



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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

**(Year C) 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**

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### **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**

Mon-Fri 10.30am - 11.15am

**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:** ..  
on Thursdays at 11am in  
the Founders' Room.

### **Saints Days**

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	- St Casimir
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	- Ash Wednesday
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	- Ss Perpetua & Felicity
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	- St John of God
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	- St Frances of Rome

**Children's Liturgy Group** Is  
on this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at  
10am Mass.

**Sunday Reflection** – “Can you remember an occasion when you were giving out about the behavior of another person, and later realised you had some of the same fault yourself? Was that a wake-up call for you? Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others. If we want to help other people, we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do? No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit. This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.” John Byrne OSA (Intercom March 2019 p.33)

**Lent is With us Again** – ‘What are you giving up for Lent?’ A familiar question amongst Catholics years ago, but not very familiar nowadays. Perhaps this is because we think it is all rather negative; it may be too that we failed to grasp the proper significance of these acts of penance. In order to see the benefit of such acts of penance we need to put them in perspective and see them in relation to the rest of our life of faith. We need to understand the origin and history of Lent in the life of the church. The English word probably means “the spring time”. It is the name given to the forty-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Traditionally in the Church it is a time of prayer, fasting, penance and alms-giving. Immediately we see it is a time for thinking about God, oneself, and other people. The Lenten period opens with the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. At Mass on that day, people's foreheads are marked with ashes in the outline of the cross, a symbol with a profound truth. It heralds six weeks of honesty with ourselves. “Remember, man/woman”. It is not just a time of self-conquest, but a time of conversion, when we try to better our lives. Doing some form of penance enables us to defend our inner freedom against all that curtails the Christ-life within us. We die to self so that Christ may really live in us. Each one has to discover the best way for this to happen in his or her life.

**RCIA** – There will be the Rite of Election and Affirmation at Westminster on sat 9<sup>th</sup> march at 3pm. Please continue to pray and support our Catechumen Candidates.

**Parish Council** – We haven't had a meeting for some time. We did not have enough members present at the last two meetings to vote on matters raised. We now give plenty of Notice for the next meeting. This is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. If elected-members cannot be present, please inform the parish Office well in advance. We trust all members and other Parishioners will attend.

**First Holy Communion** – 11<sup>th</sup> Session will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.

**Confirmation Programme:** 1<sup>st</sup> Session will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30pm to 7pm. The 7pm Mass follows.