



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Sunday Reflection** – Wisdom is an essential ingredient for life in today's world. Wisdom and foresight are so necessary for daily living, helping us make wise and insightful decisions especially in moments of crisis. Herbert Hoover was serving as President in the United States during the great Depression. He totally misread the conditions leading up to the Wall Street Crash in October 1929. Hence he lost the Presidential election in 1932. Later, after much reflection, he was to say; "Wisdom consists not so much in knowing what to do in the ultimate as in knowing what to do next." He had learned from experience. Two of our Readings in today's Liturgy highlight "Wisdom". 'Wisdom' is personified in our 1<sup>st</sup> Reading as 'Lady Wisdom' who is always ready and available to help all who call and seek her. She will help them act wisely and live well. It sounds very close to what we call "common sense"! In the Gospel we have an oil crisis in the Middle East! Five Bridesmaids were signaled out as being 'foolish' because they went to lead the bridal Procession at night without oil in their lamps. They went totally unprepared for the obvious duty that was expected of them. As was common then, the Bridegroom was delayed, so they all dozed off. But suddenly he arrived, and behold they are not ready. The Procession begins without 5 Bridesmaids. They are 'left out in the cold', away from the Party. Consequently, they missed the celebration, because they were not ready. In contrast the other five are deemed to be wise, because they do what is expected of them. They had ensured they had enough oil to enable them fulfill their duties in the Procession. So the moral of the story is "Be prepared to do what is expected of you". For Christian hearers this involves being ready to meet Christ when He comes: there is no need to fear the unexpected arrival of the Lord at His Second Coming. Be a wise and prudent disciple of the Lord watching for his arrival, and be ready for Christ when He comes in glory so as to share His Glory.

**Remembrance Sunday:** This is today – A Day to Remember all those who lost their lives in two World Wars. We give thanks for the many who gave their lives in dedicated service, and we commend all who died to God's Mercy and pray for Peace for our troubled World. May the Lord have mercy on all.

**Confirmation Programme:** The next Confirmation Programme 2018, for our young Parishioners aged over 14yrs will begin on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm. Please get a Confirmation Registration Form from the Parish Office (see office opening hours). Complete and return the form before Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018. We had a joyful celebration in June last year with our local Bishop John Wilson. Parents do encourage your children to prepare well to receive this important Sacrament.

**CAFOD Family Fast Collection:** Is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today at all Masses. We had our appeal last Sunday and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. was our Family Fast Day. We had to re-arrange dates this year due to our Parish Appeal. We Trust you will generously support the good work of CAFOD which this year is concentrating on El Salvador, following on the great example set by the powerful Archbishop Oscar Romero – "We are prophets of a future not our own". Give generously to this good cause.

**Sick & Retired Clergy Collection:** For the Clergy of the Order and Diocese is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. Your generous donation helps ensure that priests, who have followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for and supported when they are sick and when they retire. This Fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. They have been here for us; let us be there for them. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church today. Please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy – active, retired and ill.

**Parish Council:** Our Parish Council will meet on Tuesday next 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall. All members are requested to attend. Parishioners may attend as non-voting members.

## **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 - 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:** Is on  
Thursdays at 11am in the Founders'  
Room.

## **Saints Days**

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – St Albert the Great  
Thur 16<sup>th</sup> – Memorial of All Saints  
of the Order  
St Edmund of Abingdon  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – St Hilda,  
St Hugh of Lincoln  
St Elizabeth of Hungary  
Commemoration of all Deceased  
Servants of Mary, Friars, Sisters,  
Benefactors, Relatives and Friends.

**Bazaar Cancelled:** Owing to .....  
circumstances beyond our control  
we are sorry to have to cancel our  
Parish Bazaar on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December.