



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

12th March 2017

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

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

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30 pm

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 in the Library. New members are welcome!

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders' Room. Tea served!

Charismatic Prayer Group – Every Thursday 11am in the Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Fri 17th – St Patrick

Sat 18th – St Cyril of Jerusalem

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,685 and the Second collection for "Cardinal's Appeal" was £541. Thank you for your support & generosity.

Ministers of the Word: Microphone training, Please attend 11am/12noon on 25th Mar or 8th Apr.

Recently Baptised:

Malachi James Bambjee

Amelia Gramshi Basha

Lately Dead:

Florence Fonseca R.I.P

Anthony O'Neill – Requiem Mass on Monday 13th March 2017

Sunday Reflection: – We have started our Lenten journey. The origin of this six-week period of Spiritual discipline is explained by the fact that it was the time of training candidates for baptism. The immediate instruction for baptism was spread over a six-week period, thus ensuring that only those of real sincerity in their Christian profession were admitted to baptism. Originally the Lenten fast applied only to these candidates but gradually the whole Church was encouraged to see Lent as a time of repentance and renewal, a time of re-living the baptismal preparation. In this 2nd Sunday of Lent we are given a glimpse of the glory of Jesus in the transfiguration story. Like his baptism, this even is an epiphany story. Jesus' identity as "the beloved Son of God" is manifested to the world. It confirmed Jesus on the course he had taken. Hearing his name called in love enabled Jesus to journey on Jerusalem. Like the apostles on Mount Tabor we have our moments of light and joy. We need the occasional glimpses of the Promised Land towards which we are all travelling in faith. In our baptism we have all been called in love. We glimpse the joys of the next world until we reach the Love that knows our name eternally.

Lenten Alms: This is a traditional fund in our Churches every Lent. This Year our Cardinal Archbishop wants to combine it with the Cardinal's Appeal 2017: "As you know, Lent is one of the most important seasons of the Church year and a time characterized by the traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each of these is intended as a help in our desire to open our lives more radically to God and to seek the renewal of God's life within us, especially through repentance and renewal, experienced sacramentally in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each year I have followed the tradition of naming a number of causes to which Lenten Alms will be applied. Over the last few years this has been for the work of Caritas in the Diocese. This year I seek to give the Lenten Alms Appeal the same aims as the Cardinal's Appeal. This Appeal seeks to provide funding for programmes and projects, in the Diocese, in: Youth and Evangelisation, Marriage and Family Life, Service in Society, especially among those on the margins". Funds donated to the Cardinal's Appeal are consolidated and then made available in grants for innovative and effective programmes within the Diocese.

Family Fast Day – We hope all of us did some real act of self-denial on Friday last 10th March by fasting. Offerings saved from your fast can be put in the second collection today and will be sent to CAFOD 'to change lives' by digging deep into our pockets and giving to the world's poor. What we 'give up' we can 'give away' to give someone else a start in life.

Confirmation Class – The Confirmation session on Thursday 16th March will be in the Founders Room as usual at 7pm. It promises to be an exciting and challenging session for our candidates with an excellent young speaker, Stephen Carrid from the Cardinal Hume Centre. Be on time and don't miss it!

Caring for the Sick – Please remember to pray for our Brothers and Sisters who are sick. If you or a Family member is admitted to hospital then contact your Parish Priest to make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or on admittance, ask to see the Roman Catholic Chaplain at the hospital to arrange for the Sacrament to be administered to the sick person. This Sacrament offers Christ's healing to the sick in their time of need and support. On admittance please notify the Chaplain. There is a leaflet in the Colonnade which guides you on being a Catholic in hospital.

St Patrick's Day Celebration – Is on Saturday 18th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Small Hall. It promises as ever to be an enjoyable Parish night, so come along for the company, food, dance, raffle & fun. Tickets are £5 each and proceeds from the event will go to help our Secretary Monica, take a child to Lourdes later this year. Please support Monica's good work!