



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**The Baptism of the Lord (Year C) 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019**

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**Sunday Reflection** – This Sunday, the first in Ordinary time, is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Year C, the Gospel readings come from the Gospel of Luke. Just like Matthew and Mark, Luke will tell the story of Jesus' life by focusing on a single journey to Jerusalem. The second part of Luke's work is the Acts of the Apostles, which begins in Jerusalem and ends in Rome. Luke is at pains to tell us that 'Jesus Christ is Saviour of the world.' Jesus has a message of salvation for everyone. Jesus as presented by Luke, embodies and manifests the compassionate forgiveness of God to his rebellious people. The event of the Baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of this personal mission of Jesus, and it is an unforgettable experience. All significant moments in life are unforgettable. Jesus becomes consciously aware of his calling and embraces his God-given mission in life. Jesus identifies with the peoples' need to re-orientate their lives to God and joins the queue of people seeking Baptism from John. While in prayer after his baptism by John, Jesus has this profound religious experience. The opening of the heavens signifies the descent of the Holy Spirit; Jesus is empowered and anointed for his prophetic mission; a voice from heaven declares that he is approved, affirmed, and 'the Beloved' of the Father. Jesus knows now that he is not alone. He begins his journey in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the assured love of the Father. What happened at the baptism of Jesus happens too to all who are baptized into Christ Jesus. We are all graced for our mission in life – empowered by the spirit and assured of the Father's love – we too are not alone on the journey of life.

**The White Flower Appeal** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend is for the White Flower Appeal - a Catholic organization believing in the sanctity of life from Conception to Death and working for the protection of the unborn. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalization of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Let us pray for all expectant mothers and their children.

**First Holy Communion** – 7<sup>th</sup> Session will be on this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan at 9am.

**Sincere Thanks** – The Servite Community wish to thank you all for your very generous offerings on Christmas Day. We are most grateful to you all. We thank you too for your kind greeting cards, gifts and best wishes at Christmas. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and assure you of a special place in our prayers during the coming year. It has been a hectic year, a busy and demanding year with many changes but with great work done in our Church. Thank you again for your faith, your prayers and your support.

**Happy New Year** – We wish all parishioners and all who attend Mass in our Church a very Happy and Blessed New Year. This year let us try to do and change what is possible and what is for the better, so let us resolve to be faithful to attending Mass every Sunday and having some prayer-time each day.

### **Mass Times**

Vigil Mass: Sat	6.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
	10am
(Spanish)	11.15am
	12.15pm
	7pm
Mon – 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

Mon – Fri 10.30am – 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:** .. on Thursdays at 11am in the Founders' Room.

### Saints Days

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> – Bl James of Citta dellà Pieve  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> – St Anthony  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> – St Wulstan