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2nd Sunday of Easter

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Sunday Reflection: – “*He is Risen Alleluia!*” – We spent six and a half weeks of Lent preparing for the feast of Easter. We have now celebrated the feast of Christ’s Resurrection with rejoicing, music, ‘Alleluias’, and due solemnity and some feasting. It all doesn’t end with the Bank Holiday weekend! This week we have the Octave of Easter and we should note that the Easter season continues for fifty days to the feast of Pentecost. Life is not all sackcloth and ashes! The Liturgies of these Easter Sundays are rich in spirituality, and provide us with opportunities for deeper reflective prayer and study on the reality of the Resurrection and its significance for each of us. The Risen Christ brings a new light and dimension to life, so we allow the light of the Resurrection permeate our Christian living. The liturgy for this Sunday focuses on ‘the whole group of believers’. We meet a group gathered behind locked doors, bound by fear. Jesus appears amongst them and greets them with His gift of ‘Peace’ and dispels their anxiety by showing them his hands and his side’. With His gift of ‘Peace’ he breathed on them the Holy Spirit, and empowered them for their mission. One of their number, Thomas, is missing. On his return, he refuses to believe what they told him. He wants to be honest with himself. Thomas has to deal with doubt and at the same time his desire to belong to the company of believers. Thomas has an inner conflict to resolve. Jesus respects Thomas’ personal predicament, and returns eight days later when Thomas is present. Jesus ministers directly to Thomas’ doubt, and with the help of the Holy Spirit enable him to make his act of faith: “My Lord and my God”. Faith is both personal and communal. Our personal act of faith is so often nourished and sustained by the faith of the larger community. The Holy Spirit is God’s gift to the community of believers, and opening up to the spirit enables us to make that personal act of faith ‘My Lord and my God’. In the grace of the spirit we can proclaim together ‘Jesus is Lord’.

Easter Gratitude – The Servite Friars wish to thank you most sincerely for your very generous Easter offerings last Sunday. Thank you too for your cards, gifts and good wishes to the community. Be assured of our prayers.

St Peregrine Mass of Healing – The healing Mass of St Peregrine is on next Wed 26th April at 6.30pm. Come along to pray for all who are ill, especially those suffering from Cancer.

Masses – Return to normal this week with week day Masses at 10am and 6.30pm.

Servite School – Reopens on Monday 24th April!

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.

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.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 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.

Saints Days

Mon 24th – St George

Tues 25th – St Mark

Tues 28th – Sts Peter Chanel &

Louis M. Grignon de Monfort

Sat 29th – St Catherine of Siena

Toddler Group: Will return on Tuesday 25th April. All are Welcome!