



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

19th February 2017

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

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30 pm
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 in the Library. New members
are welcome!

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at
11am in the Founders' Room. Tea
served!

Charismatic Prayer Group – Every
Thursday 11am in the Founders'
Room.

Saints Days

Tues 21st – St Peter Damian
Wed 22nd – The Chair of St Peter
The Apostle
Thu 23rd – St Polycarp

Total Offertory collection last
Sunday was £1,220 and the Second
collection for "Racial Justice" was
£471. Thank you for your support &
generosity.

A Day with Mary: Saturday 25th Feb
@ Arundel Cathedral, Arundel,
Sussex.

Recently Baptised:

Louis Balthazar
Amaris Martinez Odish

Lately Dead:

Jason Thomas Casey R.I.P Mass on
Friday 24th February @ 10am

Sunday Reflection: – Today's Gospel continues Jesus' teaching on developing the Moral Law. In this piece he goes further than anyone expected when he teaches "Love your enemies". This is the most revolutionary teaching ever proclaimed. Most find it hard enough to love those who annoy them, but to ask them "to love their enemies" seems to be pushing the human spirit to its very limits. The ancient law of retaliation fixed the boundaries of vengeance, the "lex talionis" – "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" As the injury inflicted, so the injury suffered (Lev 24: 19ff) This attempts to limit blood feuds between tribes and communities, setting a limit to retaliation, an attempt "to make the punishment fit the crime". In asking "to love your enemies" Jesus is challenging us to go beyond the merely human. He knows we cannot do this all on our own, so he appeals to our higher nature and dignity and reminds us that we are "children of God". Because you are God's children, love as God loves. Our God loves all his people, good and bad alike, deserving and undeserving alike. He lets the sun shine on the good and bad, and his rain fall on the honest and dishonest alike. So Jesus exhorts his disciples to love with 'the graciousness' of God, their Father. Disciples should not take their cue for behaviour from the anger and hostility of others, but their cue for action is to be taken from the nature of discipleship. Love is the way into the kingdom. Love is the way of Jesus. No one is excluded from Christian love, not even those who persecute the disciple. Love is always offered because that is what a disciple of Jesus should do: "*Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect*".

Feast of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite – This great Feast was on Friday 17th Feb. We celebrated the memory of Our Founders with Mass at 10am & 6.30pm. We rejoice and give thanks for our Founders' inspiration and achievement. They were seven merchant noblemen who came together in 1233 in war-torn Florence to search for God. Drawn together by friendship and devotion to Mary, they committed themselves to community life, common prayer, caring for the sick and poor, and witnessing to peace and reconciliation. Inspired by Mary's service to the Lord, they called themselves "Servants of Mary". The Servite Friars here at Fulham Road, together with the Servite Family, continue to live their charism in today's Church.

First Communion Parents: Parents of children in the 1st Communion Preparation Course, please note that the next meeting of Parents with Mary Crowley is on Tuesday 21st February at 7pm (note change!) in the Small hall.

New Altar Servers Medal Presentation – St. Stephen's Medal, will be on Saturday 25th February @ the 6.30pm Mass!

Confirmation Programme: The next session for Candidates is Thurs 2nd March.

Ministers of the Word – Readers Rota is ready for collection. There will be microphone training sessions for all Ministers of the Word between 11am and 12noon on Saturdays: 25th February, 25th March & 8th April. Please attend one session.

Season of Lent – Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this Year is on 1st March. It is seven weeks of Prayer, Fasting and Penance. We will have the CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 10th March. Our Fasting provides food for the world's poorest people. Let us be loving and generous.

Children's Play Area – We ask Parents to ensure that children are always accompanied by an adult while in that play area. They Must Never be left alone! If children are left unattended then we will have to close down the facility.

Vocations Awareness – We had a lovely Mass on Saturday, 28th Jan on Vocations to Priesthood and Consecrated life. Most of the Seminarians and many of the Staff from Allen Hall were present with us sharing on their own experience of God's call to them. Let us continue to pray for Vocations, so badly needed in our Church today. We Servites need many new Vocations. Are you ready? Is God calling you with His Blessed Mother to be a Servant of Mary?

Lost Property – If you have lost a scooter, Please collect from Parish Office!