



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) 14TH DECEMBER 2025

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm

Sunday 9.30 am

11.00 am

(Spanish Mass) 12.30 nn

6.30 pm

Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am

6.00 – 6.30 pm

Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after

10am Mass followed by Tea

in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held on Sundays at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday after 6:30 pm mass

in the Prayer Room.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after

10am Mass. The **Blessed**

Sacrament will be exposed for Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy & Benediction.

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Saints Days

Mon 15th – Bl. Bonaventure of Pistoia

Tue 16th – Bl. Honoratus Kozminski

Wed 17th – St. Hildegard of Bingen

Thu 18th – Bl. Anthony Grassi

Fri 19th – Bl. Urban V

Sat 20th – St. Dominic of Silos



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of Healing is on **31st December 2025**

(Wednesday) at **10:00am**.

Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every Monday after our 10am Mass.

Saint Carlo, Pray for us.

Reflection

The readings for the Third Sunday of Advent in Year A, also known as Rejoicing Sunday (Gaudete), invite us into a spirit of joyful anticipation. Today the Church pauses during Advent' quiet preparations to remind us that joy is already breaking into our world. We rejoice because Jesus is near.

In today's 1st reading from the Book of Prophet Isaiah, we witness a powerful image of transformation: the desert blooming, the weak being strengthened, and the joy of the redeemed. It's a vivid reminder that God is always at work, bringing new life to what seems barren and hopeless." Strengthen the weak hands, make firm the feeble knees," Isaiah tells us, for the coming of the Lord is near, bringing healing and liberation.

Psalms 145 echoes this hope, praising the God of justice who lifts up the oppressed and cares for the marginalized. It reassures us that our God is a God of action, deeply involved in our lives and in the affairs of the world. We are reminded that our faith is not passive; it calls us to see the needs around us and respond with compassion.

In the Gospel of Matthew 11:2-11, we encounter John the Baptist, who despite his imprisonment, sends messengers to Jesus to inquire if He is indeed the Messiah. Jesus responds not just with words but with deeds, pointing to many signs of His presence: the blind sees, the lame walk, and the good news is preached. In these words, we find assurance that the Kingdom is truly at hand.

As we light the rose candle today, let it remind us to rejoice in the midst of waiting and uncertainty. Our faith invites us to celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives, even in the most challenging circumstances. Let us open our hearts to the joy that comes from believing in a God who saves and a Saviour who acts.



1. **First Holy Communion** – A soft reminder that the next Session Sunday will be on 14th December 2025 at 9:30 am prompt at the School Hall. Make sure that your child will come before the time please.
2. **Confirmation Classes 2026** – The first session will start on 11th January 2026 5:30 pm with the meeting of the candidates and the parents at the Founders Room and mass at the church afterwards.
3. **Faulty Electrical Lighting System** – Our parish church is in urgent need of major repairs to the electrical lighting system that is quoted at around £40,000. We sincerely appeal for your generous support. Thank you for your kindness and valuable assistance.
4. **Simbang Gabi sa Chelsea 2025** – The Christmas Novena Mass will start on 15th December 2025 (Monday) at 8:00 pm but on 23rd December, the mass will be at 6:00 pm.
5. **Christmas Service Card 2025** – You may now find our schedule for the incoming Christmas Services to the printed cards that you may kindly grab at the colonnade please.
6. **No 6:30 PM Mass** – There will be no masses at 6:30 PM from 15th December (Monday) to 23rd December 2025 (Tuesday). Kindly refer to our Christmas Service Card please.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025



*Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to You:
Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in You.*

1. Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within Your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in Your dear Son.
2. Dio ci guarda, tenero e paziente: nasce l'alba di un futuro nuovo.
Nuovi Cieli Terra fatta nuova: passa i muri Spirito di vita.
3. Ang Diyos ay ating nadarama, kahit di natin nakikita.
Naging tao para sa buong mundo, susunod ako sa'n man s'ya patungo .

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of

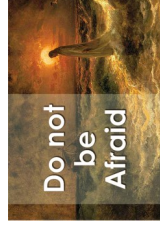
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

Alli: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R Matthew 5:3

R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1. It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. **R.**

3rd Sunday of Advent

2. The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. **R.**

3. The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of

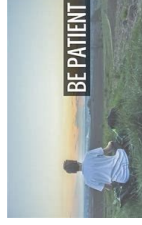
James

5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.
Alleluia.

{Year A} 14th December 2025

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11



Alli: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'

And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing?

Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 'What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Alli: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*All bow for following three lines*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.