

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent

(Year C) 9th December 2018

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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

Tue 11th - St Damasus

Wed 12th - Our Lady of
Guadalupe

Thu 13th - St. Lucy

Fri 14th - St John of the Cross



Advent - No flowers in the
Church for Advent!

Sunday Reflection - The climate of Brexit and uncertainty will probably dampen down some of the familiar preparations for Christmas. Nevertheless, people are still bombarded with consumerist pressure, the hectic round of parties, and the frantic search for presents with Sundays now absorbed into shopping sprees. We will hear on TV and the Media how some celebrities will celebrate Christmas. Not many will speak of the coming of a Saviour. It is so easy in our secular age for some to indulge in over-eating, drinking, spending and in forms of undisciplined behavior. So, it is good that John the Baptist strides on to our liturgical stage this week and challenges our familiar preparations for Christmas. He would have reveled in a climate of austerity. He is dressed in the traditional garb of the prophet, hairy and unkempt. In him we see a primitive wildness, reluctant to accept society's standards. A man from outside the system, from beyond the edges of civilization, who is uncompromising and challenging. He comes to shake up his world! His diet is a few locusts, wild honey, berries, roots and untreated animal skins are adequate for his clothing. He dared to speak about sin. What an effect he had on the people of Judea and Jerusalem! He spoke about repentance and forgiveness! This voice in the wilderness put them in touch with their own primitive and untamed forces within, and gave them the courage to be honest, so they confessed their sins. He told them 'to prepare a way for the Lord' in their lives. Before the Lord comes, we have to straighten out a lot of things in our lives.

First Holy Communion - 5th Session will be on this Sunday 9th Dec at an earlier start time of 8.30am. Parents and children are asked to be on time for the lesson.

Investiture of New Altar Servers - On Friday next 14th December at 6.30pm Mass. Parents and new Servers are requested to attend.

Novena Mass for Christmas/Simbang Gabi - 15th to 22nd of December. Masses on Saturday 15th at 6.30pm & 8pm, Sunday 16th at 7pm & 8pm. From 17th to 21st Masses will be at 8pm and not 6.30pm. Saturday 22nd Masses will be at 6.30pm and 8pm.

Advent Penance Service - Today we hear the Gospel message "Prepare a way for the Lord". One essential way to prepare for the Lord is through the Sacrament of Penance 'the Sacrament of Reconciliation'. We shall celebrate that Sacrament in our Advent Penance Service on Monday 17th December at 7.30pm. A number of Priests, including visiting clergy, will be available. Do come along and make your pre-Christmas confession in this beautiful Service. "Come Lord Jesus, enlighten our darkness".

Confirmation Classes 2019 - Young people aged 14/15yrs upwards who wish to be confirmed next year need to enroll for the Confirmation Programme. Please collect a Confirmation Enrolment Form from the Colonnade and return to the Parish office by 6th Jan 2019. A Baptismal Certificate Must accompany the Enrolment form unless Baptized in this Church. Classes will begin on Thursday 24th January 2019.