



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 22nd January 2012**

## 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.

## Saint Days

- **Tues 24<sup>th</sup>** – St Francis de Sales
- **Weds 25<sup>th</sup>** – Conversion of St Paul
- **Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>** – SS Timothy & Titus
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** – St Angela Merici.
- **Sat 28<sup>th</sup>** – St Thomas Aquinas

**Total Offertory collection** - Last Sunday was £1,813 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Pax Christi was £570.

**Second collection today is for the Restoration Trust.**

Thank you for your generosity

**Justice and Peace** - This parish group will meet on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Parlour. All concerned for Justice & Peace are welcome.

**Sunday Reflection “Repent, and believe the Good News”** - In today’s Liturgy, the emphasis is very much on “God’s call”, or the call to conversion, or the call “to change”. The message of Jesus, “Repent, and believe the Good News” echoes the Word of the Lord that inspired the prophet Jonah to go, on the second asking, to preach repentance to the people in Nineveh. He had learned from his first refusal! Now, with God on his side, his preaching is effective, and the people respond with a change of behaviour! Some people can be frightened by the notion of repentance, because they see it as something “negative”, even arousing guilt about past sins. In reality it is a very positive experience. It invites those who listen to a realistic assessment of their lives, acknowledging what has to change if life is to improve. This will involve “leaving the old ways behind”, “leaving the past” or “rejecting past behaviour”. There is implied “a turning around of one’s life, “a change of direction” in life. What is envisaged is “a radical change of heart”. The conversion experience begins with the realization that we are not what we could be. It calls us to put an end to self-deception and confront the painful reality and truth that change brings. But the good news is that it also implies acquiring a new vision, setting out in a new direction, embracing worthwhile goals and living by a new set of values. This is what is implied in the Gospel phrase, “they followed him”. Becoming a disciple of Jesus involves leaving the past behind, and embracing a new way of life. “Repent” and believe are matched by “leave” and “follow” internal change leads to external change. That’s what happened to Andrew and Simon and to James and John. Are you ready for a similar experience?

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012** - The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January. This Week of Prayer should help the different Christian Churches and Denominations grow in understanding and appreciation of one another. “If Christians, despite their division, can grow ever more united in common prayer around Christ, they will grow in the awareness of how little divides them in comparison to what unites them”. (John Paul II, Ut Unum Sint, 21-22) So let us pray: *“Father, your Son prayed on the night before he died that we his disciples might be one as the Father and the Son are one. Today, we pray for the Unity of all Christians. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity that is in accordance with Christ’s will. Amen”.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Meeting** - For parents of the First Communion children on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the Small Hall. Mary Crowley will provide some input on “The Eucharist”. All parents must attend. Child-minding facilities will be provided.

**Confirmation** - Parents and children will have their first meeting on this 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.

**Grateful Thanks** - Because of your generous offerings to the St Anthony shrine, we as a Parish were able to make a substantial donation to “West London Churches Homeless Concern”. Steven Platts has written to say “Many thanks to you and to your congregation for your generosity which is vital for us to continue our work”. We also made a healthy donation to “Providence Row” for their work with Homeless People. Pam Orchard, the Chief Executive writes, “On behalf of everyone here at Providence Row, thank you so much for your very generous Christmas donation... With such incredible support we are able to continue delivering life-changing services to vulnerable people in the East End of London, drawing on our 150 years of experience”. We also made an offering to the Thomas Organization in Blackburn, to assist in the work of rehabilitation of young people. Mary Carley writes, “Your donations will make a great difference to the people using our services”. Well done to you all. Your offerings are put to good use by these Charitable Organizations.

**St Peregrine Mass of Healing** - This Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 p.m.