



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 15th January 2012**

## **Sunday Reflection “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening”** - In

our first reading today, we find Samuel, somewhat confused and preoccupied as he sleeps and dreams and snatches a little prayer. Like the rest of us in life, he is distracted and preoccupied. It takes a while to hear the call of God in life and to realize that it is God who is calling. His director Eli told him to reply, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening”. We all need to cultivate a listening attitude of heart if we are to be in tune with the call of God in our daily lives. What a lovely way to open and close each day, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening”. Alertness to the Word of God makes us ready for discipleship. In John’s Gospel today, we are told about the call of the first disciples of Jesus. John the Baptist performs the introductions – “Behold the Lamb of God”, he says to these two individuals as Jesus passes by. Curiosity awakened, they followed Jesus. He turns and asks the fundamental question of life – “What do you want?” Can you answer that question? What are you looking for in life? They respond with another question – “where do you live”? He responded, “Come and see”. Obviously they were captivated by Jesus as a person and by his vision of life. They stayed with him “the rest of that day”. They found him to be friendly, warm and wise with a vision of God’s Kingdom that touched their hearts. One of these is Andrew, who goes to tell his brother, who happens to be Simon. So he introduces his brother to Jesus. Just like Eli the High Priest and John the Baptist, Andrew has the role of introducing others, including his great brother, Simon Peter, to the Lord. So at the beginnings of our Christian faith we see how vital the sense of the community of disciples is to the development and growth of the Church. Our faith is caught more than taught. Christianity is dependent on good carriers! None of us goes to Jesus on our own; access to Jesus Christ is always mediated through others. By the way, who introduced you to Jesus? Have you introduced anyone to Jesus lately?

**Peace Sunday** – Today, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> is Peace Sunday, a day of prayer throughout the Church for World Peace. Pope Benedict has chosen the theme for this day, “Educating Young People in Justice and Peace”. Work for justice and peace is an essential part of our calling as Christians, and “Pax Christi” is a movement that can help you all become involved in this project. As its homily says, “Young people often have great clarity of perception in moral questions, untempered by disappointment, uncomplicated by years of compromise. They can ask the awkward questions, why are people starving in our world? Why are we selling weapons to unjust regimes? Why are people left homeless, jobless and hopeless? We need to listen to them. As we draw out their goodness they may rekindle our own vision and our own thirst for the Kingdom. *Support the work of Pax Christi in today’s second collection.*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012** – Prayer around the Cross in the style of Taizé is taking place at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street on *Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.* Song practice at 6.30 p.m. All welcome!

**Parish Team Meeting** – Will be on *Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.*

**School Family Mass** – Will be on *Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 10 a.m.*

**First Holy Communion Parents’ Meeting** – with Mary Crowley on *Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m.* in the Small Hall. She will speak to us about Eucharist.

**Confirmation** – Parents and children will have their first meeting on *Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.* in the Small Hall. Please note the venue is 262 Fulham Road via the blue door to the Small Hall.

**Justice & Peace** – will meet in the Parlour on *Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.*

**A Day with Mary** - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at Our Lady & Joseph, Balls Pond Road, London N1.

### Mass Times

Vigil Mass Sat 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 8.30 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

(Spanish) 11.15 a.m.

12.15 p.m.

7.00 p.m.

Mon - Sat 10.00 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Mon - Fri 10.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

**Rosary** - Wednesdays 10.30 a.m.  
followed by Tea in the Founders Room.

### **Sacrament of Confession**

Mon - Fri 6.15 - 6.30 p.m.

Saturday 10.45 - 11.15 a.m.  
6 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

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### Saint Days

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>** – St Anthony, Abbot

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>** – St Wulstan, Bishop

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** – St Fabian, Pope &  
Martyr

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** – St Agnes, Virgin

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### **Total Offertory collection** -

Last Sunday was £1,748 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Restoration Trust was £508.

**Second collection today is for PAX CHRISTI.**

Thank you for your generosity.