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Easter Sunday

(Year A)

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Sunday Reflection: – The Feast of Easter has arrived, the greatest Feast in the Church's Year. We have spent 40 days preparing for it. In our Liturgy we have "fasted" from "Alleluia" and "Gloria". Now that the day of Resurrection has arrived, we cannot contain our joy any longer. We burst forth with a chorus of "Alleluia", even the double "Alleluia"! "Christ is Risen, Exult for Joy". This is a time for giving praise and thanks to God for the wonder and marvel of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He has emerged from the tomb, his victory over violence and death assured. It is God's ultimate endorsement of everything he lived for and taught in this earthly life. In Christ, God reveals his ultimate plan for the entire creation: Transfiguration and Resurrection. We rejoice in a God who confronts death, and who outstares it with the power of His love. Resurrection is God's protest against the finality of death. He refuses to allow death to hold Jesus as the permanent victim of other people's violence. The Father's love for Jesus sweeps death away as he claims his beloved Son again. We now join with God in protesting against all death dealing activities we see in the world around us. The causes for our heartfelt joy are expressed in the "Exultet" song of our Easter Vigil: "Rejoice, this is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave" "The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy" "Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and man reconciled with God!" We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our Song!

Happy Easter – The Servite Friars unite in wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter and thank you all for your support, generosity and great faith which was so powerfully shared this week.

Mass this week – There is only One Mass each day at 10am Monday 17th to Friday 21st April. NB. No 6.30pm Mass.

Easter Offerings – Please return your envelope and offerings today Sunday 16th April. This supports the Servite Friars who minister in the Parish!

Youth Ministry Pilgrimage – This year is to Rome from 16th to 19th June which will be led by Fr. David Reilly. Spaces are limited to join the Youth Ministry Team. Apply now if interested.

Annual Mass in Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony – This Mass will take place on Saturday 3rd June at 3pm in the Cathedral. We remember those couples celebrating significant anniversaries this year as we offer our Congratulations and prayers to these couples. God Bless them with Love and Peace.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Sunday 23rd July to Saturday 29th July. The theme of this year's pilgrimage is "The Lord has done great things for me". Further information can be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Uwalaka, email elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk

CAFOD Thanks – Our Lenten Fast Day this year raised £2,240 for CAFOD's great work. Chris Funnell, Head of Support Donations writes: "Thank you and all Parishioners at Our Lady of Dolours for your support this Lent Fast day. Your generous gift will enable our partners to work with people and communities across the world, wherever the need is greatest". Well done to you all for your great generosity.

"Thy Kingdom Come" – This is a Global Prayer movement, which takes place from Ascension to Pentecost, 25th May – 4th June 2017. It invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started as an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international ecumenical call to prayer. 'To have a week of prayer for Christian mission is just a wonderful thing. Please do join in before Pentecost, this drive to pray together for the gift of God's spirit for our mission. We know how rich Pentecost is in the life of the Church from its very beginning. That richness can be ours too – if we ask God for it.'

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 – Fri 10 am

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.

Easter Collection: The only
collection today is for the support of
the ministry of the Servite friars in
the Parish. Return your Easter
offering in the envelopes or your
Gift Aid envelopes!

Collection: Weekly Offertory
Envelopes are available for collection
from the Parish Office. Gift Aid
Envelopes are only for use of
Parishioners who are Income Tax
Payers.