



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) 3RD DECEMBER 2023

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am
11.00 am
Spanish Mass 12.30 pm
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 at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The **Blessed
Sacrament** will be exposed for
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 4th – St. John Damascene
Tue 5th – St. Sabas
Wed 6th – St. Nicholas
Thu 7th – St. Ambrose
Fri 8th – Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 9th – St. Juan Diego



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **27th of December**
at **10.00am**.

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

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

Blessed Carlo Pray for us.

Watchfulness

Our gospel this 1st Sunday of Advent comes from St. Mark 13:33-37. The emphasis of the parable is the readiness of the servants to open the door to the master at his return. Opening the door to an exhausted traveler and being ready to tend to his needs was a very important service to the master whether he was exhausted after the heat of the day, after a journey lasting into the midnight hour, or throughout the night to the early hours, maybe even until dawn or later. St. Mark mentions these four 'watches' into which the Roman day was divided. The doorkeeper didn't know in which watch the master would return. Unbroken vigilance was therefore required if he was to be properly attended to on his arrival.

Jesus finally addresses his original audience of Peter, James, John and Andrew and tells them to 'watch' and not only they themselves are to watch, but all of us are to watch. This universal command ties this parable, to the warnings of the coming of the Son of Man who is already at the door. But a more imminent 'hour' is about to break upon the sleeping disciples, who failed to keep watch in spite of the repeated warnings to 'watch and pray'.



First Holy Communion – A soft reminder that the next Session Sunday will be on 10th December at 10:00 am prompt at the School Hall. Make sure that your child will come before the time please.

Confirmation Classes 2024 – Young people aged 14/15 years upwards who wish to be confirmed next year, registration is now open. Please collect and complete a Confirmation Enrolment Form from the Colonnade. Ceremony of Enrolment and Declaration of Commitment will be on 14th January 2024 (Sunday) at 5:00 pm at the Founders Room together with parents. Candidates must attend the mass at 6:30 pm right after each lesson.

Mary's Meals – On 10th December, there will be a stall in the colonnade selling homemade cards and lavender bags to raise funds for Mary's Meals. They are also accepting any loose foreign currency left over from your holidays.

Simbang Gabi sa Chelsea – The Christmas Novena Mass will start on 15th December 2023 (Friday) at 8:00 pm but on 23rd December, the mass will be at 3:00 pm.

Appeal for Church Restoration

Our church is undergoing various repairs such as Façade redecorating, Narthex roofing repairs, Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Bell Tower.

The cost of these repairs has now reached £143,000. The increase from previous estimate is due to more damages seen in the process of the works.

We are appealing to your generous hearts as we firmly believe that by coming together as a community, we can overcome any obstacles and restore our church to its rightful place as a beacon of faith, history, and community pride. We are so grateful to share that a certain generous donor pledged to double the amount that will be generated from now till end of this year for the Church Restoration.

We invite you to join hands with us in this noble cause and help create a lasting legacy for future generations. For donations, you may scan the QR code please. Thank you.

