



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 29th October 2017

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 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

Wed 1st – All Saints

Thur 2nd – All Souls' Day

Fri 3rd – St Winifride &

St Martin de Porres

Sat 4th – St Charles Borromeo

Interested in becoming a

Catholic/Returning? Applications
for this programme are now
available from the Parish Office.
Contact Sr. Clementina or one of
the Priests for more information
about our RCIA Programme.

Toddler Group: Returns on
Tuesday 31st October at 9.30am in
the Small Hall. All are Welcome!

Sunday Reflection – “Love God, love your neighbour” –According to the Rabbinical count, “the Law” contained 613 commandments. In the light of that it was fairly normal to ask, “Which is the greatest?”, though we are told it was a “disconcert” Jesus. He had been winning a number of debates, so they hoped to win one over on him. Jesus doesn’t dodge the question, he faces it directly and responds not with one but with two. He reduces the whole 613 commands to two essential commandments which underpin the whole Law: “You must love the Lord your God with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: “You must love your neighbour as yourself”. In a nutshell, this is the total Gospel according to Jesus. Both commandments are found in the Old Testament. What is so new is that Jesus brought them together and indicated you can’t have one without the other”. Love of neighbour arises out of love of God. The Christian or Gospel sense of “love” is that “love” is a decision, something you choose to do, and not merely something that happens to you. Love is enriching, but also demanding and challenging. It stretches you to let go of your self-centered world and reach out to another, “Stranger” or “neighbour”. There is unconditional self-giving love involved, symbolized in the Cross. Jesus gives himself away to God and to others. The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of this kind of love. Love of God keeps us in relationship with the Source, and impels us to reach out and share what we receive. Just a few weeks ago, St Paul reminded us that “Love is the only thing that cannot hurt your neighbour, which is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments”.

First Holy Communion Programme – The 2nd Session will be on Sunday 5th November 2017 at 9am (Prompt) in the Servite School Hall. After this session we will all go to the 10am Mass together. May the Lord bless us and guide us on this journey.

Our Call to Stewardship – We want to thank you all for your attention, co-operation and participation in our recent Financial Appeal. If you have not done so could you please collect your envelope or box. We want to thank you all for your great response and generosity.

Feast of All Saints: The beautiful Feast is on Wednesday 1st November and is a Holy day of Obligation for all Catholics. We are asked to attend Mass on this special Feast to remind us that we all belong together to the Church family to “All Saints”. Masses for this Feast: Vigil Mass on Tuesday 31st October at 6.30pm. Holy Mass on 1st November 10am and 6.30pm. We are all on the way to becoming ‘Saints’.

All Souls: We commemorate All the Faithful departed on Thurs 2nd Nov. Masses for the Holy Souls will be at 10am and 6.30pm. Please take a November envelope and write the names of your loved ones to be remembered in the Masses. A Plenary indulgence applicable to all the Souls in Purgatory is granted to any of the faithful who 1) On a day from 1st – 8th Nov visit a cemetery and pray for the dead; 2) On all Souls Day – visit a Church or Chapel and recite ‘Our Father’ and ‘Creed’.

Christmas Bazaar: As last year’s Bazaar was such a great success, we unanimously decided to hold a Bazaar again this year under the leadership of Susana from our School who did a superb job last year. We will hold the Bazaar on Saturday 2nd December, from 12noon to 4pm in the School Hall. We rely on all for help and support. We can do it!

Statement on Abortion: “This statement published by the Catholic Bishops of England, Wales & Scotland on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 UK Abortion Act is addressed not only to Catholics of our Countries, but more broadly to all people who seek to uphold the dignity of human life and protect the unborn child” Copies of the Executive Statement are available in the Colonnade together with copies of the full statement. More are available on request.

A Vigil of Prayer: Was held on Fri 27th Oct after 10am Mass. We prayed for the lives taken during those fifty years. The God-given dignity of every human life.