



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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**Sunday Reflection** – In the ancient world, long before refrigerators and freezers were invented, salt was one of the most important necessities of life, especially for preserving and flavoring food. Natural light too was important. Long before we had electricity we had to rely on the natural light of the sun and the moon to guide our path through life. In today's gospel Jesus takes those two powerful images and uses them as illustrations of just how important his disciples are in the world. Salt and light are still vital necessities in today's world. Jesus highlights the vital role his followers have to perform in our world. The deeds we do, and the witness we give can emit light which will be guidance for others. So often our very presence and the words we speak can give flavour to human life around us. There is a story told about a man going to visit one of Mother Theresa's Homes for the destitute. While there he saw the Sisters bringing in a man from the gutter, covered in sores and dirt. He witnessed the treatment offered by the Sisters; they washed this man and tenderly cared for him and bandaged his wounds. The visitor said: "I came in an atheist; I leave a believer in God; I have seen love in action". This is what Jesus had in mind. Good loving deeds will always emit light and dispel darkness. When the truth is told, justice is done, forgiveness offered, integrity maintained, peace proclaimed, and compassion practiced, then light will shine, and human relationships will have a good taste and remain wholesome. We Christians have a positive role to play in the world. If we don't, we are as useless as salt that has lost its taste or a lamp that doesn't give light. There is no need to be shy and withdrawn. Let us be as Christ asked, 'the very salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world'.

**Racial Justice Sunday** – This weekend 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> February the Catholic Church in England will celebrate Racial Justice. The Theme is "You are at the Heart of the Church". It will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the Church. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to Racial Justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics of the travelling communities. To support the Church in its work with travelers. A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be taken this weekend and your contributions, however great or small will help to make a difference.

**First Holy Communion** – Next session will be on this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9am

**Children's Liturgy Group** – On this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am Mass.

**Confirmation Classes** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session will be on this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 5.30pm in the Founders Room.

**Baptismal Preparation Course** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Part will take place on Tues 11<sup>th</sup> of Feb at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. Parents must attend both sessions.

**Pastoral Council Meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm in the Founders Room. Sadly, the last meeting was unable to complete its business as it did not have a 'Quorum' of members. So now we ask all Elected members to please attend. If you are unable to attend, please inform the Parish Office.

**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 Masses

**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:

Every Thursday at 11am in the  
Founders Room

#### Saints Days

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – St Scholastica  
Tue 11<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of  
Lourdes: World Day for Sick  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Ss Cyril, Monk &  
Methodius, Bishop

**Sr. Clementina** – Thanks  
everyone for their support  
and cooperation in her nine  
years Ministry here at  
Fulham Road and for all the  
prayers, presents, cards and  
well wishes last Sunday.  
"May God Bless you All."