



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Year B) 24th June 2018

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Sunday Reflection: – Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke’s account of his nativity. John’s story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child. Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate. John went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. People flocked to the river Jordan to be baptized by him, a symbol of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction. We can pray today for all those who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer and closer to God: “Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides and friends. For a time, we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, “Look, there is the one you should follow”, and hearing this we followed that person”. (M de Verteuil) Extract by Jane Mellett from intercom, June 2018, p.43.

Holy Day of Obligation – Friday 29th June is the Feast of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are asked to attend Mass on this Day. Masses in our Church are at the following times: Vigil Mass – Thurs 28th at 6.30pm. Masses on Friday 29th at 10am & 6.30pm. Anniversary of Pope Francis election on this day in England & Wales, so we pray for our Pope. (No Friday Abstinence) Peter & Paul – two Scriptural Saints – Giant pillars of the Early Church. Peter was the head of the Apostles, the recipient of the keys of the kingdom, and the ‘rock’ on which Christ founded His Church. Paul of the Damascus Road conversion was appointed Apostle to the Gentiles, to spread the Good News throughout the world. These two men gave their lives to Christ and became great Saints.

N.B. Parish Council Members – Our next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 26th June at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. 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.

Confirmation – We congratulate all the young people who were confirmed at the hands of Bishop John Wilson on Thursday 14th June at the 6.30pm Mass. We wish them well for their future as Catholic adults, praying for them, their Parents, Families and Catechists.

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.

Our Servite Provincial Chapter – Will be from 2nd – 6th July 2018. Most of the Friars of this Community will be involved in the business of the Chapter and will be unavailable for duties on those days. Fr. Ufayissa Dea Madalcho, CM has kindly agreed to be available for Pastoral calls on those days. He will offer Mass each day at 10am in the Church. There is no 6.30pm Mass (Mon-Fri). Please keep calls to essentials.

Requiem Mass Will be held for Thomas Denn on Thurs 28th June, 10am.

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

Wed 27th – St John Southworth

Thu 28th – St Irenaeus

Fri 29th – Ss Peter & Paul

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.

St. Peregrine Mass – Our monthly Mass of Healing, will be on Wed 27th June at 6.30pm.