



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**(Year A)**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Sunday Reflection:** – This 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter is “Good Shepherd” Sunday, also, known as ‘Vocations’ Sunday. The image of Christ as our “Good Shepherd” is a powerful image, inviting us to see Christ as calling, feeding and protecting the flock God has entrusted to him. The sound of his voice and the words he uses, are attractive to the flock. They recognize the voice of the caring Shepherd and respond automatically. As Jesus says in the Gospel, “I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full”. With the image of Jesus as the “Good Shepherd” before us, it is an appropriate day to ask the whole church to pray specifically for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated life. We need more people to come forward and offer their lives to Christ so as to ensure that his attractive self-giving life and words continue to echo in our World today. We all need to listen attentively to the call of Christ in our lives, and with prayer and advice try to discern what Christ is asking of us and how we should respond. The witness given by those who consecrated their lives to Christ and those who serve God’s people in Priesthood is so necessary to the well-being of the local Church in the coming years. The shortage of vocations is most acute in the Western World. Unless vocations to the Servite way of life emerge in the coming years then the future of our Parish staffed by Servite Friars is in danger. The need for “fresh blood” is urgent. As a local church we all need to create a climate of prayer and service that will foster vocations amongst us. “Lord, bless our Church and our Servite Order with good shepherds who will protect the flock, search for the lost, and feed your flock with your words of Life”. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council reminded us all that the duty of fostering vocations pertains to the whole Christian Community, which should exercise it above all by a fully “Christian Life” (Op.Tot.2) The Good Shepherd calls us to this challenge on Vocations Sunday. What is Christ calling you to do? “Here I am Lord, send me”.

**Priest Training Fund** – This weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training fund will take place this weekend. The Fund helps pay for training seminarians (there are currently 39 in Westminster Archdiocese), further studies of our priests for specialized ministries, and for ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the Church. Please pray for vocations; please take home a prayer card for vocations and pray it daily. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Pray also for Vocations to the Servite Order.

**Baptism Preparation Course:** For Parents is on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> & Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May in the Founders Room at 7.30pm. Parents must attend both sessions. Please get a registration form from the Parish Office.

**St. Thomas More Language College** – in Chelsea is looking for Parent and Foundation Governors to further develop this Outstanding comprehensive Catholic Secondary School. If you would be interested to know more about the College and the role of the Governors in shaping our future, please contact: The Clerk to the Governors at St Thomas More Language College, Cadogan Street, Chelsea, London SW3 2QS or email: [info@stm.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:info@stm.rbkc.sch.uk)

**Admitted to Hospital** – If you or a family member is admitted to hospital for medical treatment, do indicate on entering hospital that you or your relative would like the R.C. Chaplain to visit so your details may be passed on to the duty Chaplain so that a visit can be arranged.

**Parish Council Meeting Cancelled** – Owing to circumstances beyond our control, the Parish Council meeting scheduled for Tues’ 9<sup>th</sup> May is cancelled until Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm in the Small Hall – Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## **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  
9.30 am (Procession)  
(Spanish) 11.15 am  
12.15 pm  
7 pm  
Mon – Thur +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**

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – St Nereus, St Achilleus & St Pancras  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Fatima

**Toddler Group:** Meeting on Tues Morning @ 9.30am. All are Welcome!