



## PARISH OF WOOLHAMPTON

Diocese of Portsmouth - West Berks Pastoral Area

*Served by Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey*

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B – 8 JULY 2018**

**This Sunday:** *Welcome to our Mass, especially if you are a visitor or newcomer!*

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 2: 2 - 5

**Psalm Response:** Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

**Second Reading:** **2 Corinthians 12: 7 - 10**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** **Mark 6: 1 - 6**

**Wednesday Mass this week St Bernadette's, Pangbourne - 10am**

*To follow TODAY'S READINGS please take a missal as you enter the church p.616*

Please pray for our sick & housebound, especially Tina Crittendon, Sandra Jones, Julia Harrison, Marie Pierro, Roy Haslem and Charles Blandy. Please also pray for Anne Marshall, who died on 29 June and Paddy Dunne, who died 3 July. Also pray for those with anniversaries at this time. R.I.P.

### WORD OF HOPE

“Sin is when you treat people like things.” We’re seeing the consequences of this everywhere these days: People are being *objectified*.

But the Indian greeting *Namaste* means: *The divinity in me salutes the divinity in you* and here we have an antidote to objectification. Something infinite, immortal, mysterious, loving, and alive abides *in me* and it is from this light that I bow toward that which is infinite, immortal, mysterious, loving, and alive *in you*. ...

Mystics from every tradition testify to the aliveness and sentience of all things, that the natural world is lit up with the flame of divinity. This does and must include us. We’re not taught this. In fact, most of what we’re taught *opposes* this.

So we must choose between a world of subjects and a world of objects. To acknowledge the divinity of another, we must first accept our own, which is not nearly as easy as it sounds...

So many of us carry an unspoken assumption that something is very wrong with us, that we’re damaged, guilty, and unlovable. Stepping into our divinity—acknowledging and accepting our fundamental nobility—is the ultimate challenge. *Namaste* asks something huge of us: If the divinity in me recognizes the divinity in you, how could I abuse, debase, violate, or harass?

St. Gregory of Nyssa offered another beautiful thought: *Sin is a refusal to keep growing*. Growth is painful. Hell and heaven are less post-life destinations than states of consciousness largely visible here and now. A world of objects is a kind of hell. A world of subjects—divine beings honouring the divinity in the other—is surely heaven. May we begin the hard and necessary work of walking there.

(Richard Rohr Meditation: *Walking towards Heaven*)

## THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASS IN AUGUST.

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After the weekend of 29 July, **there are no Bulletins** until 2nd September.

*"At the door of the monastery there should be a sensible old man who knows how to take a message & deliver a reply, and whose age keeps him from roaming about. He will need a room nearby so that visitors will always find someone to receive them."*

**Rule of Benedict Chapter 66, 1-2**

## PRAYER & STUDY GROUPS IN THE PARISH

- **Christian Meditation Group – St Bernadette's, Pangbourne:** every Thursday 8-9pm in the Dorman Rooms. All welcome. Contact Mike Sarson 0118 9623332, [mike@east-west.org.uk](mailto:mike@east-west.org.uk) or [wccm.org/](http://wccm.org/). Children and Families Meditation sessions. Contact [www.eastwestkidsconnect.org.uk](http://www.eastwestkidsconnect.org.uk).
- **Gospel Study Group – Douai Abbey:** every second Tues. of the month at 2.15pm in Conference Room 2 at the Abbey. To understand more about the scriptures, please come along. Contact Ron Laker on [ronkalaker@gmail.com](mailto:ronkalaker@gmail.com) or tel. 01491 671186.
- **House Mass** - If you would like to host a Mass in your house, please invite the priests!

## NOTICES

- **This week - 8 July:** Second collection for **Apostleship of the Sea**.
- **Copies of Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter** regarding the deaths of elderly patients in Gosport Hospital, are at the back of the church. Please take a copy.
- **For Eucharistic Ministers** There will be a morning of prayer & reflection on Saturday 6 October. At St Luke's, Theale. Further details to follow.
- **"What no eye has seen"** - praying with the **Christian Spiritual Masters** - 12 x one-hour sessions at Douai Abbey, October '18 to March '19, led by Fr Peter. More details to follow.
- **Parish Social Project - RTU-India**  
There are still two places available on a small group visit to RTU in November. Contact [g\\_mhodge@hotmail.com](mailto:g_mhodge@hotmail.com).
- **St Bernadette's** Date for your Diary - Saturday July 28th. 'All Churches Together' in Pangbourne & District are having an Ecumenical Walk. More details to follow.
- **St Luke's** Would everyone who took a smartie tube (to fill up with money when the sweets were eaten) after the mass on Easter Sunday at St. Luke's return them to the Parish Office asap.
- **CAFOD SHARE THE JOURNEY** Sunday 22 July. Show solidarity with & raise public awareness of the plight of refugees on the move, forced to flee their homes. Join a walk in Prospect Park, Tilehurst. Just 2 miles or less if you prefer. Meet at 2.30pm, English Martyrs car park. All most welcome.
- **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** now impacts every organisation which holds or process personal data. The Douai Abbey Parishes Trust is now responsible for our Parish and is committed to ensuring high standards of information security, privacy and transparency.
- **West Berkshire Foodbank** We need please: long-life fruit juice, rice pudding, custard, coffee and tinned fruit

