



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**(Year A)**

**12<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

### **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**

Mon - Fri	6.15 – 6.30 pm
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 in the Library. New members are welcome!

**Lectio Divina** – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders' Room. Tea served!

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

### **Saints Days**

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> – St Cyril

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Seven Holy Founders of The Servite Order

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,970 and the Second collection for "Church Restoration Fund" was £459. Thank you for your support & generosity.

**A Day with Mary:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb @ Holy Apostles, Winchester Street, London SW1.

**Half Term:** We wish all staff and pupils of our School a Happy, Safe and Restful half-term this week!

### **Lately Dead:**

Ashley Hayes R.I.P

Sarah Elizabeth Traynor R.I.P

**Sunday Reflection:** – Every new movement has to face problems of identity. Early Christianity had to work out its relationship with Judaism. How did it differ from the old tradition? What should it retain? This issue is obvious in today's extract from Matthews Gospel. He is a Jewish convert living in Syria and writing his Gospel for a mixed Christian community of Jewish and Gentile converts. Matthew tries to hold both groups together. He is probably a Scribe himself, so while respecting the Law of Moses, he also respects the vision of Jesus. He quotes Jesus: "I have come not to abolish them (i.e. the law or the prophets) but to complete them". Jesus in his teaching wants to go beyond legalism. A mere observance of the Letter of the Law isn't enough, Jesus wants his followers to look into their hearts and identify the attributes and feelings lurking within. In this passage Jesus targets three areas of the human heart that could have destructive potential and they need constant attention if one is to progress in living a good moral life; (i) anger (ii) lust (iii) deceitfulness. In addition to 'you must not kill' Jesus also asks to be aware of the anger and possible hatred in one's heart towards others. In addition to 'you must not commit adultery', Jesus also warns that women can be ill-treated and abused by men's attitudes towards them. In addition to 'you must not break an oath' Jesus asks that one speaks the whole truth. In Jesus' moral teaching the condition of the heart is the heart of the matter. Jesus asks that the heart and mind be cleansed and redeemed, and then human behaviour will change for the better.

**Feast of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite** – This great Feast is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. We celebrate the memory of Our Founders with Mass at 10am & 6.30pm. All parishioners are especially welcome to join us. We rejoice and give thanks for our Founders' inspiration and achievement. They were seven merchant noblemen who came together in 1233 in war-torn Florence to search for God. Drawn together by friendship and devotion to Mary, they committed themselves to community life, common prayer, caring for the sick and poor, and witnessing to peace and reconciliation. Inspired by Mary's service to the Lord, they called themselves "Servants of Mary". The Servite Friars here at Fulham Road, together with the Servite Family, continue to live their charism in today's Church. Happy Feast to all!

**Baptism Preparation Course:** Second and Concluding part of this course is on Tues 14<sup>th</sup> February in the Founders Room at 7.30pm.

**Confirmation Programme** – The next Confirmation meeting will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7pm in the Founders Room.

**Ministers of the Word** – Readers Rota is ready for collection. There will be microphone training sessions for all Ministers of the Word between 11am and 12noon on Saturdays: 25<sup>th</sup> February, 25<sup>th</sup> March & 8<sup>th</sup> April. Please attend one session.

**New Altar Servers Medal Presentation** – Will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February @ the 6.30pm Mass!

**Welcome Home** – We extend a 'warm' welcome home to Fr. Paul Addison OSM after his month teaching our Servite Novices in Jinja, Uganda. Good to have him back!

**Vocations Awareness** – We had a lovely Mass on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan on Vocations to Priesthood and Consecrated life. Most of the Seminarians and many of the Staff from Allen Hall were present with us sharing on their own experience of God's call to them. Let us continue to pray for Vocations, so badly needed in our Church today. We Servites need many new Vocations. Are you ready? Is God calling you with His Blessed Mother to be a Servant of Mary?

**Children's Play Area** – We ask Parents to ensure that children are always accompanied by an adult while in that play area. They Must Never be left alone! If children are left unattended then we will have to close down the facility.