



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C) 10th Feb 2019

Sunday Reflection – In today's Liturgy we meet Isaiah, Paul and Peter. All three did great things for God and had deeply personal religious experiences. Confronted with the holiness of the Divine, they became conscious of their own unworthiness. Isaiah said, "I am a man of unclean lips". Paul said, "Of all the Apostles I am the least". And Peter said, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man". Modern jargon would say 'they had low self-esteem'. But before God they simply saw the plain truth about themselves. They are lifted out of this initial depression by realizing and recognizing the forgiveness of God that is offered to them. Isaiah becomes a new person, "Here I am, send me". Paul realizes. "By God's grace that is what I am". Peter could pick himself up and "followed him". Happily, for them and for us they saw more than their own sinfulness and unworthiness. They glimpsed what God's grace could do in them even if they were sinners. Jesus did not put a distance between himself and sinners. Indeed, he came "to seek out and save sinners". Jesus seeks the company of sinners and speaks with them, He challenges them to change their lifestyle and repent, and realize their full God-given potential. Jesus puts Peter in touch with his own inner worth and enables him to be a 'leader of men'. Here Jesus is saying: 'no one is totally defined by his past sins'. The sinner of the past can with God's grace, become a saint of the future. In the presence of Jesus Christ, we can look at ourselves, but also at God's compassionate love and forgiveness which redeems us. Jesus can also use the likes of us to bring out the best in others and lead them to the kingdom of God. Christ can liberate all of us to do great things for God.

First Holy Communion – 10th Session will be on this Sunday 10th Feb at 9am.

Baptismal Course – The 2nd and final session of this programme will be on Tuesday 12th Feb at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. Parents must attend both sessions.

Feast of our Seven Founders – Normally we celebrate the Feast of our Seven Holy Founders on the 17th February each year, However, this year the 17th is on a Sunday. We shall therefore celebrate the Solemn Feast of our Seven Holy Founders on Saturday 16th February at the 10am Mass and also at the 6.30pm Mass to honour our great Founders. They inspire us to be faithful and good Servants of Mary.

Vocations Evening – Interested in Exploring the calling to Priesthood and Religious Life? An evening of prayer and conversation with like-minded people will be on Saturday 16th February 2019 at 6pm at St Pius X Church, St Charles Square W10 6EB.

Calling Poets and Musicians: This Retreat held in the Servite House on Sat 23rd Feb from 12 Noon. A time to be inspired by fellowship, Beautiful Paintings, Poems and your own contemplative writing. Please see Poster in the Colonnade. Entry £20 – 10 spaces available. Email Sarah at bardschool@gmail.com

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 11th – Our Lady of Lourdes
 Thurs 14th – Ss Cyril & Methodius
 Sun 17th – Feast Day of Seven Holy Founders

Children's Liturgy Group:

On Sunday 3rd March at 10am. Queries to Email: servitechchildrensliturgy@gmail.com