



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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3rd Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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Sunday Reflection: *"You are witness to this"* – The disciples needed a lot of encouragement and guidance in order to make sense of the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Gradually they come to clarity and understanding. Patiently Jesus leads them to that understanding. As the Risen Christ tries to uncover the meaning of what is happening, he shows them 'his hands and his feet'. They can recognize the scars of love which will help them identify Him as the one humiliated, tortured and crucified. The wounded hands connect them to the generous self-giving life and caring service. The person present is the one sacrificed and crucified. He also says to them 'Have you anything here to eat?' That too would connect them with Jesus of the past. They would remember the many meals where they were made welcome. The 'breaking of the bread' symbolized for them the sharing of life, the companionship and communion. Jesus leads them to fresh understanding by inviting them to touch his scarred hands and share a meal with him. In this way the Risen Christ draws the disciples out of confusion and disbelief into belief. The Risen Christ takes them from mystery into revelation and understanding. In the light of the new understanding they can become witnesses to the Resurrection of Jesus. It has all come together for Peter, who preaches such a confident sermon to the Israelite people (cf 1st Reading). The preaching and teaching of the Church today is based on the experience and message of those first disciples. This is the Good news passed from generation to generation., It stays alive by giving it away. May we be the best of witnesses.

School Re-opens – On Monday 16th April after the Easter holidays. We welcome back all Children, Teachers and Staff. We hope all return refreshed, rested and ready for another term of work. May the Joy of the Easter season sustain us in the weeks ahead.

Toddler Group – Returns on Tuesday 17th April. All are Welcome.

Confirmation – Next Session will be on Sunday 19th April 2018.

First Holy Communion – Next Session 13th will be on Sunday 22nd April 2018.

Gift Aid/Planned Giving – Offertory Envelopes for the new year are available for collection from the Parish Office. Gift Aid Envelopes are only for use of Parishioners who are Income Tax Payers.

Organ Recitals – We are holding a series of Organ Recitals here in our Church over the next few months to raise funds for the upkeep of our Church Organ which is 50years this year. The 2nd Recital will be held on Thursday 17th May. Hosted by Cathy Ennis, St Lawrence Jewry: in Memory of Sheila Lawrence. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection for the Restoration of the Organ.

March for life UK – Will take place on Sat 5th May in central London 9.30 – 1pm LifeFest in Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden. 1.30pm procession/march. 2.30 – 4pm Rally in Parliament Square with speeches. Please make every effort to attend this event. A full itinerary is available at marchforlife.co.uk

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 19th – St Alphege

Sat 21st – St Anselm

Recently Died:

Gwendolen Mallal. May she Rest in Peace.

Requiem Mass: of

Angela Coyle will be held on Tuesday 17th April at 12noon.

Requiem Mass: of

Edward Francis Sheehan will be held on Thursday 19th April at 10am.