



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**Palm/Passion Sunday (Year C) 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

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**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'.

**Reconciliation Service** - On Ash Wednesday we had our foreheads marked with ashes in the sign of the Cross and we set out on a journey of conversion and repentance. We promised to die to sin and to experience God's loving forgiveness. We celebrate God's mercy in our Reconciliation Service with individual Absolution on **tomorrow, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**. Sinners are most welcome, saints are excused!

**Chrism Mass (Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April):** The Mass will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral at 12 Noon. All Welcome!

**Maundy Thursday** - This is the entrance into the sacred Triduum. 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 of the Way of the Cross. The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will take us to the Cross of Christ. The love revealed is stronger than human sin and death. **This is at 3pm**. 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 and continued on Easter Day. You just can't miss any part of this story! A number of adults will be baptised and others received into the church at our Easter Vigil.

### **Mass Times**

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

10am

(Spanish) 11.15am

12.15pm

7pm

Mon - Sat 10am

6.30pm

### **Parish Office Opening Hrs**

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

#### Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 - 6.30pm

Saturday 10.45 - 11.15am

6.00 - 6.30pm

#### Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Mon-Fri 10.30am - 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.

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### Saints Days

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> - Maundy

Thursday

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> - Holy Saturday

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**RCIA:** The Elect & Candidates will have a rehearsal for the Sacraments on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Please continue to pray for them.

*The Servite Community wish you all  
A Happy, Peaceful & Joyful Easter, especially  
Those who will be away for Easter*