



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

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**Sunday Reflection** - At the start of a plane journey one of the attendants says "We would like to have your attention for a few moments while we point out some of the safety features of this aircraft" We are told 'to fasten our seat belt', we are informed about possible loss in cabin pressure and where to find our life jacket. All of this is to alert us to prepare for the unexpected, to be ready for the emergency. Indeed, any emergency service worth its salt will undergo many practices so as to be as ready as possible when the real emergency happens. In today's Gospel we hear Jesus telling his disciples to be "dressed for action", to "have their lamps lit" and "the apron on", ready to serve on the arrival of the Master. Jesus admonishes us all to be at the task given to us as disciples of his servants of his kingdom. We are servants of the Lord and of one another. Blessed indeed are those servants who are faithful and responsible. Jesus was aware of the uncertainty of life and that death can come at any moment. All of us would like to have our plans carried out and our work completed, but 'we do not know the day or the hour'. In the meantime, we live by the light and guidance of Christ's Gospel and the Word of God. Today we hear also about Abraham, who took God at his word, and lived by 'faith'. Abraham's treasure was his deep faith in God, living on trust, "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". Jesus is wise enough to know that the condition of our heart is revealed by what we have stored in our treasure box. Jesus gave himself away in loving service and his risk was funded from his treasure - the Father's love. He asks the same quality of service from his disciples. Mother Teresa said, "We are not called to be successful, only to be faithful".

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August** - This is a Holy day of Obligation. It is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church asks all her members to attend Mass on that day. Masses here will be at the following times: **Vigil Mass Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Aug: 6.30pm, Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>: 10am & 6.30pm.** The feast of the Assumption is the greatest of Mary's Feasts. It has been described as 'Our Lady's Easter'. We celebrate her passing from this life but also her Resurrection and Ascension into the glory of heaven. The Feast has been celebrated from the 6<sup>th</sup> century and the Dogma of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul into heaven was declared by Pope Pius XII on 1/11/1950. This doctrine is in harmony with what Scriptures say of Mary. The Church guided by the Holy Spirit was led to the firm conviction that as Mary shared in all of Christ's redemptive life and death, she should also experience its fulfilment in Christ's glorious Resurrection.

**Holiday Mass Times** - As the Priests in the Community will be taking a holiday break at different times during August, there will only be One Mass each weekday from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm each day. With the exception of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, please see Mass times above.

**Confirmation Certificate** - Please collect from the Parish Office.

### **Mass Times**

Vigil Mass: Sat	6.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
	10am
(Spanish)	11.15am
	12.15pm
	7pm
Mon - Fri	<b>6.30pm Only</b>
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**

Returns on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

**Rosary** - Wednesdays - On Holidays for the Month of August

**Legion of Mary** - Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

### **Charismatic Prayer Group:**

Thursdays - On Holidays for the Month of August.

### **Saints Days**

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	- St Jane Frances de Chantal
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>	- Ss Pontian
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	- St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	- St Stephen of Hungary