

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024

#### Reflection

The Gospel this Sunday is taken from John 6:24-35. After the multiplication of loaves and the fish, the people are looking for more bread and more wonders. Jesus tried to draw them to seek something deeper. He calls it "bread from heaven," "living bread" and "the bread of eternal life". He instructs them that they are to work not for the bread that fills their bellies, not for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures. There is a form of nourishment that transcends earthly bread, and this must be the goal of the peoples searching; it is for this that they must work.

Jesus explains that the gift of manna (1st reading Ex. 16:2-4, 12-15) cannot be greater than the miracle of the bread and fish. Moses did not provide the manna. He only prayed for it from God who worked out the miracle. But with Jesus, something greater happens: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life". "I am" is the tradition name of God. Hence, with Jesus, God does not only give the gift of bread as the manna, but God is giving himself. In Jesus, God is both the giver and the gift, and comes to us to be our bread, our life.

Like bread, which we must eat daily to live, God desires to be with us in the every day ordinariness of our life.



**Summer Mass** – Due to the Priests taking holidays at different times during August, the weekday Mass schedule will change. From August 1st to August 30th, there will be only one Mass each weekday at 10:00 am, with NO 6:30 pm Evening Mass. However, on August 14th and 15th, there will be a 6:30 pm Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The weekend Mass schedule will remain the same: Saturday at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm (Vigil), and Sunday at 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish Mass), and 6:30 pm.

**First Holy Communion** – application forms for children in Year 3 and older can now be collected from the parish office. The deadline for applications is Monday, 14th October 2024. All applications must be supported by a baptism certificate unless baptized in the parish. To accompany these, a £25 contribution towards the cost of the Holy Communion book and resources. First Holy Communion lessons will start at the beginning of November. A full list of dates will be published in October.

**Youth Pilgrimages** – All youths are encouraged to join us in the Pilgrimages set forth on 28th September 2024 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and on 28th July to 3rd August 2025 for the Jubilee Year of the Youths to take place in Rome, Italy. Kindly get the information sheet with the application form at the colonnade please.

**Fr. Chris writes** – "My sincere thanks to everyone who was part of or participated in last Saturday's Jubilee celebration. It was a very special moment and I want to thank everyone who was involved. My special thanks go to Henry and the choir for the wonderfully joyful Mass, and also the altar servers. Thank you also to our flower group who decorated both the church and the school hall. And then special thanks to all who prepared and served the refreshments in the hall and also tidied and cleaned everything up afterwards. My family and friends who visited were very impressed and appreciative. Thank you also to those who stayed on to enjoy the musical entertainment. Finally, my gratitude to many who gave me cards and gifts, I was overwhelmed. I hope to acknowledge them all in due course. Thank you everyone and God bless you."

## Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat
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.

### Safeguarding Office

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### Saints Days

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** – Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica

 $\textbf{Tue} \hspace{0.1in} \textbf{6}^{\textbf{th}} - \text{Transfiguration of the Lord}$ 

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> - St.Cajetan

Thu 8th - St. Dominic

**Fri 9**<sup>th</sup> – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Sat 10th - St. Lawrence



#### St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of Healing is on **28**<sup>th</sup> of August **2024** (Wednesday) at 6:30pm.

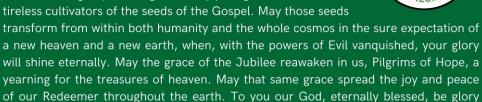
## **Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis**

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

Blessed Carlo, Pray for us.

# THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds



Amen.

and praise for ever.