



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

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**Sunday Reflection** – Today we have the encounter between Zacchaeus and Jesus as he was passing through the wealthy city of Jericho. Zacchaeus, the rich tax-collector wanted to get a glimpse of Jesus. The Book of Wisdom gives us all a glimpse of God which corrects our image of God as an exacting accountant recording all our failings. “You are merciful to all... and you overlook men’s sins so that they can repent”. That description of God is underlined for us when we see how Jesus treats Zacchaeus, the despised tax-collector. He is a small man, so he climbs a tree to see Jesus as he passed by. But Jesus doesn’t pass by quietly; he notices the little man up the tree and engages with him. He calls him by name: “Zacchaeus, I must stay at your house today”. He hurried down and joyfully welcomed Jesus. The chin-wagging started: “He has gone to stay at a sinner’s house”. But Zacchaeus stands firm. Something profound has happened; he has had a conversion experience: “I am going to give half of my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody, I will pay him back four times the amount”. He is on a high, overwhelmed by the acceptance given him by Jesus, who simply replies: “Today salvation has come to this house... for the Son of man has come to seek out and save what was lost”. Jesus invites us all to come off our ‘high horses’ and ‘lonely perches’ and come down to welcome him into ‘our houses’, so that we too can experience his saving presence.

**Remembrance Service** – In November we always remember our beloved Holy Souls each day at Mass. We have a Special Service on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov for those who have died in the past year. All are welcome to attend.

**Interested in becoming a Catholic?** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Please register if interested. This course starts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Baptismal Preparation Course** – Will be on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> and Tues 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. Please get a registration form from the Colonnade or email [fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk)

**Servite Christmas Carol Concert** – Will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm to 5pm. Our own Choirs as well as other visiting Choirs will sing. We invite you to come along and enjoy!

**Parish Christmas Bazaar 2019** – Our Bazaar will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a short meeting to share ideas on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November in the Founders room after 9am. We hope to have a good turn out but understand some people might not be able to attend; If you would like to help or volunteer but cannot make this meeting, please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office or email [fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk) We are now taking Donations such as Wine, Spirits, Chocolates, Biscuits, New Toiletries, unwanted gifts etc.. These can be left at the Parish Office.

**A Day with Mary** – The next “Day with Mary” a day of Prayer, Devotion and the Sacraments is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at Westminster Cathedral. The “Entry of the Procession of Our Lady of Fatima” begins at 9.45am. Holy Mass is at 10.30am. Do refer to the Notice Board for the full programme of the Day.

#### **Mass Times**

**Vigil Mass:** Sat 6.30pm  
Sunday 8.30am  
10am  
(Spanish) 11.15am  
12.15pm  
7pm  
Mon – Sat 10am + 6.30pm

#### **Sacrament of Confession**

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm  
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am  
6.00 – 6.30pm

#### **Parish Office Opening Hrs**

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm  
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

#### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

After 10am Weekday Mass

**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:**

Every Thursday at 11am

#### **Saints Days**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** – St Charles  
Borromeo, Bishop  
**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>** – St Willibrord,  
Bishop

#### **First Holy Communion –**

Next Session will take place  
on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 9am in  
the School Hall.