



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 30th September 2018

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Sunday Reflection - Who are the insiders and who are the outsiders? The club mentality gets to us all. Moses responds in the first Reading, "if only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his spirit to them all". Why feel threatened by the goodness of others? he asks. A similar problem arises for the disciples in the Gospel. It seems as if their own self-esteem is threatened by an outsider 'who is not one of us' but is doing good by casting out evil. They want Jesus to reject him outright, but he refuses to do so. Instead he invites his fragile little company to have a wider vision of God's goodness. Jesus is not threatened by goodness that comes from outside his own chosen circle. His passion is for the good of others, and that passion is served by anyone who dares to do God's work. When it comes to doing what is good, Jesus simply states: "Anyone who is not against us is for us". Jesus challenges his followers to be thoroughly honest in distinguishing between 'good' and 'evil'. His admonition to 'cut off' hand or foot has never been taken literally by the Church and Jesus himself did not intend it. He is really saying 'be decisive in cutting evil out of your life - be ruthless in eradicating evil from your mind and heart. Serious sin and evil, has to be eliminated from your life because a healthy relationship with God is worth all the sacrifice required'. Jesus asks us to choose in favor of God's kingdom and let go of everything that would obstruct that choice.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 5th October - CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to your kind donations, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast day, CAFOD invites you to eat simply or give up a meal and donate the money you save to help people like Longora. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from Church this week and give what you can at the 2nd collection next Sunday.

First Holy Communion - First meeting will be held on this Sunday 30th September for Parents and Candidates at 9am in the School Hall. All who are registered must attend.

Children's Liturgy Group - Will be on this Sun 30th Sept at 10am. All children 4-6yrs are welcome to join the group when the children are called at the start of Mass. For more details and if you would like to volunteer, email servitechilidrensliturgy@gmail.com

Baptismal Course - The next course will now be on Tuesday 4th October and Tuesday 11th October. Parents must attend both sessions. Please get a registration form from the Colonnade.

Altar Servers - The 1st New Altar Servers meeting will be held on Saturday 6th October from 11am to 12noon. Registration closes on this Sunday 30th September.

Flower Society - A meeting will be held on Sunday 7th October at 11am.

Interested in becoming a Catholic/Returning? Applications for next year's Programme are now available from the Parish Office. Contact Sr. Clementina or one of the Priests for more information about our RCIA Programme.

Farewell to Brother Patrick Gethins OSM: This week we say "Farewell" to Brother Patrick OSM, who has been asked by the Prior Provincial to go the Community in Benburb Co. Tyrone. We thank Bro. Patrick for his presence and service here in Fulham Road and wish him every blessing in Benburb.

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

Mon 1st - St Therese of the Child of Jesus

Tues 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels

Thu 4th - St Francis of Assisi

Fri 5th - Harvest Fast Day

Sat 6th - Sr Bruno

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: on Sunday September 30th at 3pm with a Feast Celebration after Mass.