



PARISH OF WOOLHAMPTON

Diocese of Portsmouth - Served by the Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

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SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Job 38:1, 8 - 11

Here your proud waves shall break.

Psalm 106 Response

O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

2 Corinthians 5:14 -17

Now the new creation is here.

Mark 4:35 - 41

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 22 June

St Luke's

5.30 pm

(Mass Intention: Vernon Morris, RIP)

Sunday 23 June

St Bernadette's

9.45 am

(Mass Intention: People of the Parish)

Abbey Church

10.30 am

Mon 24 - Sat 29 June

Abbey Church

7.45 am

All are welcome to daily services in Douai Abbey Church:

6.20am Morning Office (Matins & Lauds)

12.45pm Midday Prayer

6.00pm Vespers 8.00pm Compline

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Abbey Church: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 6.30pm -7.00pm
St Luke's: Saturday 4.45pm – 5.15pm
St Bernadette's: Sunday 9.00am – 9.30am

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish:

Monica Adams · Patricia Brennismeyer · Pat Campbell · Mary Cox
Frank Ferris · Kevin McCormack · Fr Boniface Moran · Marigold Norman
Donald and Babs O'Sullivan · Mary Overington

Please pray for those who have died recently, and keep their loved ones in prayer.

ABBOT FINBAR KEALY, OSB

Following the announcement of the death of Fr Finbar Kealy, 9th Abbot of Douai, on 12th June, funeral details have been announced.

Fr Finbar's body will be received into the Abbey Church at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 2nd July. His Requiem Mass, followed by interment in the monastic graveyard, will commence at 11.30am on Wednesday, 3rd July. Please join the monastic community in praying for his eternal rest.

If you intend to come to funeral, please let Fr Oliver know. You can email him at guestmaster@douaiabbey.org.uk. The funeral will be live-streamed and the details for this shall be available shortly.

REFLECTION FOR 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What is the worst storm you have experienced? For some, this might be a difficult question, as we've all faced storms that threatened our stability and security. Some storms are bigger than others, but all of them shape us. Our Gospel reading today reminds us that storms don't worry Jesus. We worry about them, but with Jesus there beside us, maybe we should try to worry less. I know this is easier said than done. The disciples in our reading were very worried amidst the storm, but Jesus wasn't.

Amid our personal storms, our Gospel reading might initially suggest that Jesus is so calm and asleep that he doesn't care or won't act when we are in trouble. We may not even feel his presence, as he is so quiet. Does Jesus even realise what a storm I am in?

What our reading today tells us is that Jesus is as much in control when he is asleep as when he is awake, and that he is always there for us. It is that same peace to which Jesus invites us today, knowing that we are loved by him no matter what we are facing or what surrounds us.

Taken from [Christian Art](#)

BR AIDEN MESSENGER

The Douai Community, family and friends will gather in the Abbey Church as Br Aiden Messenger makes his Solemn Profession on Saturday **22nd June**, the Feast of St Thomas More. Please keep him in your prayers.

GARDENING - CAN YOU HELP?

At this time of year there is plenty to do in the garden, and the grounds of both our parish churches need some care:

St Luke's: Could you lend a hand with some garden work on Saturday **22nd June** anytime between 8am to 12 noon?

St Bernadette's: We will be having a gardening session at St Bernadette's on the evening of Wednesday **3rd July** between 5.30 pm and 8pm. Please join for half an hour (or more!) if you can. Refreshments will be provided.

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING

In the next few weeks there will be Altar Server training sessions for new servers, along with a refresher for existing servers, taking place at both St Luke's and St Bernadette's churches. If your child is interested, please contact Marc on 0775 239 7671.

The latest rota for our Altar Servers at St Luke's Church can be found in the Sacristy.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH TEA & BARBECUE

We are planning a Parish Afternoon Tea with barbecue in the afternoon in aid of CAFOD. There will be plenty to eat, games and a tombola. So, keep the date - Sunday **21st July** - free and more details will be published. Please also think about anything you could donate to the cakes/scones or tombola prizes.

MISSIO NEEDS YOU!

We are still hoping a volunteer will come forward to look after the Missio Red Box members in our parish, ensuring boxes are emptied and organising the distribution of the free quarterly magazine, *Mission Today*. If you are interested, please let the Parish Office know. More information about the work of Missio can be found [here](#).

GREAT CATHEDRAL ANTHEMS

Newbury Choral Society present their summer season concert at the Abbey at 7.30pm on Saturday **29th June**. They will be performing a collection of popular anthems including by Bairstow, Beach, Dove, Elgar, Parry, Wesley and many others. Tickets are £15 adults, £5 under 16's, and can be purchased from [We Got Tickets](#).

CONTEMPLATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Taking place at the Abbey on Saturday **29th June**, the workshop is led by Roddy Maddocks, an oblate of Douai Abbey, and explores theological reflection and 'visio divina' in photos - photography as unrushed contemplation. Bring a digital camera or smartphone if possible.

Starts at 10.30am and ends at 4pm. Cost is £25 on the day (lunch included) or £15 if you bring your own lunch. To enquire or to book your place, please email: guestmaster@douaiabbey.org.uk by Tuesday 25th June.

SOS FROM WEST BERKS FOODBANK

West Berks Foodbank has reported that the shelves at their warehouse are standing empty as the demand for help regularly outstrips the donations received. In the last 5½ weeks £16,000 from their operating stocks has had to be spent to keep shelves stocked.

Last year, WBF supported 14,000 people and the demand this year is growing. This summer, the Hungry Holidays scheme is supporting 1,229 children from 46 schools who need help over the school holidays.

Please consider, if you are able, buying an extra item or two when you do your weekly shop and put it in the Foodbank basket at the supermarket. A list of urgently needed items can be found [here](#).

GENERAL ELECTION 2024

The Bishops Conference of England and Wales have put together information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote in the upcoming General Election. You can find this at www.cbcew.org.uk.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next Baptism Preparation Course will start in October 2024. To register please get in touch with the Parish Office on 0118-971-5350 or send an email to: woolhampton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.