



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 17th June 2018

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Sunday Reflection: - Some weeks ago we had two wonderful Parish Celebrations when over 50 of our school and Parish children made their First Holy Communion. It was a joyful time for the children and their families. We thank the dedicated parents who brought them to this day and also their great Catechists, all of whom nourished and developed the seeds of faith sown in them at their Baptism. Likewise, on Thursday last 14th June we had a wonderful Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Wilson when 21 of our young people were confirmed. With the help of dedicated Parents, teachers, Catechists and Sponsors we were given another expression of the blossoming of faith in young people with the help and encouragement of so many good people around them, parents, priests, Catechists and Teachers. So many contributed to bringing them to that powerful Sacrament. This is all most appropriate in the light of the Gospel passage given to us for this 11th Sunday of the year. When Jesus begins to speak about the Kingdom of God, he doesn't say what exactly it is, but rather what it is "like". While words fail to capture precisely the mystery of the kingdom, they do give us a picture of what it is like. In the first parable Jesus compares the kingdom of God to what happens when a farmer sows seed. The miracle of growth secretly takes place and the farmer waits for the harvest. With proper care and attention, the kingdom reaches its completion in God's good time. So, from tiny beginnings vast growth emerges. In the 2nd example, even the tiny mustard seed has potential for great growth. We see this happening in our midst, so we give praise and thanks to our God for the growth of faith we witness.

St. Juliana of Florence - Saints Day 19th June 2018. Juliana belonged to the noble Falconieri family of Florence. Her uncle, Alexis Falconieri is one of the Seven founders of the Servite Order. Under his influence, she decided at a young age to follow the consecrate life. After her father's death, she received the habit of the Third Order of the Servites from Philip Benizi, then Prior General of the Order. Juliana worked, serving as Superior until the end of her life. She cared for the sick in the streets, homes and hospitals. Immediately after her death she was honoured as a Saint.

Organ Recitals - We are holding a series of Organ Recitals here in our Church over the next few months to raise funds for the upkeep of our Church Organ which is 50 years this year. The 3rd Recital will be held on Thursday 21st June. Hosted by Adrian Gunning, St John's Duncan Terrace, Islington. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection.

N.B. Parish Council Members - Our next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 26th June at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. We ask all Council members to note this date. Please inform us if you are unable to attend on that night. Parishioners are welcome to attend and can contribute to the dialogue. The Parish needs a vibrant Council.

Fr. Ernesto Antanes 1st Anniversary Mass - Domingo/Julio. Misa de las 11.15 eu espanol. Eu memoria del padre Ernesto Antanes eu su 1st aniversario. Descanse en paz.

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

Tue 19th - St Juliana of Florence
St Romuald, Abbot

Wed 20th - St Alban

Thu 21st - St Aloysius Gonzaga

Fri 22nd - St John Fisher

Thomas More

Sat 16th - St Etheldreda

Parish Outing - On Sat 14th Jul, going to Minnis Bay, Kent and to a farm for fruit & vegetable picking. Please register at the Parish Office. Adults £25 and Children £15. First come, first served! All proceeds will go to Nanay Maddalina Orphanage in Palawan, Philippines.