### **Safeguarding Training Opportunity : Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

- **Child Protection Training** : 10am - 12.30pm, The Dorman Room, Pangbourne.
- **Vulnerable Adults Training** – 1.30pm - 4pm - The Dorman room.

**Parish Safeguarding Rep Kate Burke**, can be contacted via email or phone: [cburkefailte@hotmail.com](mailto:cburkefailte@hotmail.com) or 0118 984 2166. Those wishing to attend need to register with Kate to book a place, so that a check on numbers attending these sessions can be kept. Light refreshments will be available.

### **NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION**

**Saturday 6 October 2018 at 3pm in Pangbourne**

Our parish welcomes parents presenting a child for Baptism at the next course. Do come even if you are still expecting your child. A second session will be set at the course. Note that our parish expects families for baptism to take regular part in one of our parish Masses from now on. Please speak to the priests and give them address and telephone in writing.

### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

See the information in the churches for preparation starting in September for Confirmation next May. Introductory meeting on 9 July at 7.30pm at Douai Abbey. Please apply asap to Lucy Gallagher, 0118 9624995, email [lucygallagher214@btinternet.com](mailto:lucygallagher214@btinternet.com).

### **OUR PARISH VISION**

- ***Our Catholic parish of Woolhampton, including the churches of Theale & Pangbourne, aims to be a vibrant, welcoming community of the universal Church.***
- ***May we all, believers and doubters, be joyfully alive in the infinite love of God, awake to the call of Jesus Christ, eager to learn how better to follow his way and grow in faith.***
- ***As a local presence we seek to bear Christ's message to all, ready to offer those among us and beyond, support and a share in our own journey of discovery.***

The Parish Pastoral Council has written this *Vision of the Parish* and invites parishioners to reflect on it so that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we may all work towards realising it in concrete ways.

Current PPC: Fr Peter, Sue Edwards (Chair), Kate Burke, Jo Harrison, Minnie Greayer, Claire Hicks.

**To prepare NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Year B: 15th Sunday of Year B, p.630**

**First Reading: Amos 7: 12 - 15**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14**

**Gospel: Mark 6: 7 - 13**

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said

to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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### **Mass Celebrants**

**NEXT WEEK (15 July)**

Saturday	5.30pm Theale	Fr Benjamin	(Fr Benjamin)
Sunday	9am Woolhampton	Fr Oliver	(Fr Finbar)
	9.30am Pangbourne	Fr Benjamin	(Fr Benjamin)
	11am Abbey	Fr Hugh	(Fr Gabriel)

### **MASSES & SERVICES IN THE PARISH**

17.30 Saturday Mass at Theale

9.00 Sunday Mass at St Mary's Woolhampton, at Pangbourne 9.30,

11.00 Sunday Mass at Douai Abbey

Weekdays: Mass at 10.00 on Wednesdays of month:

1<sup>st</sup> at Theale, 2<sup>nd</sup> at Pangbourne, 3<sup>rd</sup> at Theale, 4<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's

Daily at Douai Abbey 7.45am

All are welcome to join the daily Monastic Offices at Douai Abbey:

6.20 Matins, 12.50 Midday, 18.00 Vespers

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*A monk is normally available in the Abbey Church for Confession/Listening  
Weekdays 7am-7.30am & 6.30-7.00pm; - and on request.*

*For Confession in your own church please ask the priests at any time.*

**The Parish Office, Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading RG7 5TQ**

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**WOOLHAMPTON** - St Mary's Church RG7 5TQ

**PANGBOURNE** – St Bernadette's Church RG8 7JL

**THEALE** - St Luke's Church RG7 5AS

Priests: Frs Peter Bowe & Benjamin Standish OSB

Parish Administrator: Doreen Morrissey

Safeguarding: Kate Burke, 0118 984 2166

Parish Council (PPC): Sue Edwards, [susanedwards27@icloud.com](mailto:susanedwards27@icloud.com)

Office open Monday - Friday 9.00 - 1.00

If you would like Fr Peter or Fr Benjamin to call & see you at home, please do tell us.

Further notices and information on the Parish website: [www.douaiparish.org.uk](http://www.douaiparish.org.uk).

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<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/>