



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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Sunday Reflection – Jeremiah was a great prophet, but often not very popular with the authorities. He proclaimed what was in his mind and heart and was often critical of the Establishment. He saw how easy it was for corruption and weakness to get a hold on people and cause them to compromise their true identity as God’s people. Jeremiah did not keep silent. He spoke out. He was rejected and thrown into the muddy cistern, but eventually rescued. However, he is the supreme example of the prophet who is rejected because of his fidelity to the Word of God. In that sense he prefigures what will happen to Jesus when he speaks out in fidelity to God’s Word and to the Father’s love. He too meets with opposition and is conscious of himself as being a source of division and even conflict amongst the people. “I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!! Further on he will say: “Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division”. Yet, the paradox we find in the Gospel is that elsewhere Jesus will say “I give you Peace, a Peace the world cannot give. I give you”. This was not intended by Jesus to a mean cosy, insipid peace at all costs. Jeremiah, and Jesus knew so well that speaking out for the truth and standing for something means being prepared to stand against a lot of other things. Those divisions can go right to the heart of the family. Sadly, the truth sometimes hurts. Jesus and Jeremiah knew that what they stood for and proclaimed proceeded from their fidelity to their God-given mission. Every community needs its prophets who challenge us to be faithful. We all need to learn how “to speak the truth-in-love”.

Holiday Mass Times – As it is holiday season and our Priests are taking their holidays, there will only be One Mass each weekday during August at 6.30pm each evening. No 10am morning Mass.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Our parish will run a course from September until after Easter for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed. The course known as **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**. Application forms for next year’s programme are now available from the Parish Office.

Children’s Liturgy – If you would like to get involved with our Children’s Liturgy group, please email servitechchildrensliturgy@gmail.com

First Holy Communion – Parents of children in Year 3 or older wishing to make their First Holy Communion next academic year should collect an application form from the Parish Office. This must be submitted with a Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized in our Parish). To accompany these, a £20 contribution towards the cost of the Holy Communion book and resources. Deadline and Commencement dates to be announced.

Baptismal Preparation Course – On Tues 1st and Tues 8th October. Please get a registration form from the Parish office.

Confirmation Certificates – 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	6.30pm Only
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 2nd 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:

Every Thursday at 11am

Saints Days

Mon 19 th	– St John Eudes
Tue 20 th	– St Bernard
Wed 21 st	– St Pius X
Thu 22 nd	– The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 23 rd	– St Rose of Lima
Sat 24 th	– St Bartholomew