



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 5TH NOVEMBER 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 6th – St. Nicholas Tavelic and
Companions
Tue 7th – St. Didacus
Wed 8th – Bl. John Duns Scotus
Thu 9th – Dedication of St. John
Lateran Basilica
Fri 10th – St. Leo the Great
Sat 11th – St. Martin of Tours



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **29th of November** at
6.30pm.

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

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

Blessed Carlo Pray for us.

Reflection

The Gospel is taken from the section in Matthew where Jesus denounces the Scribes and the Pharisees. [The Scribes were a class of professional exponents and teachers of the Torah (law). They were held in respect and were addressed as “my lord” or “master” (rabbi). The Pharisees (Hebrew “perusim”, the “separated” ones) were the party who adhered to the strict interpretation of the Law.]

Most theologians believe that the speech reflects not just the deep opposition between Jesus and the teachers of the Law in his time, but also the conflict between the followers of Jesus and the Pharisaic Judaism. Jesus recognizes the leadership of the scribes and the Pharisees and tells his disciples and the crowds to observe everything they teach. But they should not follow their examples. And Jesus, strongly recommends his disciples to practice humility, not arrogance. True greatness pertains to service, not privilege. A servant does not lay heavy burdens on the shoulders of others, but bears their burdens. A servant does not seek attention, because a servant's attention is on the needs of others. A servant is not concerned about prestige, for a servant claims no titles. A servant simply serves, and within the community of disciples that is true greatness.



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.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) A course will be held for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be. Application forms for this programme are now available from the Parish Office. Classes will start on 6th November 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Founders Room and all succeeding Mondays until Easter Saturday except on holidays.

Good Shepherd Nottingham – Our goal is to support and help the Christian families in the Holy land, to stay at work as olive wood carvers is one of the most important sources of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale. So, by selling their produce here in their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities, as a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem there is only forty-one thousand Christians left in the area.

Altar Servers – The training for new Altar Servers is scheduled on 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th of November 2023 at 4:00 pm together with the parents. Application form can be found at the Colonnade or at parish website.

The Parish Council – members are requested to attend the next online meeting on 7th November 2023 (Tuesday) at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

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.

It is estimated that the cost of these repairs would be around £75,000. 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 invite you to join hands with us in this noble cause and help create a lasting legacy for future generations.
Thank you.

