



PARISH OF WOOLHAMPTON

Diocese of Portsmouth - West Berks Pastoral Area

Served by Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR C – 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

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

First Reading: **Wisdom 9: 13 - 18**

Psalm Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Second Reading: **Philemon 9 - 10, 12 - 17**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 14: 25 -33**

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

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Please pray for our sick & housebound especially Ian Brownlie, Sandra Jones, wife of Malcolm (St Mary's). Please pray for those with anniversaries at this time. R.I.P.

WORD OF HOPE

It was at this time that Our Lord showed me spiritually how intimately he loves us.

I saw that he is everything that we know to be good and helpful. In his love he clothes us, enfolds and embraces us; that tender love completely surrounds us, never to leave us. As I saw it he is everything that is good.

And he showed me more, a little thing, the size of a hazelnut, on the palm of my hand, round like a ball. I looked at it thoughtfully and wondered, 'What is this?' And the answer came, 'It is all that is made.' I marveled that it continued to exist and did not suddenly disintegrate; it was so small. And again my mind supplied the answer,

'It exists, both now and for ever, because God loves it.'

In short, everything owes its existence to the love of God.

(Julian of Norwich, (†1416) 'Revelations of Divine Love, Ch. 5)

"Seeking his workmen from a multitude of people, the Lord calls out and lifts his voice again: 'Is there anyone here who yearns for life and desires good days'."

Rule of Benedict, Prologue 14 -15.

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.
- **"What no eye has seen ..."** Christian Spiritual Masters at Douai, 2.15pm. 1st Tuesdays, September to December, contact Fr Peter, 0118 9715371. **Next on 1 October - John Henry Newman.** All welcome.
- **House Mass** - If you would like to host a Mass in your house, please invite the priests!

NOTICES

- **SECOND COLLECTION** today for Catholic Education.

1. Rediscovering Scripture a reading group for Year of the Bible, starting with N.T. Wright's *The New Testament and the People of God*. Thursdays, 11-12.30 at Douai from November. Come when you can.

2. Fr Richard Rohr on the Twelve Steps: Accepting ourselves & others, of benefit to all, with addiction or not. Sundays at 4pm at Douai.
Contact Br Christopher at Douai (0118 9715322)
Christopher@douaiabbey.org.uk).

Baptism Preparation

(Session 1 of 2) is being held at 3pm on Sunday 29 September. Please speak to a priest if you would like to ask for the Sacrament of Baptism.

- **Parish Social Project - RTU September 21st to 26th** . Please sponsor the parish team walking 90 miles of the Camino de Santiago in six days. Forms for sponsorship at each church or on line at www.rtu.org.uk/fundraisers/woolhampton-parish-camino-team.
- **The prolife charity Life** is looking for enthusiastic church/community fundraisers to help increase our life-saving work with vulnerable mothers, to help volunteer fundraisers, manager local events and develop relationships with community groups. We offer a competitive salary for a full or part-time position based at home. Contact: jobs@lifecharity.org.uk.
- **West Berks. Foodbank:** Need pasta sauce, soup, long life fruit juice, tinned meat, washing up liquid, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit & veg, instant mashed potatoes, tinned rice pudding, tinned/carton custard, sugar, long grain rice, coffee, long grain rice.
- **PCT-** Sun 22 September, 2.30- 4.30pm - **'Afternoon Tea'** for over 60's of parish at St. Luke's in Theale. Please give names to your Church Committee members .
- **St Luke's** Many thanks to the holders of Red Boxes at Theale for their collection of £133.97.
- **St Bernadette's** Harvest Festival - 15 September. Please bring produce.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

Monday 9	
Tuesday 10	
Wednesday 11	Mass 10am – St B.
Thursday 12	'Young People & Children First' (New Parish Charity) Meeting, Douai 11am. / Committee meeting St L. 7.30pm
Friday 13	
Saturday 14	
Sunday 15	23 rd of Year.

Douai Abbey is taking part in the **Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning!**
Friday 27 September, 10am - 12noon. Also cakes, traybakes & bread to buy.
Ticket price £5 (cake and tea/coffee) Raffle on the day £1. Lots of prizes!
Come along and enjoy a cuppa, cake & chat. (Friends also welcome).

To prepare **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Year C: 24th Sunday, 15 September p.877**

First Reading: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14 : Second Reading: Timothy 1: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 15: 1 - 32

For commentary and reflection on the Gospel see: www.tarsus.ie

Volunteer Relationship Counsellors Needed

**Are you a Qualified Counsellor with a minimum Level 4 Diploma in Counselling?
Would you like to train in Relationship Counselling
and help Marriage Care reach more couples with our life-changing service?**

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and professional relationship counselling for couples across England and Wales. Our local centre is recruiting qualified counsellors to train in our Certificate in Relationship Counselling and provide just 2 sessions of counselling per week. We are also recruiting qualified relationship counsellors who already hold a certification in couples counselling. If you are interested in further developing your skills in this truly rewarding role and becoming part of a friendly local team making a real difference in your community please enquire. *(CRC Training costs are in the region of £1800).*

Visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

We aim to be an inclusive church, welcoming all who seek God through Jesus Christ.

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Mass Celebrants

NEXT WEEK (15 Sept)

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

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

ADORATION: 1st Saturday of the month, at St Luke's, Theale, 7.30 - 9am

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

6.20 Matins, 12.50 Midday, 18.00 Vespers

Confession or listening

*A monk is normally available in **the Abbey Church** Weekdays 7am-7.30am & 6.30-7pm;
at St Luke's: first Saturday of month 9.30am, and **at Douai** anytime by request.*

Also in your own church anytime if you please ask the priest.

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Tel: 0118 9715 350 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/>

Live streaming of Sunday Masses etc at 10am & 12noon from Dublin.

To be found on: www.ballalyparish.ie/ballaly-goes-live!

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