



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 20th Jan 2019

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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

Mon – Fri 10.30am – 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: .. on Thursdays at 11am in the Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Mon 21st – St Agnes
 Tue 22nd – St Vincent
 Thurs 24th – St Francis de Sales
 Fri 25th – The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
 Sat 26th – Ss Timothy & Titus

Sunday Reflection – Nuptials dominate today's liturgy. The first reading from Isaiah describes the relationship of God and his People in terms of a 'Wedding'. It is a message of hope for a people at a low moment in their history. Jerusalem is in ruins and the people in exile, but God has not forgotten His people. From being called "Abandoned", she shall be called "My delight". A wedding, in almost all cultures, is a cause for rejoicing – a reason for a feast! With this background we move to the Gospel of the Wedding feast in Cana. Neighbours, including Mary and Jesus and some disciples gather with the young couple to celebrate! In such an ideal setting the new and permanent relationship between God and His people is inaugurated and revealed in Jesus. Prompted by Mary, who gave birth in the 'Word-made-flesh'; Jesus responds to the crisis, 'they have no wine'. The 'wine' of joy and love is run out and all that is left of the old dispensation is 'the water for purification'. Observant Mary prompts her Son into action to release the Holy Spirit of love upon a needy and deprived humanity. With the intervention of Jesus, the old order is transformed, and a lavish abundance of wine is available for all: "Draw some out now" and 'take it to the steward'. What Jesus provides is always to be given away. Jesus provides the new wine for celebration and rejoicing. Through Jesus the new wine of divine love is offered for all to drink, and then to share with others. Hence, the wise counsel of Mary: "Do whatever he tells you". Let us resolve to put the words of Jesus into practice in our lives, and in His Spirit the old is made new.

Today is Peace Sunday: It is a day of prayer for World Peace. Work for Justice and Peace is an essential part of our Christian life and Pax Christi is a Catholic organization working for this purpose. The 2nd collection today is to support the work of Pax Christi, so please give generously to this good work: "Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice".

Christian Unity Week – The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity began on Friday 18th and continues until 25th Jan. Let us pray this week: "Father, your Son prayed on the night before he died that we his disciples might be one as the Father and the Son are one. Today, we pray for the unity of all Christians. Look not on our sins, but on the Faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity that is in accordance with Christ's will. Amen".

First Holy Communion – 8th Session will be on this Sunday 20th Jan at 9am.

Art Exhibition Event – Will be held in the Colonnade on Monday 21st January at 7.15pm. This will be an opportunity to meet some of the Artists and to hear Sarah de Nordwall perform some of her poetry. Refreshments provided. All welcome!

Confirmation Programme: For our young Parishioners aged over 14yrs will begin on Thursday 24th January 2019 at 7pm.