



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**Easter Sunday (Year B) 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Sunday Reflection:** "Rejoice, Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!" The great and solemn Feast of Easter has arrived. This is the greatest Feast of the Church's Year. We have spent the 40 days of Lent preparing for it. In our Liturgy, we have "fasted" from "Alleluia" and "Gloria"; flowers did not adorn the Altar, and with a few exceptions our use of music in our liturgy was modest. Now that the great day of Easter has arrived, we cannot contain our joy any longer. Given the presence of Covid19 in our midst, we are asked to restrict our coral singing, but it is a time for giving praise and thanks to God for the wonder of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He has emerged victorious from the tomb of violence and death. Resurrection is the Father's response to the cross, His defiant answer to a world that hoped death would hold Jesus in its grip. The Resurrection is God's ultimate and eternal endorsement of everything Jesus lived for and taught, every value he treasured and every word he spoke. His whole life is given new significance. In Christ, we see God's plan for the entire creation: Transfiguration and Resurrection. God the creator of life would not allow death to have the final word about Jesus. We rejoice in a God who confronts death and who outstares it with the power of His love. The Father's love for Jesus sweeps death away as He claims his beloved Son again. The Resurrection is God's protest against the finality of death. The love of the Father refuses to allow death to hold Jesus as a permanent victim of other peoples' sinful violence. The Good News and the reason for our rejoicing is that the Father's affirmation is not restricted to Jesus but is graciously extended to all who identify with and follow the way of the beloved Son. "O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth and divine to the human". We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!

**New Envelopes - New Financial Year** – As we are now in a new Financial year, 4<sup>th</sup> April. Parishioners who are members of our planned giving scheme will be issued with a new box of Planned-Giving Envelopes. These are now available for collection from our Parish Office. Thank you all for your generous, contributions and co-operation.

**Happy Easter** – The Servite Friars and all who share in their community and ministry, unite together in wishing everyone a very Happy and Blessed Easter. We want to thank you for all your support, generosity, and great faith, which was so beautifully shared this Holy Week.

**Easter Monday & Following:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April is a Public Holiday. Mass will be at 10am only and the church will close after Mass. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, Mass will be at 10am each weekday.

**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

Tue – 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

**Easter Offering:** On this Easter Sunday there is only one collection which is for the support of the Servite Friars who minister in the parish and local hospital. You may use the offering envelopes provided for this collection.  
Thank you for your support.



In memory of  
Antoinette Bonello who  
recently died. May she rest  
in peace.

*The Servite Community wish you all  
A Happy, Peaceful & Joyful Easter.  
Our Prayers & Good Wishes are with you and your  
Families.*