



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

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**Sunday Reflection:** – “Taste and see that the Lord is good” – The great prophet Elijah speaks for many when he says’ “I have had enough”. After a day’s journey in the wilderness, exhausted while on the run, he sits under a furze bush and asks God to end it all – it is all too much. This rock bottom experience can touch us all. There is an anonymous poem “Don’t Quit” which says, ‘when things go wrong as they sometimes will... when care is pressing you down a bit, rest if you must, but don’t you quit”. Elijah found new strength and energy from God’s touch and presence which enabled him to get up and continue his journey with hope. In our gospel today, Jesus presents himself as “I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever”. Jesus gives the true food that gives us nourishment for the journey of life. St Paul serves it up today in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, “... forgive each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ”. In the Eucharist we get that nourishment for the trials of life’s journey when we consume “the bread of life” and “follow Christ by loving as he loved you”.

**Feast of the Assumption** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day: Tues 6.30pm (Vigil), Weds 10am & 6.30pm. this is a great Marian Feast. Ever since her “yes” at the Annunciation she has mothered and stood by God’s Son, “the Word-made-flesh”. Mary is at the heart of the Christian mystery as it unfolds before us. Mary is the one “who hears the word of God and keeps it”. From the sixth century onwards Feasts of Mary’s departure from this world were celebrated under various names – “Dormition” “Passing”, “Assumption”. The doctrine of the Assumption proclaimed on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1950 by Pope Pius XII states “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to the heavenly glory”. This doctrine was proclaimed after wide consultation across the Universal Church. The Assumption assures all God’s people that as Mary shared in all aspects of Christ’s life, she should also share in Christ’s victory over death and decay. The Assumption extends the Resurrection to those closest to Christ. Where she has gone, we can follow.

**Fr. Philip M. Allen OSM (RIP)** – We duly honoured our Fr. Philip with a prayerful Reception of his Remains with Vespers and Mass at 6.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Well attended by Servites and Parishioners. The Mass of the Resurrection was a beautiful celebration on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 10am, acknowledging his generous ministry and gifted service to the Servite Order. It was well attended by local clergy, Servite brethren parishioners and friends. Thanks to you all. May he rest in God’s Peace.

**Summer Changes** – During the Month of August, we will only have One Mass each week day (Monday – Friday). On Mon, Wed and Frid Mass will be celebrated at 10am each morning and on Tues and Thurs Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm each day. We hope and pray this will facilitate our weekly Mass goers. We trust you understand. On Saturdays and Sundays, Masses will be as usual. All Mass intentions received will be honoured.

### **Parish Office Opening Hrs**

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

### **Mass Times**

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

10am

(Spanish) 11.15am

12.15pm

7pm

Mon/Wed/Fri – 10am

Tues/Thurs – 6.30pm

(See Feast of the Assumption)

Sat – 10am & 6.30pm

### **Sacrament of Confession**

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am

6.00 – 6.30pm

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

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15am

**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:** Will return on next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

### **Saints Days**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Ss Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> – St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> – St Stephen of Hungary

### **Eucharistic Congress: .....**

Liverpool, 7-9 September 2018. Our Cardinal calls us to the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.