

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C) 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

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**Sunday Reflection** – “Of all women you are the most blessed”. The promise of God announced by the prophet Micah, is kept through Mary. The promise of God will become flesh in her and be formed in the person of Jesus. In our Gospel for today, Elizabeth blesses Mary for believing “that the promises made her by the Lord would be fulfilled”. This week our immediate Advent focus is on Mary. In Mary we see that God doesn’t just make promises but keeps the promises made. We also see in Mary someone who allows the promise of God to shape and mold her whole life. She is the one who says, ‘Let the promise happen in me’. Jesus, the child born of Mary, fulfils all that has gone before and gives meaning to all that happens after him. Jesus is born of Mary and given to us by the Father as the kept promise of God. As Advent closes, we give thanks to God for keeping his word, and ask help in keeping our word to Him and each other. As Mary was central to God’s plan, we are too invited to participate in extending God’s kingdom of love into the world. With all the faith, love, and obedience of Mary, we too say: “Let what you have said be done to me.”

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> - The Nativity of the Lord

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> - St. Stephen

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> - St. John

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> - The Holy

Innocents

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> - St Thomas Becket



**Christmas Flowers** - Today's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for Christmas Flowers.

## **Christmas Services**

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve**

Mass 10am

**Carols** 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass of the Nativity

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day**

**Masses:** Midnight Mass of the Nativity

8.30am, 10am (Family mass), 11.15am (Spanish) & 12.15pm

There is No 7pm Mass on Christmas Day

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day) St. Stephen's Day**

Mass: 10am Only

**Christmas Offerings** - The offerings at Christmas go to supporting the Servite Friars' Community who minister here at Fulham Road. As always, we are grateful for your support. Envelopes are available in the Colonnade.

**Christmas Cards** - With all Service times over the Christmas season are at the back of the Church. Please do take one per household.

**St. Peregrine** - We will celebrate the Mass of St. Stephen on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am Mass. Also, at this Mass we will have Prayers of St. Peregrine and Blessing of the Relic at the end of this Mass.

**Confirmation Classes 2019** - Young people aged 14/15yrs upwards who wish to be confirmed next year need to enroll for the Confirmation Programme. Please collect a Confirmation Enrolment Form from the Colonnade and return to the Parish office by 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019. A Baptismal Certificate Must accompany the Enrolment form unless Baptized in this Church. Classes will begin on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Parish Office Hours** - Over the Christmas period, the Parish Office will run at reduced hours, and will be closed in the afternoons.

**Happy and Holy Christmas to you, all our Readers and every Blessing for the New Year 2019 from the Servite Community OSM and the Parish Team & Staff!**