



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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Ascension of the Lord (Year A) 28th May 2017

Parish Office Opening Hrs

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

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 8.30 am
10 am
(Spanish) 11.15 am
12.15 pm
7 pm
Mon - Sat 10 am
6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Thurs 6.15 – 6.30 pm
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Thur 10.30 am – 11.15 am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am,
followed by Tea/Coffee in the
Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at
7pm in the Library. New members
are welcome!

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at
11am in the Founders' Room. Tea
served!

Charismatic Prayer Group – Every
Thursday 11am in the Founders'
Room.

Saints Days

Wed 31st – The Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Thur 1st – St Justin
Fri 2nd – Sts Marcellinus & Peter
Sat 3rd – St Charles Lwanga &
Companions

Toddler Group: There will be no
group on Tuesday next 30th May as
all are on half term.

Day with Mary: On Saturday 3rd
June 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima
Commonwealth Av, White City.

Sunday Reflection: – “Returning Home” – The Resurrection, the Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit are aspects of one event. In one great event that transcends earthly time, Jesus emerges from the tomb, returns to the Father, and gives forth the Spirit. But the disciples who continue to live within the limitations of time and space understand these actions as being extended into earthly time and happening at different times. Each aspect is duly recognized and given its necessary emphasis. After the termination of his appearances, the disciples realize that Jesus is now permanently with his Father in glory, and they possess a new energy, power and vision on receiving his Holy Spirit. So while the Ascension marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, it also marks the beginning of the mission of the Church. Jesus has returned home. He is now passing the baton to us, his disciples. We are asked to continue and extend his ministry on earth. We are invited to get in touch with the reality of his presence around us, in each and every person. Liberated from the restrictions of time and space, Jesus would now be present to them as God is present. He would be with them in a new way guiding and blessing their ministry, undertaken in His name. “And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time”. This truth is captured beautifully in prayer of St Teresa of Avila: “Christ has no body now but yours no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassionately on the world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world”. Jesus now depends on us to be his witnesses. The Ascension assures us that this home is our home.

St Peregrine Mass – The healing Mass of St Peregrine is on next wed 31st May at 6.30pm. Come along to pray for all who are ill, especially those suffering from Cancer.

International Mass – Will be on Sunday 2nd July at the 12.15pm Mass followed by a celebration afterwards in the School Playground with International food stalls. To prepare for this there will be a meeting in the Library on **Monday 5th June** at 7pm. All are invited. Liturgy committee members and other parish Councillors are asked to attend. We would like to invite parishioners from our international communities, particularly those who have experience of past International Sundays who would be prepared to run a food stall.

General Election – As we all know, the General Election is on Thurs 8th June 2017 and the Polling Station for this area is The Servite Primary School, 252 Fulham Road, SW10 9NA. We do urge all parishioners to get interested, to inform ourselves about the issues and to vote responsibly. Many issues affected us all, so do engage with the Candidates about the NHS, Housing, Brexit, Immigration, Education, the Sanctity of Human Life from conception to Death, Pensions and the London Living Wage. A “Hustings” will take place at All Saints Church, Pryors Bank, Bishops Park, Fulham SW6 3LA. All prospective Candidates hope to attend for a meeting on Friday 2nd June at 7pm. Busses 14, 414 and 22 all stop opposite the Church; it is near Putney Bridge Underground. Let us act responsibly for the Common Good.

Thy Kingdom Come – is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension 25th May and Pentecost 4th June 2017 for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. ‘To have a week of prayer for Christian mission is just a wonderful thing. Please do join in before Pentecost, this drive to pray together for the gift of God's spirit for our mission. We know how rich Pentecost is in the life of the church from its very beginning. That richness can be ours too - if we ask God for it’. **Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster**

Confirmation Celebration – is on Wed 7th June at 7pm Mass. The Parishes of St. Mary's Cadogan Street and Holy Redeemer will also participate. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will come and guide and inspire our young people in their journey of life.