



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) 7TH 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.

Safeguarding Office

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Saints Days

Mon 8th – Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue 9th – St. Juan Diego

Wed 10th – Bl. Adolph Kolping

Thu 11th – St. Damasus I

Fri 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sat 13th – St. Lucy



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 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A, invite us to renew our hope and ready our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus, allowing His presence to lead us into true peace and spiritual transformation.

In today's 1st reading, the prophet Isaiah paints a vivid picture of the coming of Messiah, describing a shoot that will come forth from the stump of Jesse, who will embody wisdom, understanding and justice. This imagery reminds us that even in the bleakest circumstances, God can bring forth new life and hope. His promise is not just for Israel but extends to all nations. We are reminded of God's steadfast commitment to His people and the glorious future He has in store for them.

The Psalm echoes this theme, praying for a ruler/leader who will bring justice and peace. It emphasizes the importance of leadership guided by compassion and righteousness. As we prepare our hearts during this Advent season, let us reflect on the kind of leaders in our world, church and parishes today. Leaders who prioritize the vulnerable, advocate for the oppressed and promote unity and peace.

In today's Gospel taken from Matthew 3:1-12, we hear John the Baptist's call to repentance, urging us to prepare the way of the Lord. His cry in the wilderness is a powerful reminder of our need for conversion, especially as we prepare to celebrate Christ's entry into our world at Christmas. John urges us to bear fruit worthy of repentance, inviting us into a transformative relationship with God. This Advent is a time not only of waiting but also of action – a time to evaluate our lives and align our hearts with God's will.



- 1. First Holy Communion** – A soft reminder that the next Session Sunday will be on 11th January 2026 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.

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.*

- Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within Your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in Your dear Son.
- Dio ci guarda, tenero e paziente: nasce l'alba di un futuro nuovo.
Nuovi Cieli Terra fatta nuova: passa i muri Spirito di vita.
- 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

11:1-10

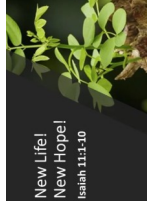
On that day:

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The word of the Lord.

Alli: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R cf. 7

R. In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement. **R.**
2. In his days justice shall flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth. **R.**

2nd Sunday of Advent

[(Year A)] 7th December 2025

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12



Alli: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."',

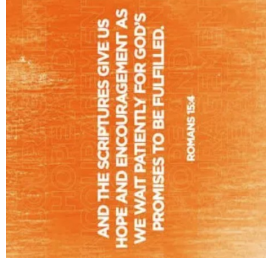
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.'

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia.

NICENE CREED—See Laudate 479 (205)

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.

