



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

25th September 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 26th – Sts Cosmas &
 Damian
 Tues 27th – St Vincent de Paul
 Wed 28th – St Wenceslaus & St
 Lawrence Ruiz
 Thur 29th – Sts Michael, Gabriel
 & Raphael
 Fri 30th – St Jerome
 Sat 1st Oct – St Therese

Total Offertory collection last
 Sunday was £1,660 and the
 Second collection for "Home
 Mission Appeal" was £538.

Organ Recital: by David King on
 25th Sept at 4pm at St Gabriel's,
 Warwick Sq., SW1V 2AD
 Adm Free - retiring collection in
 aid of Friends of St Gabriels

Sunday Reflection – The division between rich and poor, which featured strongly last week, looms large again in this week's Gospel. Luke presents us with the familiar parable of the rich man and Lazarus. These two men lived in different worlds: Dives (the rich man) dressed in purple lined robes, Lazarus dressed in rags; Dives feasted splendidly each day, Lazarus survived on scraps. Dives lived in a palace while Lazarus lived on the streets. They lived not so much in different worlds as in opposite world. The greatest fault of Dives was that he failed to notice the plight of his fellow human being at his gate. So enclosed in his own world, he was blind to the needs of his brother Lazarus. Transposed to eternity we find a reversal of fortunes. Now Lazarus reclines in heavenly bliss while Dives is in agony in the flames of Hades. These are refining flames awakening compassion for his five brothers in Dives, who wants someone to go and warn them about the torment he is enduring in the afterlife. However, Abraham tells him, they have "Moses and the prophets" to advise them. This parable brings us all back to reality! We too have the teachings of Scripture, we too have the poor at our gates, we too have someone who rose from the dead and can tell us how to avoid eternal death by accepting the self-giving love of God. All gifts are freely given, not hoarding, but for sharing. That is the only way to bring Dives and Lazarus into the same world. In the meantime we ask ourselves: who is relying on a scrap from our surplus for mere survival? The gap between Dives and Lazarus is growing into a gigantic abyss in our modern world. The teachings of Amos and the Gospel of Jesus can help us bridge that gap.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – Friday, 7th October 2016 – It is a stark fact that one in eight of us will go to bed hungry tonight. CAFOD is asking you to make a place at your table to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries to get enough nutritious food to eat. CAFOD Fast Day envelopes are available in church this week. Please give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life. Cardinal Murphy O'Connor once wrote: "Jesus showed us how to live lives of service to others. Much of his ministry took place around the meal table, where he always made a place for people on the margins who were unwelcome elsewhere."

St Peregrine Mass – The healing Mass of St Peregrine is on next wed 28th Sept at 6.30pm. Come along to pray for all who are ill, especially those suffering from Cancer.

Regular Saturday 10am Mass-goers – Please note that there will not be a 10am Mass next Saturday 1st October, but there will be Mass at 10.30am on that day. At this Mass Luke & Olivia will celebrate their marriage and all are welcome to attend that Mass. God Bless them with Love, Joy and Happiness. We hope this accommodates everyone.

Community Changes – At the recent meeting of the Provincial and Council, it was decided that Fr Vincent Coyne OSM should move to the Kersal Community in Manchester and that Fr Paul Addison OSM, should move to our Servite Community here at Fulham Road. Fr Paul is no stranger to us as he has served for many years here at Fulham Road. We are sorry to have to say "farewell" to Fr Vincent. We want to thank him most sincerely for his kind presence and his generous ministry and availability. In being grateful for all he gave us in these three years, we wish him every blessing and happiness in Manchester and especially in his responsibility as 'Assistant Provincial'. We pray for Frs Paul and Vincent at this time.

1st Holy Communion Programme – Application forms are now available from the Parish Office. Parents who wish their child to receive 1st Holy Communion are asked to collect the form from the Parish office and return the completed form as soon as possible. The closing date is Sunday 9th October 2016. The programme will commence on Sunday 16th October 2016, so please collect your form this week.

Evangelization Initiatives – Some young mums have initiated a mother and toddler group as an evangelization initiative in our Parish. They meet every Tues morn at 9.30pm in the parish hall over tea and coffee. All Welcome!

African Caribbean Womens Group – Meets once every month to socialize and share cultural & faith values. Please phone the parish office to find out more details.

Mary's Meals – Wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (No duvets or pillows) on Sunday 16th October until 12 Noon. Put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks. Amazingly 3 Full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every

school day for a whole year! Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programs in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.