



## PARISH OF WOOLHAMPTON

Diocese of Portsmouth - West Berks Pastoral Area

*Served by Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR B – 14 JANUARY 2018**

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

**First Reading:** **1 Samuel 3: 3 - 10, 19**

**Psalm Response:** Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

**Second Reading:** **1 Corinthians 6: 13 - 15, 17 - 20.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** **John 1: 35 - 42**

**Wednesday Mass at St Luke's, Theale - 10am**

*To follow TODAY'S READINGS please take a missal as you enter the church p.585*

Please pray for our sick & housebound and  
for those recently died and for all those with anniversaries at this time. RIP

### WORD OF HOPE

#### *"Are You Jesus?"*

Paul was eager to get to the airport to catch his flight home, he rushed to the cab, calling to get the driver's attention. But as he made his way across the pavement, he inadvertently knocked over a small produce stand. He stopped and turned around and made his way back across the street toward the pavement covered in produce. At that moment, he realized that the woman behind the produce stand was blind. She was just standing there crying softly with tears running down her face.

"It's OK, it's OK," Paul said to her as he got down on his hands and knees and began picking up the fruit and vegetables. There were a hundred people passing in each direction, but nobody else stopped to help. They just scurried off to wherever they were going.

When the fruit was all back up on the stand, Paul began neatly organizing it, setting aside anything that was spoiled. Now he turned to the woman and asked, "Are you OK?" She nodded through her tears. Then, reaching for his wallet, he took out some notes and passed them to the woman, saying, "This money should cover the damages."

With that, Paul turned and began to walk away.

"Sir," the woman called after him. Paul paused and turned around. "Are you Jesus?"

"Oh, no," he replied.

The woman nodded and continued, "I only ask because I prayed for Jesus to help me as I heard my fruit falling all over the pavement."

Paul turned to leave again, only now his eyes began to fill with tears.

*(from "Rediscover" by Matthew Kelly)*

## PRAYER & STUDY GROUPS IN THE PARISH

- **Joining Up the Old Testament** - Texts & Characters of the OT, at Douai Abbey, 2.15pm, 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- **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

- **Second Collection** today for **Pax Christi (Peace Sunday)**. Envelopes at the back of the church.
- **Fr Abbot and the Community** wish to thank you very warmly for the Christmas offering which totalled: **£2,944.51**.
- **Parish Social Project (RTU) Meeting:** 29<sup>th</sup> January at 19:30 at Douai, to plan activities for 2018. Please come along with ideas to make 2018 a great success for fundraising for RTU and the growth of our parish.
- **RTU : Film evening on 10 February with Indian meal & auction of two holiday lets.** Experience the music, drama & beauty of an Oscar-nominated Bollywood film. *Lagaan* is set in the late 1800s & tells the story of the people of a small village staking their future on a game of cricket against their British rulers. Tickets £15 (including Indian meal) available in advance from [g\\_mhodge@hotmail.com](mailto:g_mhodge@hotmail.com) (St Bernadette's), [acurciod@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:acurciod@yahoo.co.uk) (St Luke's), and [pmd.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:pmd.collins@btinternet.com) (St. Mary's /Abbey).
- **Training for Eucharistic Ministers** for both new ministers & for those wishing to renew their understanding of this Ministry. To be given by Fr. Gervase Holdaway, OSB from Douai Abbey and Fr. Bruce Barnes, at St. Francis de Sales, Wash Common, 10am-12noon on Saturdays 17th & 24 February & 3rd March. Please contact Fr Peter initially.
- **West Berkshire Foodbank**  
There are shortages in the warehouse of instant mash and sugar. Your donations gratefully received.

## WOOLHAMPTON PARISH

### NEW YEAR PARTY

*Sunday 21 January*

*At Douai Abbey - 3.30pm*

*To thank all parishioners for their individual contribution to our parish and for their support of one another and of the priests*

PLEASE BRING SOME FOOD IF YOU CAN - DRINKS PROVIDED

***Do come!***

*" Let all the monks be at peace, and first & foremost their must be no word or sign of any grumbling at all."*

**(Rule of Benedict written 500AD, Chapter 34, 6 - 7)**

**To prepare NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Year B: Third Sunday 21 January 2018. p. 588**

**First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

**Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians: 29-31**

***Gentle Reminder!***

**QUIET BEFORE MASS**

Let's remember ours – and others' – need of quiet before Mass so we can each find a peaceful and receptive place in our heart before listening to God's Word and sharing in Christ's sacrifice in the Eucharist.

To speak to someone, please use a low voice out of consideration for those praying.

**Thank You!**

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR B – 14 JANUARY 2018

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### **Mass Celebrants**

**NEXT WEEK (21 Jan. 2018)**

Saturday	5.30pm	Fr Peter	(Fr Peter)
Sunday	9am Woolhampton	Fr Benjamin	(Fr Peter)
	9.30am Pangbourne	Fr Peter	(Fr Benjamin)
	11am Abbey	Fr Benjamin	(Fr Peter)

### **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; Saturdays 12noon-12.30pm  
- and at any time by request.*

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

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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

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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