



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**9<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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**Sunday Reflection "Come to me..."** At the time of Jesus the lawyers and expert interpreters of the Law were ranked amongst "the learned and clever". There were whole groups of people who were dismissed as sinners because of their simple lifestyles that prevented them from observing the details of the Law. These were down at the bottom of the social order and had no civil rights. They had no power and no prestige in the community. These, Jesus saw as the "little ones". The Law had 613 commandments and Jesus saw these as a huge burden which was imposed by the "learned" lawyers on a broken people. Jesus did not want to abolish the Law, but to offer a new perspective on "obedience to God". He did not support those who spend time and energy making new burdens for those already "overburdened". Hence, to all these "little ones", the simple and humble ones, he offers an invitation: "Come to me... learn from me... and you will find rest for your souls". He sees himself as fulfilling the prophesy of Zechariah, as the messianic King who comes to end war, establish peace, lift the burdens of the poor, and bring dignity to the humble. Jesus is "the wisdom of God", whom God has chosen and sent to us, and who embodies the fullness of revelation and the new law of love of God. Jesus is "gentle and humble of heart". The gentle person, like Jesus, leads by example and encouragement. Indeed, the only "yoke" Jesus imposed on all was that of "loving one another". To all Jesus says: "Come to me... learn from me... and you will find rest".

## Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Thur 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 - Thurs 6.15 - 6.30 pm

Saturday 10.45 - 11.15 am

6.00 - 6.30 pm

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon - Thur 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!

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

## Saints Days

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> - St Benedict, Abbot

Thur 13<sup>th</sup> - St Henry

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> - St Camillus de Lellis

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> - St Bonaventure

Toddler Group: Will be in the Founders Room on Tuesday Morning from 9.30am. All are Welcome!

**Baptismal Course** - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the present course continues this Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. It began last Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Both Parents are asked to attend both sessions of the Course. The next course will probably be in September.

**Parish Council Mistake** - Sincere Apologies over the date of the Parish Council last week. It now appears that after much debate over dates, the Council settled eventually for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 as the date for the next meeting of the Council. This will be at 7.15pm in the Founders Room. It seemed to be the date most suitable for the majority of members. Apologies over the confusion. Members are requested to attend. Other Parishioners are also most welcome.

**International Mass & Lunch** - We celebrated our International Character as a Parish with a beautiful Mass at 12.15pm last Sunday and followed it with a delicious and splendid International Lunch in the Sunshine of the School Yard. There was a good turnout of people supporting the celebration. It was a joyful gathering. We want to thank everyone involved in the Liturgy and all the groups who participated, as well as who prepared the delicious food and variety of menus for our splendid lunch, not forgetting all who prepared the School yard tables and those who did the shopping. Thank you all!

**Parish Outing** - A great day was had by all yesterday Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you for your support and all proceeds will go toward the victims attacked in the Philippine City of Mawari.

**Sea Sunday** - Today is a day to remember all seafarers and their families in prayer. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today is for the support of the Apostleship of the Sea, a Catholic Organization to support seafarers and their families. As ever be as generous as you can.

**Requiem Mass** - We will celebrate a Requiem Mass for our much loved and respected Parishioner, Lucy Westmore, R.I.P. on Tuesday of this week, 11<sup>th</sup> July at 10am. Lucy was a committed and active member of our Parish and sang in our Choir at the various Masses, especially at the 12.15pm Mass on Sunday. Due to circumstances beyond our control there will be a private burial of her Body on Monday in a Burial liturgy, with Mass to follow on Tuesday in our Parish Church at 10am. Many, no doubt will want to come to pray for her and pay their respects.