



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 6th October 2019

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
10am
(Spanish) 11.15am
12.15pm
7pm
Mon – Sat 10am + 6.30pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

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

Sacrament of Confession

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

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:

Every Thursday at 11am

Saints Days

Mon 7th – Our Lady of the
Rosary
Wed 9th – St Denis,
St John Leonardi &
Blessed John Henry Newman
Fri 11th – St John XXIII
Sat 12th – St Wilfrid

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 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, and 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”. In this Year of Faith we all can cry out, “Lord, help my unbelief”.

CAFOD – Last week our CAFOD volunteers asked you to fast, pray and give to help people like Fabiano, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to drink enough clean water to survive. Thanks to your kind donations. Don’t forget to hand in your Fast day donation envelopes at the second collection at all masses. Your gifts will change lives.

Children’s Liturgy – Will be at the 10am Mass this Sunday. If you would like to get involved in our Children’s Liturgy group, please email servitechildrensliturgy@gmail.com

First Holy Communion – Parent & Communion Team Meeting will be held on this Sunday 6th October at 9am in the School Hall.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) A course will be held for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed. Application forms for this programme are now available from the Parish Office.

Sr. Clementina has moved away from our Parish and will be living near Euston. She thanks you for your Love and Support. She continues to work in a nearby hospital and will visit us from time to time.

Parish Council Meeting – Will be held on Tues. 15th October at 7.15pm.