



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Sunday Reflection:** – The Journey to Emmaus - This is Sunday we have one of the most beautiful and familiar stories in the Gospel. It tells of how the Risen Jesus joined two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. He allows them to tell their story of disappointment and frustration. He opens the Scriptures to them as he listens, stays with them and eventually revealed himself in the breaking of the bread. A 'Liturgy of the Word' is followed by a 'Liturgy of the Eucharist'. Note too, the Eucharistic language in the story: Jesus took the bread, blessed, broke, gave it to them. As the disciples come to an awareness of Jesus as Lord, their past is changed profoundly. In the light of his presence they can reinterpret their painful past. He is the Risen Jesus who gives himself away by giving himself away to them. In his presence their hearts burn within them, and they can see with their eyes. The light of Easter Sunday shines back into the darkness of Good Friday, and everything, including the future looks so different and hopeful. The past always looks different when seen in the light of the great truth that "Jesus is Risen" and is Lord. When we gather each Sunday we are invited to tell our stories to the same Lord, to listen to him as he speaks his Word, and to recognize him in the breaking of bread. Our past is seen in a new light and our future can be filled with hope. Alleluia!

**Priest Training Fund** – Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training fund will take place next weekend. The Fund helps pay for training seminarians (there are currently 39 in Westminster Archdiocese), further studies of our priests for specialized ministries, and for ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the Church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please pray for vocations; please take home a prayer card for vocations and pray it daily. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Pray also for Vocations to the Servite Order.

**Public Holiday** – Tomorrow Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May is a Bank and Public Holiday – the traditional May Day, so we pray for all who work and those who have no work, turning to St. Joseph the Worker for the help and intercession. The Mass tomorrow for the Public Holiday is at 10am. There is No 6.30pm Mass. Enjoy the holiday!

**Baptism Preparation Course:** For Parents is on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> & Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May in the Founders Room at 7.30pm. Parents must attend both sessions. Please get a registration form from the Parish Office.

**St. Thomas More Language College** – in Chelsea is looking for Parent and Foundation Governors to further develop this Outstanding comprehensive Catholic Secondary School. If you would be interested to know more about the College and the role of the Governors in shaping our future, please contact: The Clerk to the Governors at St Thomas More Language College, Cadogan Street, Chelsea, London SW3 2QS or email: [info@stm.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:info@stm.rbkc.sch.uk)

**Easter Thanks** – The Parish Priest and Community of Servite Friars wish to thank you all most sincerely for your generous Easter offerings. The total thus far collected is £3,694 as ever we are grateful for your support and generosity. Thank you too for your cards, gifts and good wishes to the Community over the Easter period. Be assured of our prayers and gratitude. Thank you too for your presence and participation in the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, which was most encouraging.

**Admitted to Hospital** – If you or a family member is admitted to hospital for medical treatment, do indicate on entering hospital that you or your relative would like the R.C. Chaplain to visit so your details may be passed on to the duty Chaplain so that a visit can be arranged.

## **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

10 am

(Spanish) 11.15 am

12.15 pm

7 pm

Mon - Sat 10 am

6.30pm

## **Sacrament of Confession**

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30 pm

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am

6.00 – 6.30 pm

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Mon – Fri 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 1<sup>st</sup> – St Joseph the Worker

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Athanasius

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sts Philip & James

Thu 4<sup>th</sup> – St Peregrine of Flori

The English Martyrs

**Thank You:** To all who helped make the Holy Week & Easter Services so beautiful. Special thanks to the Servers, Musicians and Sacristans. Big thanks also to the cleaners, those who did the flowers and those who helped in any way.