



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

(Year A)

2nd April 2017

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm

Sunday 8.30 am

9.30 am (Procession)

(Spanish) 11.15 am

12.15 pm

7 pm

Mon - Sat 10 am

6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30 pm

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 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

Tues 4th – St Isidore

Wed 5th – St Vincent Ferrer

Fri 7th – St John Baptist de la Salle

Ministers of the Word: Microphone training, Please attend 11am/12noon on Saturday 8th April.

Toddler Group: Will be taking a break and will be back on Tuesday 25th April @ 9.30am.

Sunday Reflection: – We talk a lot about death, precisely because it is often so close to us. Last week's events were a vivid reminder. In today's Gospel, St. John presents us with a scene that is not unfamiliar, namely a group of people weeping over the death of a loved one. Jesus is at the centre of the scene. He is the one who gives hope to those who are surrounded by the shadows of death. Jesus understands the anguish caused by death. He also weeps. His weeping does not extinguish hope. "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe". The story concludes: "Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him". Martha makes a powerful declaration of faith in the life-giving Jesus: "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world". Jesus is the source of all life, not just physical life, but also the undying life of God which physical death cannot extinguish. The key words in the story are "I am the Resurrection and the life" and "Lazarus here! Come out". The story proclaims the great truth that Jesus is Lord and Master of life. He has the power to call us out of our tombs. The call of Jesus is a call to life. The Christian life only begins when we though we are dead, hear the word of God and obey it. The voice of Jesus calls us away from making the tomb our natural home. So often in the midst of living we can be dead, and we hope and long for a word of life and a community of love that will hold us.

Confession, Reconciliation during Lent: Lent is our main Penitential season of the Liturgical Year. We are all encouraged "to Repent" and celebrate our true Repentance in the sacrament of Reconciliation, (Confession). We personally experience God's mercy and forgiveness in this Sacrament. We are having our Parish Lenten Penance service on Tomorrow Monday April 3rd at 7.30pm in the Church. We hope to have a number of Priests available including visiting Priests, for the Celebration of the Sacrament. We encourage our Parishioners to avail of this opportunity and come along to share in this Sacrament before Easter.

Holy Week & Easter Services – This special week begins Next Sunday 9th April, Passion/Palm Sunday. Please note that the 10am Mass will begin early with Blessing and Procession of Palms in the School yard at 9.30am. We then proceed into the Church via Fulham Road. This is a prayerful declaration of faith so let us participate with dignity. Easter cards with Mass times are now available in the Colonnade; collect yours today.

Lenten Alms: This is a traditional fund in our Churches every Lent. This Year our Cardinal Archbishop wants to combine it with the Cardinal's Appeal 2017: "As you know, Lent is one of the most important seasons of the Church year and a time characterized by the traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each of these is intended as a help in our desire to open our lives more radically to God and to seek the renewal of God's life within us, especially through repentance and renewal, experienced sacramentally in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each year I have followed the tradition of naming a number of causes to which Lenten Alms will be applied. Over the last few years this has been for the work of Caritas in the Diocese. This year I seek to give the Lenten Alms Appeal the same aims as the Cardinal's Appeal. This Appeal seeks to provide funding for programmes and projects, in the Diocese, in: Youth and Evangelisation, Marriage and Family Life, Service in Society, especially among those on the margins". Please support this good work.

Eucharistic Ministers – Could all Ministers available for the Easter Services, Please add their names on the list which will be displayed on a table in the Colonnade showing which Mass/Services they can cover. Thank You!

Gift Aid & Planned Giving – Weekly Offertory Envelopes available for collection on Saturday/Sunday in Colonnade. New Year begins 9th April 2017. Gift Aid Envelopes are only for use of Parishioners who are Income Tax Payers.

Thank You! For your Support of Our St. Patrick's Celebration, it was a huge success!