



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

13th August 2017

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Thur 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

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 10am:

Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri/Sat

6.30pm – Mon/Tues/Thur

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Thurs 6.15 – 6.30 pm

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am

6.00 – 6.30 pm

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 –
Thursday 11am in the Founders'
Room. (Please Note this Group will
Not be meeting during the Month
of August)

Saints Days

Mon 14th – St Maximilian Mary
Kolbe

Tues 15th – The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed 16th – St Stephen of Hungary

Sat 19th – St John Eudes

Recently Baptised:

Jacob Yeo-Reilly

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Lately Dead:

Peter Moro Rip

Sunday Reflection: “The Faith that keeps us afloat during the storm” – We all have had a sense of being overwhelmed by events. We feel out of control and tossed about as if caught in a storm at sea. We can sympathize with Peter and the disciples in the incident related into today’s Gospel. It probably relates an actual experience the disciples had on the Sea of Galilee, where the winds can blow up suddenly and the water becomes very choppy. Gripped by fear they turn to Jesus and ask him to rescue them from that “sinking feeling”. As so often in the past they hear again those beautiful words of Jesus, “Courage, it is I. Do not be afraid”. He calms their fears and he calms the storm. Matthew relates this episode in his Gospel and sees a symbolic value in it for the early Church. The Church of Matthew’s time was experiencing persecution and opposition. Jesus seems distant from them. Now, however during the midst of the storm the presence and power of Jesus is manifested to them. In their moment of weakness, they experience the strength of God in Jesus. They acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God. The story of Elijah in the first reading throws light on this event and emphasizes the change that happens when God is encountered. Elijah the great prophet is fleeing for his life because he is threatened by the forces of Queen Jezebel. Poor Elijah takes refuge in a cave; he wants to die; he is depressed and alone. Then he has this extraordinary encounter with God, whom he encounters not in the Wind, the Earthquake, or the Fire, but in the “gentle breeze”. He feels renewed, revived, and assured of God’s presence in his life. Both Elijah and Peter, overcome by their own doubts and fears, encounter God supporting them in moments of danger. They discover that faith in God can uphold them and keep them afloat even when battling against a severe storm. It isn’t so much that “we keep the faith”, but that “the faith keeps us”!!

Holy Day of Obligation – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Tuesday 15th August and is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are asked to attend Mass on this important feast of Our Lady. Masses are as follows: Vigil Mass Monday at 6.30pm and on Tuesday 15th at 10am and 6.30pm.

“In the bodily and spiritual glory which she possesses in heaven, the Mother of Jesus continues in the present world as the image and first flowering of the Church as she is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, Mary shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come (cf. 2 Peter 3:10), as a sign of certain hope and comfort for the pilgrim People of God! (Constitution on the Church, 68).

Summer Changes – During the Month of August of this year 2017, we will only have One Mass each week day (Monday – Friday). On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Mass will be celebrated at 10am each morning and on Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm each day. We hope and pray this will facilitate our weekly Mass goes. On Saturdays Masses will be at 10am and 6.30pm. Sundays Masses will be as usual. (Please see above added days due to Holy day of Obligation).

Receiving Communion – We are to receive the Lord reverently. We have two options for Reception: we can receive either “on the tongue” or “in the hand”. If we choose to receive “on the tongue”, please put out the tongue so that the sacred host can be safely and securely placed on it as you take the host into your mouth. If you choose to receive in the hand, then place one hand on top of the other so that the sacred host can be placed in your open hand. After partaking of Christ’s Body, you may go to receive the Chalice of His Blood. Bow your head and answer ‘Amen’ when the minister says, “The Blood of Christ”. Show your reverence as you consume the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. Intinction is not now allowed. We hope all who come to Communion in our church can implement these instructions.

Dr. Brass Rip: We are sorry to hear of the recent death of Dr. Paul Brass whose funeral was celebrated on Tues 8th Aug 17. Dr. Brass served the people of this area for many years as a GP Doctor. He was well known and appreciated for his dedicated service. May he now rest in God’s Peace.