



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

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**Sunday Reflection:** *“Love one another, as I have loved you”* – On Easter Day we were asked: “Do you believe in God?” Naturally we all responded, “I do”. Our common belief is God gathers us together again for Eucharist today. But how do we envisage God? Today’s readings give us a very clear and unambiguous reply. ‘God is love’ and ‘I choose you’. Our God is a loving God who has freely chosen to love us into existence and to hold us in love throughout our lives. Love is the heart of Jesus’ Gospel. Love is from God and everyone who loves is a child of God. We cannot think of God, according to St John, without thinking of love: *“God is love”*. Jesus knows this in the depth of his heart and life. He knows the Father is love and love is self-giving; *“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you”*. Jesus is the Incarnation of the Father’s love. He is the expression of God’s love that our human minds can understand and grasp. The love of Jesus for his disciples is the same love that exists between Jesus and His Father. The disciples are exhorted to *“Remain in my love”*. They are to immerse themselves in that communion of love, and then they can ‘love one another as I have loved you’. The disciples dispense what they receive. A radiator cannot give out heat unless it has first received heat. The love Jesus shared with his disciples was the love Jesus received from the Father and invites them to share with others. In that way we continue his loving presence and saving mission in the world. The love we see in Jesus is a love that is self-giving. The supreme act of love is to lay down your life for the sake of others. Jesus shows that there is no greater love. It takes him to the Cross, but the Father’s love raises him up and confirms Him as the source of love and life for all. We engage in that self-giving love assured of God’s approval.

**Bank Holiday Monday** – On this Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> of May, there will be just one Mass at 10am. Please note there will be No evening, 6.30pm Mass.

**Ascension of the Lord** – This Feast this year is celebrated next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018, which used to be called “Ascension Thursday.” It is a Holy Day of Obligation in which all Catholics are asked to attend Mass. Masses in our Church will be: Vigil Mass on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm and on Thursday at 10am and 6.30pm.

**First Holy Communion** – Practice for Group A is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 3.45pm to 4.30pm. Practice for Group B is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 3.45pm to 4.30pm. Communion Day for Group A is on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am Mass. Note No 10am Mass on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**Confirmation** – Next Session will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**Organ Recitals** – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Organ Recital will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 8pm to 9pm. Hosted by Cathy Ennis, St Lawrence Jewry: in Memory of Sheila Lawrence, Director of Music in our Parish for many years.

**Mass for Migrants** – Will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 11am. It will be preceded by a banner procession at 10.45am at St George’s Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1, Southwark Cathedral.

**Mass for New Catholics** – Will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6pm, Westminster Cathedral.

### Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

### Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

10am

(Spanish) 11.15am

12.15pm

7pm

Mon – Sat 10am

6.30pm

### Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am

6.00 – 6.30pm

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15am

**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!

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Is on Thursdays at 11am in the Founders’ Room.

### Saints Days

Thu 10<sup>th</sup> – The Ascension of  
The Lord

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> – Ss Nereus & Achilleus  
St Pancras

**Table Top Sale** – On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May after each Mass. Proceeds will go towards expenses of the current Art Exhibition in the Colonnade.