



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**Sunday Reflection** - Today, our Gospel is taken from Jesus' 'Farewell Speech' to his disciples. He recognizes their anxiety. He has made them who they are. Who will they be without him? Jesus prepares them for his departure, and though he is leaving them he will not be absent to them. He gives them his Word to keep; he leaves them his Peace, 'a Peace the World cannot give', and he assures them that his Spirit, the Holy Spirit, 'the Advocate whom the Father will send, will come to them. The gift of the Spirit will enable them to retain his identity. Life for them would not be without its problems, struggles, and misunderstandings, but in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit they could cope. Jesus prepares them for the reality of life on earth. Not everything will be crystal clear. However, with the Spirit of love and truth we can face every situation with confidence. Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles highlights a problem which arose in the early Church. Should Gentile converts have to embrace all the Jewish customs and traditions? There was a heated debate amongst the Apostles and elders, some saying 'Yes', while others, including Paul and Barnabas, said 'No'. The matter was finally resolved at the Council of Jerusalem, when Paul's view prevailed and a clear decision taken which was to become Church teaching for all: "It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials..." The Church of our time continues to be guided and enlightened by the Holy Spirit of Jesus. Our Church continues to face new problems and issues but does so in the knowledge that we are not alone and that we can come to the truth of God in the light of the Spirit. We pray "*Come, Holy Spirit*".

**Tomorrow Bank Holiday** - 10am Mass Only, No 6.30pm Mass.

**Confirmation Ceremony:** Bishop John Wilson will be with us next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to celebrate the 12.15pm Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young Parishioners. Do pray for all our Candidates and their Sponsors.

**The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord** - This Feast is celebrated on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in our Church on that day will be Wed. 29<sup>th</sup>: Vigil Mass of the Ascension at 6.30pm on the Feast, Masses will be at 10am and 6.30pm. Ascension Thursday is a wonderful Feast marking Jesus' return to His Father in Heaven.

**International Sunday** - Will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June and will start with the 12.15pm Mass followed by lunch in the school playground. A meeting will be held to make arrangements for this event on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Anyone willing to help with the Liturgy and those who can provide food are asked to attend this meeting. A good attendance is necessary in order to Plan the event properly and have as many nationalities as possible represented.

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

#### Saints Days

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> - St Augustine of  
 Canterbury  
 Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> - The Ascension of  
 the Lord &  
 BL. Francis of Siena  
 Fri 31<sup>st</sup> - The Visitation of the  
 Blessed Virgin Mary

**Safeguarding Meeting:** For  
 all who are involved in areas  
 of our Church that needs to  
 be Safeguarded or those who  
 want to get involved. On  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at  
 6.30pm.