



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

16th October 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 17 th – St Ignatius of Antioch
Tues 18 th – St Luke
Wed 19 th – Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues
Sat 22 nd – St John Paul II

Total Offertory collection last
Sunday was £1,601 and the
Second collection for “CAFOD”
was £1,352.

Rosary – October is a special
month for praying the Rosary,
which we recommend to all our
Parishioners.

Day with Mary – Sat 29th Oct
@ Westminster Cathedral

Sunday Reflection – ‘Mission Statements’ are now two-a-penny. Every institution, organization and business has a ‘Mission Statement’. It gives a sense of purpose and direction to the group’s existence. This is exemplified beautifully in our School Statement: “Learning to love and loving to learn”. Mission, of course, is a Religious word meaning ‘sent out’, but now adopted by the secular world and used profusely in a variety of situations. Perhaps the Church needs to recapture that sense of missionary purpose and urgency in its life. The Church was founded by Christ to carry His Gospel to “the ends of the earth”. The number of those in the world who still don’t know Christ is immense. Christ gave a missionary mandate to his Apostles which is in process of being fulfilled. The concern to evangelize is central to the nature of the Church and can never be assigned to the margins of Church activity. Today’s Gospel and Readings underline the importance of staying at the task. We live in a world which applauds the ‘instant’; we have ‘instant coffee’, ‘instant results’. Jesus in his Gospel speaks of “persistence”. He encourages us to persist in our prayer and never to give up. Kingdom values have an eternal quality to them. The widow in the parable persists in her pursuit of justice and eventually overcomes the “unjust judge”. Jesus exhorts us all to persist in our witness and in our proclamation of the Gospel “until he comes”. Don’t give up when ‘the going gets rough’. Disciples become Apostles and remain faithful to their God-given mission ‘to pray continually and never lose heart’. God is with us, even when He appears to be silent. It is of the nature of faith ‘to endure’.

Mary’s Meals – Will be at Church this Sunday morning only to collect all your unwanted Clothing/bedding (no duvets or pillows Please). Please bring all your bags before 12Noon. Please ensure all clothing/bedding is put into tied black sacks – 3 full sacks will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Thank you.

Baptism Programme – The next baptism preparation programme for Parents is on Tuesday 1st & Tuesday 8th of November in the Founders Room at 7.30pm. Parents must attend both Sessions.

Altar Servers Needed – We are now accepting applicants. Training will start on Sat 5th November 16 from 11am to 12noon. Please submit an application form no later than 30th Oct. which can be obtained from the Parish Office.

Meeting – All Altar Servers and Parents on Sat 29th October 2016 @ 3pm.

50th Anniversary of Abortion Act – The latest figures released by the government reveal that 203,096 unborn babies were put to death by registered abortions in 2015, indicating a rise of 529 unborn babies on the previous year. SPUC calculates that, so far 8,624,567 innocent lives have been lost under the 1967 Abortion act. The Union of Catholic Mothers join with SPUC in a “Pro-Life Pledge” campaign with a Post-card Day to our MP’s. Our Parish will hold this Post-card Day on 22nd /23rd October. Please give the matter serious thought, prayer and support the Pro-Life movement.

CAFOD Thanks – Well done to you all! The Response to CAFOD’s Fast Day was £1,300!! That was splendid so again thanks to you all, and thanks too to our Parish agents Camilla and Trusha for all their work and Appeal.

New Liturgical Year – Year A of our Liturgical Cycle begins in Advent, 27th November 2016. In Year A, we shall be Reading the Gospel of St. Matthew. To help us understand and appreciate Matthew’s Gospel, the Parish Council Christian Formation Committee has kindly arranged a lecture to help us. So Professor, Fr. John Hemer from Allen Hall will give a talk on St Matthews Gospel in the Founders Room on Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Gibraltar Mass – This Annual event is to be celebrated on Sunday 30th October 2016 at 12.15pm. As in previous years we are most happy to welcome many distinguished guests. This year we are delighted to welcome the new Bishop of Gibraltar, Monsignor Carmelo Zammit, who will preside at the Mass.

Christmas Bazaar – This is scheduled to be on Saturday 3rd December 2016, from 12 noon to 4pm in the School Hall. Please start preparations now. Everyone can help so be ready when you are asked to engage. As last year, Susana from our School will be overseeing the event. We trust we can rely on all to help.