



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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**Sunday Reflection** – Leprosy is a horrendous disease consuming flesh, deforming bones and is extremely painful and contagious. It leaves the victim deformed and isolated, devoid of friendship and contact. To be cured of such a terrible disease must be the greatest thing that could happen to the victim. As today's Gospel story highlights, human beings do not always express such gratitude. Ten lepers were healed, yet only one returned "to give thanks". This prompted Jesus to exclaim, "Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner". Jesus is amazed, puzzled and even hurt by the ingratitude and thoughtlessness of the other nine. Being Luke's gospel, the point is emphasized as well that the one who returned was a Samaritan, a foreigner! It is a poor reflection on humanity if only one in every ten people remember to say, "thank you". The 'insider' tends to take everything for granted. Very often it is 'the outsider' who sees everything as 'gift'. We see this in the case of 'Naaman the leper' in our first reading. Naaman and the Samaritan show their deep gratitude to God for what they have received. Jesus raises the big issue for us all – why can people be so ungrateful? The immediate question for ourselves is why are we so often reluctant to say, 'thank you'? Ingratitude diminishes the human person, whereas being grateful contributes to our healing process as we deepen our relationship with God, the generous giver of all gifts. Eucharist means "thanks" and is the heart of our Catholic faith. We gather to give thanks and praise God for all we have received; and renew also our stock of 'thank you' cards for our deserving friends!

**Parish Council Meeting** – Will be held on Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm.

**First Holy Communion** – There will be no First Holy Communion session on this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October as scheduled but will be rescheduled at a later date. Therefore the 1<sup>st</sup> session will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 9am in the School Hall.

**Interested in becoming a Catholic?** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) This course for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed will begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm. Registration forms are available from the Parish Office.

**Baptismal Preparation Course** – Will be on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> and Tues 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. Please get a registration form from the Colonnade or email [fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk)

**Youth Choir** – From Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at the 6.30pm evening Mass we will have our Youth Choir singing and every Saturday evening after that. If you are between the ages of 12 to 18 and would like to get involved do come to our Practice sessions which will be from 5.00pm on Saturdays.

**Christmas Bazaar 2020** – If you are interested in supporting and getting involved in this event please send an email to [fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk) or give your name and contact to the Parish Office.

### **Mass Times**

**Vigil Mass:** Sat 6.30pm  
Sunday 8.30am  
10am  
(Spanish) 11.15am  
12.15pm  
7pm  
Mon – Sat 10am + 6.30pm

### **Parish Office Opening Hrs**

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm  
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

### **Sacrament of Confession**

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm  
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am  
6.00 – 6.30pm

### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

After 10am Weekday Mass

**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:**  
Every Thursday at 11am

### **Saints Days**

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> – St Edward the  
Confessor  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – St Callistus I  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> – St Teresa of Jesus  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> – St Hedwig &  
St Margaret Mary Alacoque  
Thu 17<sup>th</sup> – St Ignatius of  
Antioch  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – St Luke  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> – Ss John de Brébeuf,  
Isaac Jogues & Paul of the  
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