



PARISH OF WOOLHAMPTON

Diocese of Portsmouth - West Berks Pastoral Area

Served by Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B – 14 OCTOBER 2018

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

First Reading: **Wisdom 7: 7 - 11**

Psalm Response: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Second Reading: **Hebrews 4: 12 - 13**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Gospel: **Mark 10: 17 - 30**

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

To follow TODAY'S READINGS please take a missal as you enter the church p.677

Please pray for our sick & housebound especially Marie Pierro. Please also pray for those recently died, especially Peter Campbell and Julia Harrison whose funeral is on Monday 15 Oct., 12 noon at St Mary's Church. Also pray for those with anniversaries. R.I.P.

WORD OF HOPE

The only way of reforming the Church is to suffer for her. The only way of reforming the visible Church is to suffer for the invisible Church. The only way of reforming the vices of the Church is to lavish on her the example of one's own most heroic virtues.

It's quite possible that St Francis of Assisi was not any less thrown into revolt than Luther by the debauchery and simony of prelates. We can even be sure that his suffering on this account was fiercer, because his nature was very different from that of the monk of Wittenberg. But Francis did not challenge iniquity; he was not tempted to confront it; instead, he threw himself into poverty, immersing himself in it as deeply as possible along with his followers. He found in poverty the very source and wellspring of all absolution and all purity.

However, in order to be better understood by some, what the Church needs is not critics but artists When poetry is in full crisis, the important thing is not to point the finger at bad poets but oneself to write beautiful poems, thus unstopping the sacred springs.

{Georges Bernanos († 1948)}

"The Abbot must exercise the utmost care and concern for wayward monks."

Rule of Benedict Chapter Ch. 27, 1.

Parish Council (PPC)

Sue Edwards (PPC chair). Claire Hicks (St Mary's chair), Jo Harrison (St Luke's chair), Kate Burke, (St Bernadette's chair), Minnie Greayer (St Mary's), with co-opted Paul Dean (St Mary's Tom Gallagher (St Bernadette's), Pdraig O'Hannelly (St Mary's)

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 or wccm.org/. Children and Families Meditation sessions. Contact 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 or tel. 01491 671186.
- **"What no eye has seen"** - praying with the **Christian Spiritual Masters** at Douai Abbey, 2.15pm - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month, October '18 to March '19, contact Fr Peter, 0118 9715371. **Next meeting 16th October.** All welcome.
- **House Mass** - If you would like to host a Mass in your house, please invite the priests!

NOTICES

- **PACT Second Collection.** Prisoners' Sunday is the day we pray for prisoners & their dependents. Envelopes available at back of church.
- **CAFOD Family Fast Day Second Collection** raised £847.05. Many thanks for your generosity.
- **GIFT AID REMINDER** If you have completed a Gift Aid Declaration form the parish will be collecting Gift Aid on your donations whether they are made by Standing Order or by weekly envelopes. However, you must have paid sufficient Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the relevant tax year to at least cover the amount the parish is claiming back. To work out if you've paid enough tax to cover your donations, divide the donation value by four, e.g. if you give £100 in a particular tax year you will need to have paid £25 tax over that period. If you no longer pay sufficient tax then you **MUST** inform the parish office as soon as possible - if not, you may be liable to reimburse the HMRC for any difference. Please note that you must take into account all donations you are making to any other charities who are claiming Gift Aid on your behalf. If you are in any doubt, or for further information, please contact the parish office.
- **West Berkshire Foodbank Urgently require:** Long life fruit juice, Biscuits, Sponge puddings, sugar. Low Stock: Instant mass, Shaving gel, Deodorant, Washing-up liquid.
- **Life to the Full:** Thought-provoking DVDs to help unlock the Bible. Enjoy the company of others from the Pastoral Area. Tuesdays, 7pm at St Francis de Sales, Wash Common, 30th October to 4th December. Booking essential - no charge. Call 01635 33032 or 07969 890870 to reserve place.
- **Parish Office Email Address** Could you please use the following email address when sending any emails to the parish office - [**parish@douaiabbey.org.uk**](mailto:parish@douaiabbey.org.uk).
- **Beenham Wind Orchestra** 'Poppies and Peace' at St Mary's Church, Thatcham on 10 November, 7.30pm Tickets £10 from Orchestra members, Picture iT, Thatcham or 0118 9712575.

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Our Church – Hope for the Future

AN INVITATION TO YOU ALL:

Many Catholics have long felt unwanted & rejected in the Church. Now, in the shocking Church abuse crisis revealed this summer, and sharing the deep hurt of survivors, we are especially angry, dismayed, & shamed over the failure of our Church authority to protect vulnerable people. And so:

We invite you to gather a small group (about 3-6 persons) of Catholics, active or otherwise absent from the church – to meet in the next 4-5 weeks, say in your home over a cup of tea - to share three questions:

1. **Beyond the present anger, disillusion & shame what would I/we wish our local church to do or to be for me/us?**
2. **What vision do I/we have for our church a year hence?**
3. **How might we achieve our vision ... How can our church/parish become a source of hope?**

All are invited to an

Open meeting to hear all points of view on Monday 19 November 7.30pm at Douai Abbey

Please send your responses to Fr Peter at peter@douaiabbey.org.uk or hand in a note before then.

Fr Peter & the Parish Council

To prepare NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Year B: 29th Sunday of Year B, p.680

First Reading: Isaiah 53: 10 - 11

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 14 - 16

Gospel: Mark 19: 35 - 45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for

seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

For commentary and reflection see: www.tarsus.ie

ADORATION + MORNING PRAYER + COFFEE

First Saturdays of month at St Luke's, 7.30 - 9am.

Come when you can

parish@douaiabbey.org.uk - www.douaiparish.org.uk

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Mass Celebrants

NEXT WEEK (21 Oct.)

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

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:

1st at Theale, 2nd at Pangbourne, 3rd at Theale, 4th 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

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

Tel: 0118 971 5350 email: parish@douaiabbey.org.uk

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

Parish Office open Monday - Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm

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.

Bishop Philip invites all the faithful of the diocese to subscribe to his free weekly e-Newsletter.

You can sign up to receive this direct to your inbox each week:

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