



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

7th August 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 8 th	– St. Dominic
Tues 9 th	– St. Teresa Benedicta
Wed 10 th	– St. Lawrence
Thur 11 th	– St. Clare
Fri 12 th	– St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Sat 13 th	– Sts Pontian Pope & Hippolytus Priest

Total Offertory collection last
Sunday was £1,441 and the
Second collection for
“Restoration Trust Fund” was
£339. Thank you for your
support & generosity.

Sunday Reflection: – At the start of a plane journey one of the attendants says “We would like to have your attention for a few moments while we point out some of the safety features of this aircraft” We are told ‘to fasten our seat belt’, we are informed about possible loss in cabin pressure and where to find our life jacket. All of this is to alert us to prepare for the unexpected, to be ready for the emergency. Indeed, any emergency service worth its salt will undergo many practices so as to be as ready as possible when the real emergency happens. In today’s Gospel we hear Jesus telling his disciples to be “dressed for action”. To “have their lamps lit” and “the apron on”, ready to serve on the arrival of the Master. Jesus admonishes us all to be at the task given to us as disciples of his and servants of his kingdom. We are servants of the Lord and of one another. Blessed indeed are those servants who are faithful and responsible. Jesus was aware of the uncertainty of life and that death can come at any moment. All of us would like to have our plans carried out and our work completed, but ‘we do not know the day or the hour’. In the meantime we live by the light and guidance of Christ’s Gospel and the Word of God. Today we hear also about Abraham, who took God at his word, and lived by ‘faith’. Abraham’s treasure was his deep faith in God, living on trust, “where your treasure is there will your heart be also”. Jesus is wise enough to know that the condition of our heart is revealed by what we have stored in our treasure box. Jesus gave himself away in loving service and his risk was funded from his treasure – the Father’s love. He asks the same quality of service from his disciples. Mother Teresa said, “We are not called to be successful, only to be faithful”.

Next Sunday – The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated normally on 15th August, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, this year the 15th August is next Monday, so our Bishops in England and Wales have decided to celebrate the Feast on Sunday next 14th August. The Feast is transferred from Monday 15th to Sunday 14th and in that way we can fulfill our mass attendance on Sunday 14th so be ready when you come to Church next Sunday, the Liturgy will be that of Mary’s Assumption. It is crystal clear!!

Interested in becoming a Catholic? – Each year, our Parish runs a course from September until after Easter for adults who have not been baptized and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed. The course is known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Application forms for next year’s programme are now available from the Parish Office. Closing date for applications is on Wednesday 14th September 2016.

Parish Council – Our Parish Councillors can now be recognized in Church each Sunday as they wear a lapel badge so you may share your ideas and concerns with them. The next P.C. meeting is fixed for 6th Sept. 2016 at 7.30pm in Small Hall. In the meantime commissions can get on with their work if it is convenient for them. You may be asked to join one of the commissions’.

A Day with Mary – Saturday 13th August 2016 at St James, Spanish Place, London W1.

Day of Prayer – This is on Saturday 13th August from 12 to 5pm at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle Street W1W 6HS. “Adoration, Praise, Intercession & Mass”: Fr. Christopher Metzger CFR will lead this day of prayer! “Come Holy Spirit

Pact – Pact pioneer the BaCC (Basic Caring Community) project, which helps ex-offenders settle back into the local community. The scheme operates in the London and Bristol areas. Ultimately, it is hoped to extend Basic Caring Communities all over the UK. Each group is made up of four volunteers motivated by their Christian faith, and an ex-offender who has chosen to participate. Training is provided. Do read poster on Notice boards.

Caritas Westminster: A Mass for all Volunteers will be celebrated at 2pm on Saturday 10th September in Westminster Cathedral. All volunteers are welcome. The Principal Celebrant will be, His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

Please Note – During the summer holidays, there are gaps in some activities in the parish eg. Readers, Altar Servers, Cleaners etc., Please make yourself known to the presiding Priest before Mass if you can help.