



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

**Sunday Reflection:** “Weeds among the Wheat” – That sounds like a good description of the human! We all like to categorize people into “goodies” and “baddies”, “saints” and “sinners”. We then know where we stand and in which group we stand! In this regard, today’s gospel is most apt. The parable originally addressed the problem of sinners in the Kingdom of God. What do you do with them? Weed them out and expel them? At the time of Jesus, the Pharisees, the “separated ones” had an easy solution – just ruthlessly weed them out; get rid of them! Jesus, on the other hand was much more careful and tolerant. He opposed the ruthless approach of the Pharisees, indeed, throughout his ministry, he associated with all sorts of people, talking to and sharing table – fellowship with prostitutes, tax collectors, priests, scribes, children, politicians, shepherds, widows, the poor, the rich, sinners. Jesus did not advocate religious separatism. He always wanted to seek out and save what was lost. He knew too well that all communities are made up of “the good” and “the bad”. This parable can also be applied to the issue of sinners in the church today. The Church too is a mixed bag of all sorts. It should not engage in purges and witch hunts. It can of course teach the truth and advice and counsel, but the last judgement has always to be left to God to exercise. God is patient and allows time for each one to repent and change. The final judgement is always God’s and not ours. In the meantime there is always the good hope that there will be a change before judgement day. All Christians should follow the advice of St Paul, who had done his own share of “weeding out” before he met Jesus, and then he too changed for the better: “There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes”. (1 Cor 4:5)

**Mass of St. Peregrine** – Our Healing Mass of St. Peregrine will be celebrated on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm. At this Mass we pray for all who are seriously ill, especially Cancer sufferers. We ask St. Peregrine to intercede for all who are sick.

**School Holidays** – The children begin their summer holidays on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. We wish all children and their families a very happy, pleasant and safe holiday. We also wish all Teachers and Staff a happy and safe holiday and every blessing for the future.

**Summer Changes** – During the Month of August of this year 2017, we will only have One Mass each week day (Monday – Friday). On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Mass will be celebrated at 10am each morning and on Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm each day. We hope and pray this will facilitate our weekly Mass goers. Please let us know if this is convenient for you. We also have other Mass commitments to fulfill. We trust you understand. On Saturdays Masses will be at 10am and 6.30pm. Sundays Masses will be as usual. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Eternal Peace to Fr. Ernesto Atanes:** We were all shocked to hear of the unexpected death of Fr. Ernesto Atanes. We had heard that he was unwell during his visit to Spain and that he spent some time in hospital, but it came as a huge shock to us all to hear of his death. May he rest in God’s Peace. Fr. Ernesto was a kind, dedicated and generous Priest. He gave faithful and dedicated ministry to the Spanish-speaking members of our Parish and Diocese for many, many years. We thank God for his generous and committed Priestly ministry to so many people. Let us remember Fr. Ernesto in our prayers. May he now rest in God’s loving peace. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Fr. Ernesto in the Diocese in September/October.

**New Foundation Degree for Catholics working in Healthcare & those seeking to be Chaplains** – Starting in October, St Mary’s University Twickenham is pleased to offer a new foundation degree in Healthcare Ethics, Theology and Care. This is a part time two year programme, one evening a week and additional lectures and resources. If you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact [matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk)

### **Parish Office Opening Hrs**

Mon – Thur 9am to 5pm  
(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

### **Mass Times**

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

### **Sacrament of Confession**

Mon - Thurs 6.15 – 6.30 pm  
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am  
6.00 – 6.30 pm

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Mon – Thur 10.30 am – 11.15 am

**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** – Every Thursday 11am in the Founders’ Room.

### **Saints Days**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – St Sharbel Makhlof  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – St James  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> – Sts Joachim and Anne  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> – St Martha

### **Recently Baptised:**

Sebastian Sanchez  
Rio Lopera

**Requiem Mass:** Will be celebrated for Sarah Wright on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 at 10am.