



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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Christ the King of the Universe (Year A) 26th November 2017

Sunday Reflection – “Christ is King when mercy rules” Talk of Kings and Kingdoms in the secular world conjures up notions of Power and Authority over subjects in a defined territory. All of this is dependent on the trappings of Governments and Armed Forces to maintain in place. “The Kingdom of God” is altogether different from those images. In today’s Gospel Matthew gives us a vision of the last Judgement when all the Nations are assembled before the judgement seat of Jesus Christ. He alone has the authority to judge and his yardstick is simple – “how did you respond to the human needs before you?” While presented as a last judgement scene, it would be a pity to restrict this to “the Last Judgement”. It is also a first judgement! Elsewhere in the gospel Jesus says, “Whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of those little ones... I tell he shall not lose his reward”. Where Jesus rules, little acts of human kindness have an eternal significance. Jesus is “at home” in a community where basic human needs are met. The requirements for citizenship in his Kingdom are simple. There is no need for prolonged training and academic qualifications. All that is required is that you pay attention to the world around you and respond to the needs that confront you. When the hungry are fed, when the thirsty are given to drink, when strangers are given hospitality, when the naked are covered with dignity, when the sick are attended to and prisoners are visited – Jesus is present as King and mercy reigns. Those who respond to those human needs are authentically human, and deeply religious, indeed they are “blessed of the Father”. When you react in that way to the human needs before you, you have glimpsed the broken body of Christ in the human brokenness around you, and you are not far from the Kingdom of God; in fact you are living in it.

Service of Remembrance – Our Annual Parish Remembrance Service for all our loved ones who have died in the past year, will be on Tuesday 28th November 2017 at 6.30pm in the church. Tell others who have lost loved ones. We will remember them in our Mass.

First Holy Communion Programme – Next Session is this Sun 26th Nov in the School Hall at 9am prompt. Our Diocesan Catechist, Mary Crowley will lead a ‘reflection’ for our 1st Communion Parents on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm in the School Hall. At least one parent of each child should attend. The school gate will open at 7.15pm and close after 7.30pm. Children are not expected to attend but a crèche can be provided if required.

Christian Formation: A very good film, entitled “God is not dead” will be shown in the Founders Room on Sunday, 26th November at 4pm. This is informative and helpful to our Christian formation. All Welcome!

Art Exhibition Closing Event: Will be at 7.15pm on Mon 27th Nov in the Colonnade. A chance to meet some of the artists and hear Sarah de Nordwall perform two of her poems. Refreshments provided. All Welcome! Well done to all concerned.

New Liturgical Year: Begins next Sun 3rd Dec with the 1st Sunday of Advent. The School family Mass will be at 10am. ‘Advent’ invites us to “get ready”, “the Lord is near”. No ‘Gloria’ during Penitential season with little or no decorations.

Filipino Novena – All are invited to join the “Servite Misa De Gallo” at the Servite Parish Church of Our Lady of Dolours for the Christmas Novena of Masses from 15th Dec – 22nd Dec at 8pm and on Saturday 23rd Dec at 3pm. After Mass on Saturday at 3pm will be a celebration with food in the School Hall. All are welcome.

Confirmation Programme: For our young Parishioners aged over 14yrs will begin on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7pm. Please get a Confirmation Registration Form from the Parish Office. Complete and return the form before Thursday 11th January 2018. Parents do encourage your children to prepare well to receive this important Sacrament.

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

Thur 30th – St Andrew

Rest in Peace: The funeral of the late Mr. Kevin Elias will take place on Monday 27th November 2017 with Requiem Mass at 10am. May Kevin rest in God’s Peace. We pray for his dear Family.

Rest in Peace: Also to Sarah Philomena Gibbons who had her Requiem Mass on Friday 24th Nov.

St Peregrine Mass of Healing: On Wed 29th Nov at 6.30pm.