipino Novena – All are invited to join the “Servite Misa De Gallo” at Our church for the Christmas Novena of Masses, 15th Dec – 22nd Dec at 8pm and on Sat 23rd Dec at 3pm. After Mass on Sat will be a celebration with food in the School Hall.

Mass Times – Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sunday 24th and Monday 25th December. Masses on Sunday: 6.30pm Sat (Vigil Mass), 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am and 12.15pm (No 7pm Mass). Christmas Masses: Mass at Midnight 12.00; 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am (Spanish) and 12.15pm (No 7pm). Christmas Card available shortly.

Support Catholic Schools – Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Please Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/>