



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**Palm/Passion Sunday**

**(Year C)**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Sunday Reflection:** – Today we begin the most solemn week in the Church's Year. On this Palm Sunday we open the Liturgy of Holy Week with the Procession of Palms. We recall and relive the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The day and the week begin in adulation and joy the waving of palms and a jubilant crowd singing Hosannas to "the Son of David". The crowds assemble for the feast of the Passover – that great feast of liberation and freedom. The atmosphere is electric. Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph. Here we have the Northern Prophet coming to challenge the Southern authorities. The excitement doesn't last long. The mood changes as our Procession enters the Church. We get to the Gospel of the Mass and we read the Passion story. The previously acclaimed Jesus is now judged, condemned, betrayed, denied and eventually crucified on a Cross. The response of the human crowd will always be fickle and unreliable. This week is "Holy" because we relive the drama of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is the drama of the mystery of our Salvation. Divine Love confronts human sinfulness in the events of the death and resurrection of Jesus and triumphs over it. We allow these events to unfold before us and through our liturgies we enter into them and experience their saving power. That is why we as Christians are a people who Remember. We keep the memory of the Passion sacred. "Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me". When a community of faith gathers to remember suffering and death the memory becomes a protest against violence, hatred and murder. The Cross was invented by a world opposed to Jesus and the values of his kingdom of love and forgiveness. It also reminds us of the Crosses all around us. We say there must be no more innocent victims. The Cross too is the guarantee that we are loved by a passionate God. It is the sign of the lengths love goes to because of its passion for others. The Cross is the sign of our true worth. The death of Jesus is the supreme act of self-giving love. In spite of our sins we are worth saving and God loves us. This Passion story is our story, so don't miss it. Be there from start to finish'.

**Maundy Thursday** – We remember Christ's self-giving in the Eucharist and the handing on of His Priesthood to his disciples, and His new commandment of loving service to one another symbolized in "the Washing of the Feet". What a rich Liturgy we will have at 8pm.

**Good Friday** – A day for the Way of the Cross. The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm will take us to the Cross of Christ. The love revealed is stronger than human sin and death. At 8pm we pause with Mary in her "Desolata at the foot of the Cross".

**Holy Saturday** – The story of Holy Week reaches its climax in the Resurrection of Jesus. The Joy of New Life is celebrated with the Easter Vigil at 9pm with the lighting of the Easter fire and Blessing of Easter candle and continued on Easter Day. Adults & children will be Baptised and one received into the Church.

**Prepare for Holy Week** – "Risen" A powerful new Hollywood film, which covers the Period between the Crucifixion and the Ascension, seen through the eyes of a hardened military tribune, played by Joseph Fiennes. He goes from hardened cynicism to the beginnings of belief through what he experiences, 'Both gripping and faith affirming'. Suitable for believers and non-believers alike and a great evangelistic tool. Out on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**Easter Services & Cards** – A Special Easter Card is available today with all the times of Our Holy Week & Easter Services on it. Please ensure you take one for each household.

**Easter Holidays** – We wish all our school children, parents, teachers & staff a Happy and safe Easter holiday (Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> March until Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> April). Happy Easter all!

**Cardinal's Mass of the Thanksgiving** – For the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. The Archbishop invites to Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email or telephone number as soon as possible.

**Easter Raffle Tickets** – for sale after Mass. We hope to raise enough funds to send children to Lourdes! The raffle will take place on Easter Sunday.

**Clocks go forward** – Please remember that the clocks go forward one hour next Sunday. Summer time begins on 27<sup>th</sup> March Am. NB

## 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

Saturday	10.45 – 11.15 am
	6.00 – 6.30 pm

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 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. Tel: 0207 352 6965  
Contact [cdewinton@gmail.com](mailto:cdewinton@gmail.com)

**Lectio Divina** – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders' Room.

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

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,543 and the Second collection for "Lenten Alms" was £463. Thank you for your support & generosity.

**St. Peregrine Mass** – This Mass for Cancer sufferers and seriously ill is on Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

On Easter Sunday, there is only one collection at all Masses including the Vigil Mass. Your Easter offerings are for the support of the Servite Friars who minister here. Easter envelopes will be available next week.