



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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5th Sunday in ordinary time

(Year C)

7th February 2016

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

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. Tel: 0207 352 6965

Contact cdewinton@gmail.com

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday

at 11am in the Founders' Room.

Charismatic Prayer Group –

Every Thursday 11am in the
Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Mon 8th – St Jerome Emiliani

St Josephine Bakhita

Wed 10th – Ash Wednesday

Thurs 11th – Our Lady of

Lourdes

14th – 16th – Triduum,

Preparation Feast. Day of Seven

Founders.

Total Offertory collection last
Sunday was £1,820 and the
Second collection for "The
Restoration Trust" was £349.
Thank you for your support &
generosity.

A Day with Mary – Saturday 27th

Feb @ Holy Apostles,

Winchester St, London SW1

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.

Lent is with us! – We begin the holy season of Lent this week on the 10th February, Ash Wednesday which is a **Day of Fast and Abstinence**. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 10am & 6.30pm Masses. We are signed with the ashes to remind us of the penitential character of our Lenten journey. We prepare for the celebration of the great feast of Easter with forty days of 'prayer, fasting and almsgiving'. We are often asked 'what are you giving up for Lent?' We may also be asked 'what are you taking up for Lent?' What is important is that we renew our Christian life and be more faithful to our baptismal calling. Have a fruitful Lent and support CAFOD & CARITAS Lenten Alms.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – This is on Friday 19th February. What we save by our Fasting on that day we bring in our offering on 2nd Sunday of Lent to our 2nd collection 21/02/2016.

Our Parish CAFOD agents will appeal to us on Sunday next and ask for our generous response – "a truly Corporal work of mercy". Take your CAFOD envelope today.

"The Way of Mercy" – The Holy year Jubilee of Mercy began in Rome on 8th December when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's. Our Cardinal Vincent Nichols opened the Holy Door in Westminster Cathedral on Sunday 13th December 2015. This Year of Mercy is meant for us all to be, as Pope Francis said "a true moment of encounter with the Mercy of God". We are all invited to go on a pilgrimage of Mercy in the course of the year. Let us walk the 'Way of Mercy'. Enter the Holy Door. Go to each of the ten stations as indicated in the Cathedral pausing to reflect on the image at each Station reciting the 'Our Father' and prayer suggested. This will lead us to the Sacrament of Mercy, the Sacrament of Confession, then receive the Lord of Mercy in the Eucharist. Do pray for the Pope's intentions and Recite the creed. In this way of Mercy we can receive the plenary indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. "Be merciful as your Heavenly Father is merciful".

Lift up your Hearts – This booklet is produced for faith sharing in groups, and for individual reflection, on the Jubilee Year of Mercy, and is ideal during Lent. Copies are for sale in the Repository (£2 per copy). Ideal for Prayer Groups and 'Lectio' sessions. Lent can be a time for exploring and receive God's gift of Mercy.

Getting Married Soon? – We remind all desiring to celebrate the Sacrament Marriage that 'Six months' notice is required for the completion of preparations and formalities. Those intending to marry abroad should note this in particular.

Baptismal Programme – Second and concluding session is on next Wed 10th of Feb. in the Founders Room at 7.30pm.

Westminster Year Book 2016 – Copies can be purchased at the Repository.