



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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Pentecost Sunday

(Year A)

4th June 2017

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Thur 9am to 5pm
(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 8.30 am
10 am
(Spanish) 11.15 am
12.15 pm
7 pm
Mon - Sat 10 am
6.30pm
(Except Wed 7th Confirmation 7pm)

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Thurs 6.15 – 6.30 pm
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Thur 10.30 am – 11.15 am

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!

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at
11am in the Founders' Room. Tea
served!

Charismatic Prayer Group – Every
Thursday 11am in the Founders'
Room.

Saints Days

Mon 5th – St Boniface
Tue 6th – St Norbert
Fri 9th – Sts Columba & Ephrem

Toddler Group: Returns on this
coming Tuesday 6th of June. It will
be from 9.15am to 10.15am. All are
Welcome!

Sunday Reflection: – Happy Birthday to all members! What a wonderful feast we celebrate today! The disciples of Jesus locked themselves into a room because they believed the world outside was hostile to them. At that time Pentecost was a Jewish feast celebrated fifty days after the Exodus, honouring the tradition that the Law of Moses was given to the people on the 50th day. The legend surrounding the feast spoke of a mighty wind turning into fire and a voice proclaiming the Law. St. Luke uses this tradition and makes Pentecost a Christian feast, when God renews his covenant with his people through the power of the Holy Spirit. In that power the Apostles are transformed. Luke too has the mighty wind and the tongues of fire coming upon the Apostles so that the Good News of the Gospel can be proclaimed to the whole world. The apostles are empowered to speak a new word to all those peoples from the outreaches of the Roman Empire. They are all Jews who have gathered for the feast. In the power of the Spirit, all these people are offered a new opportunity to renew their relationship with God. “Power” is the key word for the feast of the Holy Spirit. “Power” was what these powerless men needed. They were crippled by fear. They needed courage and someone to empower them. This is precisely what the Holy Spirit did for them. A whole new life opened up before them. All the hearers hear the same message despite their different languages. There is but one Good News and all people are invited to hear it. St Paul speaks too of a diversity of gifts but all coming from the “One Spirit”, “Unity in diversity” is the hallmark of the Church, of which we are all members. The gift of the Spirit is given to reconcile all to the one God. The power that changed the Apostles can also change us. A Happy and Fruitful Pentecost to all!

Confirmation Celebration – is on Wed 7th June at 7pm Mass (No 6.30pm Mass). We are delighted to welcome our Area Bishop, The Right Rev. John Wilson (Titular Bishop of Lindisfarne) to our Parish Church to this Deanery Celebration of Confirmation. The Parishes of St. Mary's Cadogan Street and Holy Redeemer will also participate. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will come and guide and inspire our young people in their journey of life.

General Election – Is on Thurs 8th June 2017 and the Polling Station for this area is The Servite Primary School, 252 Fulham Road, SW10 9NA. We do urge all parishioners to get interested, to inform ourselves about the issues and to vote responsibly. Many issues affected us all, so do engage with the Candidates about the NHS, Housing, Brexit, Immigration, Education, the Sanctity of Human Life from conception to Death, Pensions and the London Living Wage.

General Election – Bishops' Letter: Copies of the Letter from our Bishops on the General election are available in the Colonnade as you leave. Please study carefully and vote responsibly on Thurs 8th June.

International Mass – Will be on Sunday 2nd July at the 12.15pm Mass followed by a celebration afterwards in the School Playground with International food stalls. To prepare for this there will be a meeting in the Library on tomorrow **Monday 5th June** at 7pm. All are invited. Liturgy committee members and other parish Councillors are asked to attend. We would like to invite parishioners from our international communities, particularly those who have experience of past International Sundays who would be prepared to run a food stall.

Congratulations – As the existing Prior Provincial, Fr. Gabriel Bannon OSM, had to resign due to ill-health, Fr. Paul Addison OSM was elected as Prior Provincial this week. We offer our Congratulations to Fr Paul as well as the assurance of our Prayers for his term of office. We pray too for Fr. Gabriel's recovery and healing.

Happy Jubilee – We congratulate all who celebrate significant Marriage Jubilees this year and who were remembered in Yesterday's Mass at the Cathedral (Sat 3rd June).