



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 3rd September 2017

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Thur 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

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 - Thurs 6.15 – 6.30pm

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am

6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Thur 10.30 am – 11.15am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am,
followed by Tea/Coffee in the
Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Monday at
7pm in the Library. New members
are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is on
Thursdays at 11am in the Founders'
Room.

Saints Days

Mon 4th – St Cuthbert

Wed 6th – BL Bonaventure of Flori

Fri 8th – The Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Sat 9th – St Peter Claver

Oratory School: Open Morning

On Saturday 16th September 9.30am
to 12Noon.

Cardinal Vaughan Memorial

School: Open Days – (First Form
Year 7) Thurs 14th 4.30-6pm, Thurs
21st 3.30pm & Tues 26th September
4.30-6pm.

Sunday Reflection – “Following Christ is costly” Modern sales techniques always emphasize the benefits that accrue to you when you acquire this product or that. Sales Personnel want to tell you only about the joys that come your way. Jesus would hardly have qualified! What a contrast in his approach when he starts recruiting disciples: “If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me”. Jesus refuses to disguise reality. Following him is a costly option which will bring much suffering, but it also has its reward, “but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it” – You will save your true integrity – your soul. Being true to yourself and your true calling in life can be costly. Poor Jeremiah discovered this at great cost. He felt God had seduced him into becoming his prophet, but then felt rejected by his family, friends and people, when he spoke God’s word. They did not want to know. He endured insult and derision. He wanted to give up but also felt “a burning desire in his heart” to continue. He could not lay his calling aside. His suffering was personal and deep. His dilemma foreshadows that of Jesus. Enthusiastic Peter rushes in – “that cannot happen to you, Lord”. Peter wanted a Messiah who was successful and surrounded and glory – an all-conquering Messiah. He wanted to banish suffering from the agenda – just restore the ancient glorious kingdom! Peter who was so highly praised last week for his insight of faith into Jesus, is criticized strongly by Jesus in today’s passage of the gospel – “the way you think is not God’s way but man’s way”. The Cross and Christ cannot be separated. Jesus denounces Peter’s way of thinking and challenges him and all disciples to see salvation as coming through the way of self-giving love. Jesus on the Cross will manifest God’s self-giving saving love to the world. This involves renunciation of one’s selfish ideals so that the true self can be born and emerge as a source of life-giving love for others. That is how “to save your life” – “to save your soul”.

Back to Normal! – This week we return to our normal weekday programme of Mass times. From Monday 4th September Mass will be at 10am and 6.30pm each day (Monday-Saturday). We hope our summer programme did not inconvenience too many and that most people managed to get to Mass when needed. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding. Remember as from Monday 4th September, Mass each weekday at 10am and 6.30pm (Mon – Sat).

School Re-opens – Our Parish School Re-opens on Monday 4th September 2017 for the Teachers and Staff and on Tuesday 5th September for the Children. Sorry the summer holidays have finished and school begins this week!! We hope Teachers, Staff, Pupils and Parents all had a restful and wonderful holiday and return refreshed and renewed for another Academic Year. We welcome everyone back and look forward to the year ahead as we share faith and knowledge together in our Parish School.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: September 24th at 2pm. The novena will start on 15th of September to 23rd September, every evening at 7.30pm (Sunday at 6pm).

First Holy Communion – Application form 2017/18 is now available from the Parish office. Please Note: If your child was baptized in this parish, you do not need to enclose a Baptismal Certificate with the application; you only need to indicate the date and year on the application form. If you need to produce a Baptismal Certificate, your Registration will not be accepted unless it is with the Baptismal Certificate. Parish Office is open from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (Lunch 1.30pm to 2.30pm). *Closing date for all applications is Sunday 24th September 2017.*

Interested in becoming a Catholic/Returning? Applications for next year’s programme are now available from the Parish Office. Contact Sr. Clementina or one of the Priests for more information about our RCIA Programme.

Mary’s Meals Day – The London Day is Sunday Sept 10th, London Irish Centre, Camden Square, London. Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm start. Email RSVP.UK@marysmeals.org or 0207 2215745.