

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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Epiphany of the Lord

(Year A)

5th January 2020

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

Parish Office Opening Hrs

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

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

After 10am Weekday Mass

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:

Will resume on Thursday 9th
January at 11am in the
Founders Room

Saints Days

Tue 7th – St Raymond of
Penafort
Sun 12th – St Anthony Pucci

Weekday Mass Times:

Return to Normal
tomorrow 6th Jan 2020!

Children's Liturgy – Will be
on Sunday 12th January at the
10am Mass.

Sunday Reflection – We won't know a lot about the Wise Men. Just to say, we don't even know how many there were (read the text again). The Greek word Magoi (where we get 'magician') signified many things in biblical times including priests from Persia, magicians, philosophers in this case astrologers. They were 'seekers', looking to the skies for signs and guidance and had their hearts and minds set on finding God. They were also, 'outsiders', coming from a faraway land. Their presence in Bethlehem makes a clear statement: God is for everyone, and not just a select few. Through this account Matthew is stressing the universality of Jesus' message. They created quite a stir in Jerusalem and Herod saw their arrival as a warning and threat to his power, he was not open to new ideas, caught up in his own position of privilege. Today, perhaps we can think about our own journeys to moments of epiphany. What guidance had brought us there? What gifts did we leave there? What gifts were given there? 'Lord, there comes a point in our lives when we finally discover what we want to give our whole lives to... we look back on the long journey that brought us to this point... like the wise men seeing a star as it rose and deciding to follow it... The last part of the journey went quickly, suddenly we knew that we had found what we had been looking for, and it was like coming home, so that we went into the house, fell on our knees and opened our treasure'. (Michel de Vertuil) – Intercom pg41.

Sincere Thanks – The Servite Community wish to thank you all for your very generous offerings on Christmas Day. We are most grateful to you all. We thank you too for your kind greeting cards, gifts and best wishes at Christmas. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and assure you of a special place in our prayers during the coming year. It has been a hectic year, a busy and demanding year with many changes, but with great work done in our church. Thank you again for your faith, your prayers and your support.

Happy New Year – We wish all parishioners and all who attend Mass in our Church a very Happy and Blessed New Year. This day is the World Day of Peace, so we pray for peace for those parts of our World ravaged by war and violence, we pray for peace in our homes and in our hearts. We wish you all a peaceful New Year. This year let us try to do and change what is possible and what is for the better, so let us resolve to be faithful to attending Mass every Sunday and having some prayer time each day.

Servite School – Our Parish School reopens on Tuesday 7th January 2020. Hope you had a lovely holiday. Welcome back! May the New Year be a time for "learning to love and loving to learn".

Confirmation 2019/2020 – Young people aged 14/15yrs upwards who wish to be confirmed next year need to enroll for the Confirmation Programme. Please collect a Confirmation Enrolment Form from the Colonnade and return to the Parish office by Friday 10th Jan 2020. A Baptismal Certificate Must accompany the Enrolment form unless Baptized in this Church. Classes date commencement to be announced.

First Holy Communion – Next Session will be on Sunday 12th Jan at 9am.