



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**(Year A)**

**5<sup>th</sup> 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

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – St Paul Miki

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> – St Jerome Emiliani &  
St Josephine Bakhita

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – St Scholastica

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Lourdes

Total Offertory collection last  
Sunday was £1,599 and the Second  
collection for "Church Restoration  
Fund" was £465. Thank you for  
your support & generosity.

A Day with Mary: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb  
@ Holy Apostles, Winchester Street,  
London SW1.

Anointing of the Sick: & Mass in  
honour of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
celebrated by Cardinal Nichols will  
be held next Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017  
@ 2.30pm.

**Sunday Reflection:** – In the ancient world, long before refrigerators and freezers were invented, salt was one of the most important necessities of life, especially for preserving and flavouring food. Natural light too was important. Long before we had electricity we had to rely on the natural light of the sun and the moon to guide our path through life. In today's gospel Jesus takes those two powerful images and uses them as illustrations of just how important his disciples are in the world. Salt and light are still vital necessities in today's world. Jesus highlights the vital role his followers have to perform in our world. The deeds we do, and the witness we give can emit light which will be guidance for others. So often our very presence and the words we speak can give flavour to human life around us. There is a story told about a man going to visit one of Mother Theresa's Homes for the destitute. While there he saw the Sisters bringing in a man from the gutter, covered in sores and dirt. He witnessed the treatment offered by the Sisters; they washed this man and tenderly cared for him and bandaged his wounds. The visitor said: "I came in an atheist I leave a believer in God; I have seen love in action". This is what Jesus had in mind. Good loving deeds will always emit light and dispel darkness. When the truth is told, justice is done, forgiveness offered, integrity maintained, peace proclaimed, and compassion practiced, then light will shine and human relationships will have a good taste and remain wholesome. We Christians have a positive role to play in the world. If we don't we are as useless as salt that has lost its taste or a lamp that doesn't give light. There is no need to be shy and withdrawn. Let us be as Christ asked 'the very salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world'.

**Confirmation Programme** – The next Confirmation meeting will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 at 7pm in the Founders Room.

**Children's Play Area** – We draw attention again to this area at the back of the Church, on the corridor through the door. We ask Parents to ensure that children are always accompanied by an adult while in that play area. They Must Never be left alone there as the Notice states – Always with an adult. If children are left unattended then we will have to close down the facility. Please comply with the Public Notice request.

**Baptism Preparation Course:** For Parents is on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> & Tues 14<sup>th</sup> February in the Founders Room at 7.30pm. Parents must attend both sessions. Please get a registration form from the Parish Office.

**Feast of our Seven Holy Founders** – For us Servites, Feast of our Seven Holy Founders is celebrated on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017. For us this is a First Class Feast and being the Feast of our Founders, the Friday Abstinence is lifted and we are dispensed from the Friday Abstinence. Masses will be at the usual times of 10am and 6.30pm. The 6.30pm Mass will be our Community Mass with music etc. We hope also that the Servite Family will be well represented at the evening Mass. We also intend to make our official Presentation of the "Benemerenti" Medal to Mr. James Sewell in Recognition of his long and most generous service to our Parish Community, a Church Honour well deserved. We hope many Parishioners can share in this Community Mass and Celebration.

**Vocations Awareness** – We had a lovely Mass and evening on Saturday last, 28<sup>th</sup> January on Vocations to Priesthood and Consecrated life. We had most of the Seminarians and many of the Staff from Allen Hall present with us sharing on their own experience of God's call to them. It was most interesting and very touching to listen to the Presentations. 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? Do pray about your calling in life. We thank Canon Stuart Wilson for the beautiful Mass last Saturday and the Seminarians for beginning this Project in our Parish.

**Readers Rota** – Now ready for collection!