



PARISH OF WOOLHAMPTON

Diocese of Portsmouth - West Berks Pastoral Area

Served by Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B – 7 OCTOBER 2018

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

First Reading: **Genesis 2: 18 - 24**

Psalm Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second Reading: **Hebrews 2: 9 - 11**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel: **Mark 10: 2 - 16**

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

To follow TODAY'S READINGS please take a missal as you enter the church p.673

Please pray for our sick & housebound especially Marie Pierro. Please also pray for those recently died, especially Julia Harrison (St Mary's) who died 27 Sept. funeral to be arranged & Peter Campbell (Pangbourne), funeral 8th October 11.30am at St Bernadette's. Also pray for those with anniversaries. R.I.P.

WORD OF HOPE

What was really meant and actually happened by the coming, the "advent", of the redeemer is best gathered from that completion of his coming which we rather misleadingly call the "second coming". For in reality it is the fulfillment of his *one* coming which is still in progress at the present time. From the picture of the fulfillment we are to gather what in reality is already happening in the depth of our life and our reality, though unobtrusively and quietly and therefore in a way which in our sinful blindness we may overlook. God has started on his way. He is already there, hidden, and the revelation of his being is at hand.

Now when it is manifest that he has come, we shall see him as the Son of Man. As one of us. As one who has lived our life among us, just as it is, short, bitter, mysterious. It is as the Son of Man that God will then question us about our life. In that judgement we shall not be able to say that he, the eternal in his infinite harmony, cannot after all enter into our life with sympathetic understanding of its fragility and unsolved enigmas. He not merely entered into it by sympathetic understanding, he literally lived it. He himself became flesh.

Not the remote God but the Son of Man will be the judgement or the justification of our lives. The man who is God will be our judgement. Because he is man, he knows just how it is with human beings. The face of the Son of Man, in which we shall one day read our judgement, already mysteriously gazes at us from every human face, because all are his brothers and sisters: the pure face of the child, the careworn faces of the poor, the tearstained faces of sinners, even the embittered faces of our so-called opponents and enemies. One day we shall have to "raise our heads" and look into the face of him who comes as Son of Man, for he is after all the God of eternity. And from his countenance all will look at us: all those around us through whom we were good or guilty. A voice will come from that mouth: What you did - or did not do - to the least of my brethren.

(Karl Rahner SJ {† 1984})

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

- **CAFOD Family Fast Day Second Collection** On Friday 5 October CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers & sisters. Fast Day envelopes at the back of the church
- **St Mary's** A fantastic £445.73 was raised at St. Mary's cake sale after mass last week in memory of our dear Julia Harrison for the Duchess of Kent Hospice in Reading. Thank you to all who took part.
- **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.

- **St Bernadette's Harvest Festival** produce sale raised £66 for RTU.

The renewed 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)
Padraig O'Hannelly (St Mary's)

- **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:** A chance to enjoy home-made cake and an engaging, thought-provoking series of DVDs to help you to unlock the Bible whilst enjoying the company of other Catholics from the Pastoral Area (St Joseph's Newbury, Pangbourne,

Thatcham, Theale, Wash Common and St Mary's, Woolhampton).

Tuesdays, 7pm at St Francis de Sales, Wash Common. 30th October to 4th December. Free of charge. No need to attend every session. More details here soon.

- **Parish Office Email Address** Could you please use the following email address

when sending any emails to the parish office - 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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To prepare NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Year B: 28th Sunday of Year B, p.677

First Reading: Wisdom 7: 7 - 11

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-13

Gospel: Mark 10: 17 - 30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the Kingdom of

God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'It is impossible, but not for God' because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

For commentary and reflection see : www.tarsus.ie

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Mass Celebrants

NEXT WEEK (14 Oct.)

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

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/>

"Let us sing the psalms in such a way that our minds are in harmony with our voices."

Rule of Benedict Chapter Ch. 19, 7.