



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**Easter Sunday**

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**Sunday Reflection** - The greatest and most solemn Feast in the Church's Year has arrived. It is Easter Sunday "Rejoice, Christ is Risen, Alleluia". In our Liturgy during Lent we have 'fasted' from "Alleluias" for 40 days; flowers did not adorn the Altar, and our use of music was modest. Now that the great feast of Easter has arrived, we cannot contain our joy any longer. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We burst forth with a chorus of "Alleluias" "Christ is Risen, Exult for Joy". "Exulted" is the name for the solemn Easter proclamation: "Rejoice, O Earth in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!" Choirs, orchestras, bands, and people cannot restrain their joy. This is the time for giving praise and thanks to God for raising Jesus from the dead. Jesus has emerged victorious from the tomb of death. The Resurrection of Jesus is God's defiant and final answer to a world that hoped death would hold Jesus in its grip forever. In the Resurrection God endorses everything Jesus lived for and taught, every value he treasured, and every word be proclaimed. His whole life is given new significance. In Christ we see God's plan for the whole of creation: Transfiguration and Resurrection. God, the creator of life, would not allow death to have the final word about Jesus. We rejoice because God's love is victorious over death and sin. The Father's love for Jesus sweeps death away as He reclaims his beloved Son. The Resurrection is God's protest against the finality of death. The love of the Father refuses to allow death to hold Jesus as its permanent victim. The Good News and reason for our rejoicing is that the Father's love manifested in Jesus' Resurrection, is extended to all who identify and follow 'The Way' of the beloved Son: "O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth and the divine to the human". We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song!

**Happy Easter** - The Servite Friars and all who share in their community and ministry unite together in wishing everyone a very Happy and Blessed Easter. We want to thank you for all your support, generosity and great faith, which was so beautifully shared this Holy Week.

**Easter Monday & Following:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April is a Public Holiday, so Mass will be at 10am only and the church will close after Mass. From Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April of this Easter Week there is only ONE Mass each day at 10am, No 6.30pm

**St Peregrine Blessing** - The 10am Mass on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April will be the Mass of Easter Wednesday. We shall pray for healing for all who suffer from Cancer and other serious illnesses at that Mass and at the end of Mass we will have the usual veneration and prayers of Blessing with the Relic of St. Peregrine for all who request it. Let us continue to remember with love and faith all our brothers and sisters who need our prayers.

**School Re-Opens** - As most of the Easter holidays were before Easter this year, our Parish School re-opens on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We welcome Teachers, Staff and Pupils back for another term and pray God's Blessing on all our School Community.

### **Mass Times**

Vigil Mass: Sat	6.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
	10am
(Spanish)	11.15am
	12.15pm
	7pm
Mon - Fri	10am (Only)
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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**Easter Offering:** On this  
Easter Sunday there is only  
one collection which is for the  
support of the Servite Friars  
who minister in the parish  
and local hospital. You may  
use the Easter offering  
envelopes provided for this  
collection. Thank you for your  
support.