



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

## 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

## Sacrament of Confession

Saturday	10.45 – 11.15 am
	6.00 – 6.30 pm

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 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. Tel: 0207 352 6965  
Contact [cdewinton@gmail.com](mailto:cdewinton@gmail.com)

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

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

## Saints Days

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – St Francis of Assisi  
Thur 6<sup>th</sup> – St Bruno  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of the Rosary

Total Offertory collection last  
Sunday was £2,003 and the  
Second collection for  
“Restoration of Our Lady's  
Shrine at Walsingham” was  
£602.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Will all  
who have not yet returned their  
completed DBS 1 forms, Please  
do so as soon as possible. Thank  
You!

**Sunday Reflection** – In the Gospel for today the Apostles come to Jesus and ask him to “increase our faith”. It seems such a natural request. The apostles would like to have a faith similar to Jesus' own faith. We all probably make the same request in our prayer especially when we feel the fragility of our own faith. All of us would love to have a strong faith that would enable us to deal with and overcome the problems of life. Jesus responds with a rather complex answer. He tells them that faith even as tiny as a mustard seed can have great power and potential. In the imagery used by Jesus he states that such faith can uproot the mulberry tree and plant it in the sea. Such faith is a bold faith because it is rooted in God. For Jesus real faith is ‘faith-in-God’, and there is no limit to what God can do. He dared to call God ‘Father’, and encouraged his disciples to do the same. His deep faith in God enabled him to face rejection and the cross and to see beyond his death to Resurrection. In his boldness, he Screamed out “My God, my God. Why have you forsaken me?”. We see a similar attitude in Habakkuk in our first reading as he cried out to God for justice to change a terrible situation, and God seems not to be listening. God responds by assuring him that things will change for the better, but he must wait with hope and patience. St Paul exhorts his companion Timothy also: “God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the spirit of power, love and self-control”. This is the faith that drives us all to cry out to God in our time of need and to believe that God will respond in God's time and in God's way, and the reply will come, “if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will without fail”. We all can cry out, “Lord, help my unbelief”.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** – Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Please put your offerings from your Fast in the CAFOD's second collection next week. Take a CAFOD envelope. We support CAFOD's good work overseas. Please give as generous as you can.

**October Rosary** – October is a special month for praying the Rosary, which we recommend to all our parishioners. A plenary indulgence may be guided by reciting five decades of the Rosary in a Church, or in a family at home, as a religious community or whenever people gather for a good purpose to pray. If the Rosary is said privately a partial indulgence may be gained. In any case, pray the Rosary this month.

**Community Changes** – At the recent meeting of the Provincial and Council, it was decided that Fr Vincent Coyne OSM should move to the Kersal Community in Manchester and that Fr Paul Addison OSM, should move to our Servite Community here at Fulham Road. Fr Paul is no stranger to us as he has served for many years here at Fulham Road.

Fr. Vincent has already left for Kersal, but we hope to have him return in November to say our “farewell and thank you” in a relaxed manner. This weekend Fr Paul OSM comes to join our Community so we welcome him with open arms and heart. We hope both will be happy in their new homes, so do pray for Frs Paul & Vincent in this time of change.

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Programme** – Application forms are now available from the Parish Office. Parents who wish their child to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion are asked to collect the form from the Parish office and return the completed form as soon as possible. The closing date is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The programme will commence on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016, so please collect your form this week.

**Evangelization Initiatives** – Some young mums have initiated a mother and toddler group as an evangelization initiative in our Parish. They meet every Tues morn at 9.30pm in the Founders Room over tea and coffee. All Welcome!

**African Caribbean Womens Group** – Meets once every month to socialize and share cultural & faith values. Please phone the parish office to find out more details.

**Mary's Meals** – Will be coming to our church in a couple of weeks' time to take away your unwanted clothing and bedding (**No duvets or pillows**) On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October until 12 Noon. Put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks. Amazingly 3 Full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programs in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

**Holy Cross Catholic Primary School** – Places Available: We have a number of places available in our Year 3 class. If you are interested in a place for your child, please contact the Holy Cross School office on 0207 736 1447 or [admin@holycrossrc.lbhfc.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holycrossrc.lbhfc.sch.uk)