



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**The Holy Most Trinity Sunday**

**(Year C)**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016**

## **Sunday Reflection:** – “In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit” -

Understanding another is a lifetime's task. Knowing 'about' someone is not the same as knowing that person. There is a 'mystery' at the heart of every person. In life the 'mystery' reveals itself and unfolds and is assimilated by 'the other'. When it comes to God the magnitude of the 'mystery' is infinite. When we say the Holy Trinity is a 'mystery' we are not saying it is unknowable, but rather that the Trinity is inexhaustible. Given the limitations of human thought and language, there will always be some aspect or dimension 'beyond' us. Our faith declares that there are “three Persons in One God”; three distinct Persons: “Father, Son and Holy Spirit”, sharing one Divine nature. This is how God has revealed Himself to us in and through Jesus Christ. The sacred Word tells us that ‘God is Love’. God is revealed to us as ‘active relationship’. So God who is love cannot be but a Community of persons. The Father is the Creator and giver of life; the Son is the Incarnate Redeemer and Saviour; the Holy Spirit is the breath or Spirit of God poured out on humanity. When we are baptized we are drawn into the life of God ‘in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit’. We become members of God's family by being absorbed into the ‘togetherness’ and ‘communion of love’ that is the Blessed Trinity. Our sins are forgiven in the name of the Triune God. In the communion of persons that is God we share life. In God we see ‘uniqueness-in-unity’. This is a pattern for all life. Life is put together on a pattern of difference and unity, a pattern that extends from the stones to the stars. Each being is in its own place, yet each is part of a unity. A fully mature Christian life is the pouring forth into us of the very life of the Trinity.

**Receiving Holy Communion** – As we approach the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we remind ourselves to always receive reverently. In this Diocese we have two options – we can either receive ‘on the tongue’ or ‘in the hand’. Please consume the host before leaving the Minister and the Altar. If your hands are full or occupied it is wiser to receive on the tongue. Please put out your tongue so that the Sacred Host can be safely and securely placed on it as you take the host into your mouth. Let us always be reverent in approaching and receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord.

**St Peregrine Mass** - This is a healing Mass for all cancer sufferers and those with life threatening diseases. It is on Weds 25<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. St Peregrine, who himself suffered from cancer, experienced a total healing after praying before an image of Christ on the Cross.

**A ‘New’ Pentecost!** It is time now for a new structure in our Parish. This structure would assist and guide ongoing development in our Parish Community. In an effort to develop lay participation in the leadership of our Parish Community it is being suggested that we move from the ‘Parish Team’ to ‘Parish Council’ model. This will enable Parish counsellors to be elected by Parishioners for a certain period, and also be answerable to fellow parishioners. Hopefully we could also get the different Parish groups and organizations more involved and more united in the Pastoral work of the Parish. Can we begin to discuss these ideas amongst ourselves? Then we can all meet to discuss and plan our future approach at an open Parish meeting in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm.

**Flores de Mayo** – The Filipino annual celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place here in our parish on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm. This Mass will be in Tagalog, food and drink available after Mass in the Colonnade or in the Servite School yard, All Welcome!

**Golden Jubilee of Ordination:** We celebrate Fr Vincent's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Ordination at the 12.15 Mass on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Refreshments to follow. All Welcome!



## Servite School Summer Fayre

Our annual Servite Summer Fayre will take place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 12- 4pm**. As always, it will be a fun filled event, with a variety of stalls, bouncy castles, Go-karts, wheel of fortune and many more great activities. There will be lots of international food and drink with great entertainment. Please come along and support us; the event is to raise money for our School. If you would like to help, we are in need of donations to use as prizes on our Wheel of Fortune, which is one of our main fundraisers. There will be a box in the colonnade for you to put your donations. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

### 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

Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	– St Bede the Venerable
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	– St Philip Neri
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	– St Augustine of Canterbury

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,642 and the Second collection for “Church Restoration Fund” was £496 .  
Thank you for your support & generosity.

**Congratulations:** To all our Children who made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on Saturday.