



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS (YEAR A) 4TH JANUARY 2026

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 5th – St. John Neumann
Tue 6th – St. Andre Bessette
Wed 7th – St. Raymond of Peñafort
Thu 8th – St. Angela of Foligno
Fri 9th – St. Adrian of Canterbury
Sat 10th – St. Gregory of Nyssa



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of Healing
 is on **28th January 2026** (Wednesday)
 at 6:30pm.

Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis

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

Saint Carlo, Pray for us.

Reflection

The readings of the 2nd Sunday after Christmas in Year A, invites us to receive the “Word became flesh who lived among us.” It’s the fulfilment of God’s promised of Emmanuel, “God-is-with-us.”

The 1st reading taken from the Book of Sirach is a poem of divine wisdom, a wisdom that has made her dwelling among God’s people. The author identifies wisdom with the Law because it is a practical guide to living according to God’s will. The emphasis on divine wisdom prepares us for the Gospel.

Psalm 147 is a praise of God’s personal care for Israel. In the beginning was the word, creating all things, and even upsetting things – like changing running water to solid ice, or making snow fall in the hot land of Palestine. And He can change us too; the Word of God, Jesus Christ, shows us God’s will; He is the Way, leading us from misery to peace and happiness.

In today’s Gospel, taken from the Prologue of St. John 1:1-18. The evangelist John writes: “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling, among us” (Jn 1:14). These words, which never cease to amaze us, contain the whole of Christianity. God became mortal, fragile like us, shared in our human condition, except for sin, but He took our sins upon himself, as though they were His own. He entered into our history; He became fully God-with us. The birth of Jesus, then, shows us that God wanted to unite Himself to every human being, to every one of us, to communicate to us His life and His joy.



- 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.

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.*



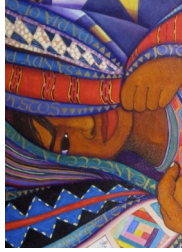
1. Ev’ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within Your Word.
 Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in Your dear Son.
2. Dio ci guarda, tenero e paziente: nasce l’alba di un futuro nuovo.
 Nuovi Cieli Terra fatta nuova: passa i muri Spirito di vita.
3. Ang Diyos ay ating nadarama, kahit 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
Sirach

24:1-2, 8-12

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'



The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R12a

R. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

1. O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!
O Sion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you. **R.**
2. Your He established peace on your borders; he gives you your fill of finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth, and swiftly runs his command. **R.**
3. He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements. **R.**

2nd Sunday of Christmas

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the
Ephesians

1:3-6, 15-18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations. Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia.

(Year A) 4th January 2026

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

John

1:1-18



All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

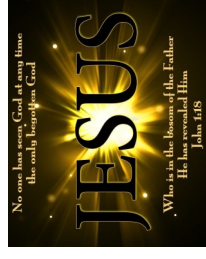
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me." '

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ.**



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.