

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**Second Sunday of Easter (Year B) 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



**Vigil Mass:** Sat 6.30pm  
Sunday 9.30am  
11.00am  
Spanish Mass 12.30pm  
Mon to Fri 10am (Daily)

## Sacrament of Confession

By Appointment

If you would like Confession, please email, or call the Parish Office.

## Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm  
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

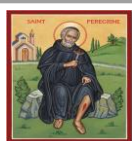
## Holy Hour

Will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday of every month after  
the 10am Mass. The hour  
will include Rosary, Litany  
of Our Lady, Divine Mercy  
and Benediction

## Saints Days

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> – St Martin I

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Is on  
this Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
Easter 11<sup>th</sup> April.



Will be held on the last  
Wednesday of the Month,  
28<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm.

**Sunday Reflection:** “He is Risen Alleluia!” – We spent six and a half weeks of Lent preparing for the feast of Easter. We have now celebrated the feast of Christ’s Resurrection with rejoicing, music, ‘Alleluias’, and due solemnity and some feasting. It all doesn’t end with the Bank Holiday weekend! This week we have the Octave of Easter and we should note that the Easter season continues for fifty days to the feast of Pentecost. Life is not all sackcloth and ashes! The Liturgies of these Easter Sundays are rich in spirituality, and provide us with opportunities for deeper reflective prayer and study on the reality of the Resurrection and its significance for each of us. The Risen Christ brings a new light and dimension to life, so we allow the light of the Resurrection permeate our Christian living. The liturgy for this Sunday focuses on ‘the whole group of believers’. We meet a group gathered behind locked doors, bound by fear. Jesus appears amongst them and greets them with His gift of ‘Peace’ and dispels their anxiety by showing them his hands and his side’. With His gift of ‘Peace’ he breathed on them the Holy Spirit and empowered them for their mission. One of their members, Thomas, is missing. On his return, he refuses to believe what they told him. He wants to be honest with himself. Thomas has to deal with doubt and at the same time his desire to belong to the company of believers. Thomas has an inner conflict to resolve. Jesus respects Thomas’ personal predicament, and returns eight days later when Thomas is present. Jesus ministers directly to Thomas’ doubt, and with the help of the Holy Spirit enables him to make his act of faith: “My Lord and my God”. Faith is both personal and communal. Our personal act of faith is so often nourished and sustained by the faith of the larger community. The Holy Spirit is God’s gift to the community of believers, and opening up to the spirit enables us to make that personal act of faith ‘My Lord and my God’. In the grace of the spirit, we can proclaim together ‘Jesus is Lord’.

**New Envelopes - New Financial Year** – We are now in the new Financial Year. Parishioners who are members of our planned-giving scheme, your new box of Planned-Giving Envelopes are ready to be collected from our Parish Office. Thank you for your generous contributions and support.

**Easter Thanks** – The Servite Friars wish to thank you all most sincerely for your very generous Easter offerings. We thank you too for your Easter cards, gifts and good wishes to the Community. Be assured we shall remember you in our prayers.

**Servite Primary School** – Our Parish Primary School re-opens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. We welcome back all Children, Teaching staff, Assistants and Helpers. We hope all had an enjoyable Easter and can now look forward to a good and creative term in school with a little more freedom, but always following the guidelines as outlined by the Government for the well-being of teachers and children. We wish all members of our School Community a Happy and Enjoyable term. May God Bless you all.

*Our thoughts & Prayers are with  
Queen Elizabeth on the death of Prince Philip (R.I.P)  
We pray for all members of the Royal Family at this sad time.*