



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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### 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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**Sunday Reflection** – True prayer should put us in the right position before God and humans. In today's Gospel we are told the story by Jesus of two men going up to the Temple to pray. One prays from a position of arrogance, the other from a position of humility. We have much to learn from the story. Both are at opposite ends of the religious spectrum. The contrast serves to highlight the point Jesus wants to make. The Pharisee is scrupulously observant of the Law and all the religious duties expected of him. The tax-collector belongs to a group frowned upon because of the support offered to the occupying Roman authorities. He is regarded by most as being a scoundrel! The Pharisee is good and knows it too well. He despises the tax-collector who is in a moral mess and is unworthy to enter the Temple. The Pharisee centers his prayer on himself, affirming his good points while judging the tax-collector harshly. The tax-collector is under no illusions. He acknowledges his 'shadow' side, no self-glorification here! Nevertheless, he has two basic convictions which shape his prayer: (i) 'God is merciful' (ii) 'I am a sinner'. Thus, he beats his breast and makes his heartfelt prayer: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. Jesus tells us he is the one who went home "at rights with God". The Psalm today tells us that the Lord is close to the broken-hearted. Before God we are all broken-hearted in our own way. In God's presence we are all beggars, we all have challenges and struggles to face in life. Let us remember this about each other, and in this way, we will not despise or judge anyone, but be so much more charitable and loving to those we meet on the pilgrimage of life. Can you see yourself in any of the people in the story?

**St. Peregrine Mass of Healing** – Will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm. Everyone Welcome!

**Feast of All Saints** – This beautiful Feast is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November and is a Holyday of Obligation. We are requested to attend Mass on this Day to remind us that we all belong together to "All Saints". Masses for this Feast: Vigil Mass, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30pm. Holy Day: 10am & 6.30pm.

**Remembrance Service** – In November we always remember our beloved Holy Souls each day at Mass. We have a Special Service on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov for those who have died in the past year. All are welcome to attend.

**Interested in becoming a Catholic?** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Please register if interested.

**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)

**Servite Youth Choir** – Will sing at the evening 6.30pm Mass every Saturday evening. Are you between 12ys to 18yrs 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. We are so grateful to our Parishioners who have taken responsibility for organizing and running our Bazaar. Please give your full support; Everyone has a contribution to make.

#### **Mass Times**

**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 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**

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Ss Simon & Jude  
Tues 29<sup>th</sup> – Blessed Martyrs of  
Douai College  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – All Saints

#### **First Holy Communion** – 1<sup>st</sup>

Session will take place on  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. at 9am in the  
School Hall.