

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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1st Sunday of Lent (Year B) 21st February 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

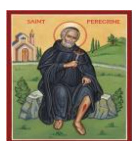
Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Holy Hour

Held on the 1st Friday of every month after the 10am Mass. The hour will include Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, Divine Mercy and Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 22nd – The Chair of St Peter the Apostle
Tue 23rd – St Polycarp



Will be held on the last Wednesday of the Month, 24th February at 6.30pm

Sunday Reflection: “Repent and believe the Good News”. We have started our Lenten journey. We all see it as a penitential time, yet the preface for Lent refers to it as “a joyful season”. It is joyful because “we prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed”. We are looking forward to Easter. “Lent” is an old Anglo-Saxon word for ‘Springtime’. It is also that time of the year when we see the lengthening of the days. Longer days bring more light. We rejoice with the passing of Winter and look forward with hope to the great season of Spring. This is nature’s time for growth, for hard work for the gardener, but well worth it all as we see the budding signs of growth and the emerging blossoms. So Lent is the springtime for Christian Life when we are invited to focus on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Concentrate on the essentials. Deeper prayer will put us in touch with God; extra fasting will develop our self-control and self-discipline, and our generous almsgiving will invite us to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. Getting there is a struggle, so we are introduced to “the wilderness” the home of the wild beasts’. We go there with Jesus who “was tempted”. Our gospel tells us of Jesus’ struggle and confrontation with Satan, “God’s Adversary”, the principal spirit of evil opposed to God. Jesus faces the trial and resolves to follow the way of the Father rather than the way of Satan. Jesus will continue to think “God’s way” and not “man’s way” (cf Mk 9: 33). He will be the Father’s spokesman for all time and eternity. In Jesus we have the defeat of God’s Adversary, and that is “Good News”. Lent calls us all to face the enemy within, and to do so in the company of Jesus and his followers.

Stations of the Cross – Can be privately prayed and celebrated in our Church during Lent when it is open.

Public Masses – The public celebration of Holy Mass continues in our Church, there are still precautions in place. These are aimed at ensuring maximum safety and peace of mind among those who worship and pray at our Servite Church.

CAFOD Family Fast – Our CAFOD Parish Representatives will make The Lenten Family Fast day Appeal next weekend, Sat 27th and Sun 28th Feb at all Masses. The Family Fast Day is on Friday 26th Feb. As ever we trust you will respond generously to support the good work of CAFOD.

Receiving the Covid-19 Vaccine – In a message of encouragement to all, Cardinal Vincent said: ‘First dose of the Covid-19 vaccine yesterday! Such a kind and cheerful experience. I strongly encourage everyone to take the vaccine. Let’s play our part and support NHS staff as they fight to save so many lives. Please, please continue to pray too for an end to this pandemic and for all who have lost their lives.’ Adding his voice to the call for greater take-up of the vaccine, Fr Albert Ofere, a Nigerian Priest, Parish Priest of English Martyrs, Wembley Park, shares his experience of his recovery from COVID-19 and his subsequent vaccination. In a video message, he urges everyone to listen to the facts and speak to their GP to make an informed discussion about the Covid vaccine!