



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**(Year A)**

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 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 24<sup>th</sup> – St Frances de Sales

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> – Sts Timothy & Titus

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – St Angela Merici

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> – St Thomas Aquinas

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,529 and the Second collection for "Pax Christi" was £523. Thank you for your support & generosity.

**Terry Gibbs R.I.P** – Terry's funeral Mass is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am.

**Mary Groark R.I.P** – Mary's funeral Mass is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am.

**Sunday Reflection:** – "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light, on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone". These beautiful words from the prophet Isaiah are used by St Matthew early in his Gospel as he sees them being fulfilled in Jesus. The arrival of Jesus with his message about the kingdom of heaven is like the dawning of a great light in a land covered in darkness. Zebulun and Nephtali (later known as Galilee) was the most Northerly part of Israel, bordering on pagan territory and was strongly associated with darkness. Jesus comes out of that Region, and his person, his teaching on "love your enemies" "and do good to those who persecute you", and "forgive one another", together with the parable on "the Prodigal Son" and the "Good Samaritan" is seen as "a light dispelling the darkness and shadow". Jesus is indeed "the light of the world". It is this light that fascinates and attracts Simon and Andrew "to leave their nets" and answer His call to "follow me". Jesus has the power and authority to change lives. His words bring healing and light to those who live in darkness. We too are invited to welcome Jesus and his beautiful teaching into our lives and allow Him to shed his radiant light all over our lives – even the hidden parts of our lives where past hurts, fears and painful memories and sins are stored. Let the light of Jesus' words shine over the whole of our lives and bring us healing and wholeness. The light of Jesus' Word has love and healing in its rays and everything exposed to those rays will be changed for the better. St Paul underlines this as he confronts the divisions in the Christian community at Corinth. Christianity is founded and centered on Christ. It is not about following one leader or another. Good leadership is about leading others to Christ. So when asked "who are you for?" there is only one true Christian answer "I am for Christ".

**St Peregrine Mass** – The healing Mass of St Peregrine is on next wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jan at 6.30pm. Come along to pray for all who are ill, especially those suffering from Cancer.

**Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. All Parish Council members should attend. Hopefully the Committees will have met and devised their plans for the coming weeks. Parishioners are welcome also to attend the meeting.

**Baptism Preparation Course:** For Parents is on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> & Tues 14<sup>th</sup> February in the Founders Room at 7.30pm. Parents must attend both sessions. Please get a registration form from the Parish Office.

**Octave for Christian Unity** – From 18-25 January the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated. Let us pray for deeper understanding, dialogue, and unity amongst Christians. Mass for the Unity of Christians will be celebrated on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 6.30pm.

**Safeguarding Study Morning** – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am to 12.30pm. (Light Breakfast) in the Founders room. All who are involved with Children's groups; Catechist, altar servers and vulnerable adults etc. Do come to look at the new Safeguarding guidance/Policy for the Parish/Community.

**Vocations Awareness & Promotion** – In an effort to highlight the constant call of the Heavenly Father in inviting men to the priesthood and women and men to Religious Life, our Diocesan Vocations Promotion Team has chosen Kensington & Chelsea Deanery to begin a new initiative. It will begin in our Parish on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm Mass. A team of Priests and Seminarians will attend Mass and one of them will preach at the Mass and a few Seminarians share their experience, on their personal call. After Mass they will be available for sharing and meeting in the Founders Room. Is God calling you to His Service? Do come along on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> January to 6.30pm Mass. Religious and Consecrated persons will take part in the sharing.

**Congratulations** – We offer our Prayerful Congratulations to our Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination as Bishop. Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 at 5.30pm.