



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

27th 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/Wed/Fri

6.30pm – Tues/Thur

Sacrament of Confession

Tues - 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 – 11.15 am

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 28th – St Augustine

Tues 29th – The Passion of St John the Baptist

Wed 30th – Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward

Thur 31st – St Aidan

Fri 1st – World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage – At

The Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX on Monday (Bank Holiday) 28th August 2017, 10am – 4pm.

(100th Anniversary Jubilee of Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima)

Sunday Reflection: Much of our life today is ruled by opinion polls. The media certainly rely on them, as do the Political parties. In today's Gospel we have an early example of an opinion poll and it was Jesus himself who conducted it. "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" "What are the various opinions doing the rounds about me?" As in all polls a variety of views emerge, some say "this" and some say "that". Jesus then asks the telling question: "But you", he said "Who do you say I am?" This is the challenging personal question that requires a personal answer. Here, we can't rely on others opinions; we have to make our own response. Disciples have to make a decision. Simon replies with a solemn confession of faith: "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the Living God". Jesus responds to Simon's inspired profession: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church". St Matthew tells us that Peter is chosen by God to receive the inspired enlightenment about Jesus – not flesh and blood, but the Father in heaven is the source of this revelation. The Father has chosen Peter, so Jesus elects to build his Church on the bedrock for Peter's profession of faith. All true disciples of Christ will have to identify with Peter's Confession. This is the faith. All who identify belong together. Peter is endowed with the authority, symbolized by the "keys of the Kingdom" "to bind" and "to loose", "to open" and "to close". Peter is charged with the responsibility of keeping the disciples together, "united", at one. Given the divisions in Christianity today, and the many problems in the church, we still need the Petrine office and the Petrine figure to hold the Church as one. The memory of Peter in the early Church not only recalled his great Confession, but also his denial. Yet, forgiven, he recovered to become "The Rock". He was human and frail, yet divinely inspired. We too look to our Petrine figure, Pope Francis to be the great unifier, the one who holds us together so that we can be faithful to Jesus' mission to spread the Gospel in our world.

August Mass Changes – On Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mass will be celebrated at 10am and on Tuesday, Wednesday (St. Peregrine) & Thursday Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm. Saturday and Sunday will be at the usual times. N.B. On Friday 1st September, only one Mass 10am. Usual time table resumes next week.

St. Peregrine Mass – Will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 30th August. Come along to pray for all who are ill, especially those suffering from Cancer.

Mary's Meals Day – The London Day is Sunday Sept 10th, London Irish Centre, Camden Square, London. Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm start. Email RSVP.UK@marysmeals.org or 0207 2215745.

Votive Candles – We thank all who generously make offerings when lighting votive candles for their intentions. It has been noticed however, that on occasion people are bringing their own candles. We would with respect ask everyone to use the candles provided due to health and safety reasons.

Interested in becoming a Catholic/Returning? Applications for next year's programme are now available from the Parish Office. Contact Sr. Clementina or one of the Priests for more information about our RCIA Programme.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: September 24th at 2pm. The novena will start on 15th of September to 23rd September, every evening at 7.30pm (Sunday at 6pm).

First Holy Communion - Application form 2017/18 is now available from the parish office. Please Note: If your child was baptized in this parish, you do not need to enclose a Baptismal certificate with the application; you only need to indicate the date and year on the application form. If you need to produce a Baptismal Certificate, your Registration will not be accepted unless it is with the Baptismal Certificate. Parish office is open from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (Lunch 1.30pm to 2.30pm). *Closing date for all applications is Sunday 24th September 2017.*