



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 3RD AUGUST 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.

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Saints Days

Mon 4th – Bl. Stanley Rother
Tue 5th – Sts. Martha, Mary, &
Lazarus
Wed 6th – Bl. Solanus Casey
Thu 7th – St. Ignatius of Loyola
Fri 8th – St. Alphonsus Liguori
Sat 9th – St. Eusebius of Vercelli



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **27th August 2025**
(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.

Reflection

The Gospel of this 18th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C is taken from Luke 12:13-21. There is nothing odd in the man's question because Judaism didn't distinguish between civil and religious codes of law. In this case, however, the man is not just asking for an impartial arbitration, he is ordering the judge to follow his own ruling; he is trying to use Jesus.

I suppose we can tentatively reconstruct the background for the man's request. A father/parent dies and leaves the inheritance as a unit to his children. Normally the children should live together and enjoy the inheritance in harmony. But here the man wants a division of the inheritance (probably a property) according to his right; the brotherly or family relationship is obviously broken, and the man wants the break to be finalized by total separation. To this, Jesus objects that He is not a "divider" and thus indirectly suggests that he is a reconciler instead. He invites the petitioner to gain a new insight of himself and refers to the danger of greed; the petitioner won't have his problem solved by a legal ruling, if his heart remains full of cupidity.

Just as a rich person, who was foolishly making great plans for a life of leisure and pleasure without any reference to God, was caught unprepared by sudden death, so also, a person may be wealthy, but his/her possession won't guarantee him/her life. This gospel also calls us to be an instrument of unity rather than division.



1. **Canonisation of Bl. Carlo Acutis** – Pope Leo XIV announced that Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized together on 7th September 2025.
2. **150th Anniversary Programs** – Souvenir items for 150th Anniversary of our Parish are on sale at the colonnade. All proceeds gathered is for the financial help of our Church. You may still post at our 150 Acts of Kindness. The Pipe Organ Concert will be on 6th September 2025 (Saturday) at 7:30 pm.
3. **Summer Mass** – As the Priests in the Community will be taking holidays at different times during August, it was decided to have One Mass each weekday from Monday 4th August to Friday 29th August at 10 am each day only. There will be NO 6.30 pm Evening Mass. Except on 14th & 15th August, there will be a Vigil Mass at 6:30 pm for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and on 27th August (Wednesday) for St. Peregrine Healing Mass at 6:30 pm. Though Saturday and Sunday masses will be as usual; Saturday at 10:00 am and Vigil at 6:30pm, Sundays at 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 am (Spanish Mass) and 6:30 pm.
4. **Thanksgiving Mass** – for the Canonisation of St. Carlo Acutis will be celebrated on 13th September 2025 (Saturday) at 3:00 pm with His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols.
5. **Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Dolours / 150th Anniversary Mass** – Everyone is invited to join in our International Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Dolours on 14th September 2024 at 11:00 am which is the celebration of the parish 150th Anniversary. After the Mass, we invite everyone to join us at the School Ground for a cultural food fair, feasting and program. Parishioners are encouraged to bring traditional dishes from their home countries and wear Traditional Attire too.

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R1

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

1. You turn man back to dust, and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, or like a watch in the night. **R.**
2. You sweep them away like a dream, like grass which is fresh in the morning. In the morning it sprouts and is fresh; by evening it withers and fades. **R.**
3. Then teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Turn back, O Lord! How long? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

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4. At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord our God be up on us; give success to the work of our hands. O give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

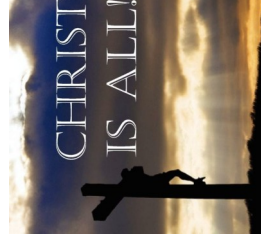
SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and Sisters: if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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(Year C) 3rd August 2025



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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:13-21

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' " But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

