



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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**Sunday Reflection** – “The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light, on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone”. These beautiful words from the prophet Isaiah are used by St Matthew early in his Gospel as he sees them being fulfilled in Jesus. The arrival of Jesus with his message about the kingdom of heaven is like the dawning of a great light in a land covered in darkness. Zebulun and Nephtali (later known as Galilee) was the most Northerly part of Israel, bordering on pagan territory and was strongly associated with darkness. Jesus comes out of that Region, and his person, his teaching on ‘love your enemies’ “and do good to those who persecute you”, and “forgive one another”, together with the parable on “the Prodigal Son” and the “Good Samaritan” is seen as ‘a light dispelling the darkness and shadow’. Jesus is indeed “the light of the world”. It is this light that fascinates and attracts Simon and Andrew “to leave their nets” and answer His call to “Follow me”. Jesus has the power and authority to change lives. His words bring healing and light to those who live in darkness. We too are invited to welcome Jesus and his beautiful teaching into our lives and allow Him to shed his radiant light all over our lives – even the hidden parts of our lives where past hurts, fears and painful memories and sins are stored. Let the light of Jesus’ words shine over the whole of our lives and bring us healing and wholeness. The light of Jesus’ Word has love and healing in its rays, and everything exposed to those rays will be changed for the better. St Paul underlines this as he confronts the divisions in the Christian community at Corinth. Christianity is founded and centered on Christ. It is not about following one leader or another. Good leadership is about leading others to Christ. So, when asked “who are you for? There is only one true Christian answer “I am for Christ”.

**First Holy Communion** – Next Session is on this Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Jan at 9am.

**Parents Meeting** – For 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion will be on Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm.

**School Family Mass** – On this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of Jan at 10am.

**Parish Council Meeting** – Will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm.

**St. Peregrine Mass of Healing** – Will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm. Everyone Welcome!

**Baptismal Preparation Course** – Will take place on Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of February at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. Please get a registration form from the colonnade.

#### **‘Thank You’** –

Our apologies to Sr. Clementina for getting the dates mixed up. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be taken up at all masses except the Spanish Mass on this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January and this will be our ‘Thank you’ to her for her generous Ministry in our Parish. We shall all meet at the end of 12.15pm Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 in the Colonnade to say our “Thank you” to her and to wish her well in her Hospital Chaplaincy work and to make our Parish Presentation to her. “May God Bless you, Sr. Clementina”.

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

#### **Sacrament of Confession**

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

#### **Parish Office Opening Hrs**

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

#### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

After 10am Weekday Masses

**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 in the  
 Founders Room

#### **Saints Days**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – St Angela Merici  
 Tue 28<sup>th</sup> – St Thomas Aquinas  
 Fri 31<sup>st</sup> – St John Bosco

**Confirmation** – Classes will  
 commence on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 February at 5.30pm in the  
 Founders Room