

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year C) 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018**

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**Sunday Reflection** – “The Deep End” Searching for Jesus – In today’s Gospel we get a glimpse of Jesus as a young boy as he disappears for three days while the family are on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Searching for a lost child for over twenty minutes is a most nerve-wracking event for a parent. But to lose the Son of God for three days is something else. We should remember that ancient writers often included a scene from childhood of their hero in order to show the signs of great things to come. Jesus is eventually found sitting with the teachers in the Temple and is revealed as a very wise teacher. While this Gospel passage gives us a glimpse of the young boy Jesus, it is also a reminder of our own helplessness to do anything but let God’s dream be dreamed. Jesus knew this in a way that his parents could not fully grasp: ‘Why have you done this to us?’ Mary and Joseph experience the tension between the anxieties of our world and life centered on God. Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, we pray for families everywhere, for parents and children and ask God to be with them, to guide them and protect them. “The attraction of the journey is stronger than the pull of all the picnics on the way”. (Intercom. Margaret Silf)

**Christmas Crib** – Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children’s Society to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese.

**New Year’s Day** – is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. It is The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. On the first day of the New Year, the Church presents us with the image of Mary “the model of faith” for us all. “As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart”. In this New Year, let us resolve to follow the example of Mary. Mass will be at 10 am on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. No evening Mass at 6.30pm.

**Happy New Year** – We wish all parishioners and all who attend Mass in our Church a very Happy and Blessed New Year. This day is the World Day of Peace, so we pray for peace for those parts of our World ravaged by war and violence, we pray for peace in our homes and in our hearts. We wish you all a peaceful New Year. Traditionally we attempt New Year resolutions today. Let us try to do and change what is possible and what is for the better, so let us resolve to be faithful to attending Mass every Sunday and having some prayer time each day. That would certainly get the year off to a good start.

**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 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

(See New Year’s Day)

## **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.

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## **Saints Days**

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ss Basil the Great  
& Gregory Nazianzen

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Most Holy  
name of Jesus

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