



PARISH OF WOOLHAMPTON

Diocese of Portsmouth - West Berks Pastoral Area

Served by Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C – 9 JUNE 2019

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

First Reading: **Acts 2: 1 - 11**

Psalm Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: **Romans 8: 8 - 17**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: **John 14: 15 - 16, 23 - 26**

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.776

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

WORD OF HOPE

The entire life of a good Christian is a holy longing. You cannot at present see what you long for, but desire creates in you a capacity which will be filled when what you long to see has come. So then, my brothers and sisters, let us long, because we are meant to be filled.

See how Paul stretches forward, so that he will be able to take hold of the prize that is to come. He says: *Not that I have already achieved it or am already perfect. I do not reckon I have already attained my goal.*

What are you doing in this life then, I ask, if you have not yet attained it?

One thing only: I forget what is behind me and, stretching forward to what lies ahead, I press on with all my might toward the prize of our heavenly calling.

Paul described himself as stretching out and pressing forward with all his might, for he felt himself too small to take in *what eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor he human heart conceived*. Such is our life, to exert ourselves in longing; and the more we detach our longing from the love of this world, the more we shall be occupied by holy desires. Let us then stretch ourselves out toward Christ, so that when he comes he may satisfy our longing. *We shall then be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*

(St Augustine †430)

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"** - praying with the **Christian Spiritual Masters** at Douai Abbey, 2.15pm, 1st Tuesday of the Month, September to December '19, contact Fr Peter, 0118 9715371. Hope to recommence 3rd September. All welcome.
- **House Mass** - If you would like to host a Mass in your house, please invite the priests!

Our great thanks to the Woolhampton parish for its generous offer to help the Community to cover the costs of the major repair work to the abbey church windows which has just begun. The storm damage was entirely unexpected and without the valuable help offered by the abbey's parishioners we would have had to struggle to meet the cost of the repairs. The parish has agreed to contribute £10,000 to help the Community to cover necessary costs and I would like to thank you all on behalf of the Community for this valuable gift which will help us to have the repairs completed by June.

Abbot Geoffrey Scott

NOTICES

- **Second Collection** raised £212.32 for World Communications. Many thanks.
- **Baptism Preparation** If you would like to prepare for Baptism for your child please speak to one of the Priests.
- **Life to the Full:** thought-provoking DVDs to unlock the Bible - St Joseph's, Newbury RG14 1JP. 7.30pm on five Mondays (29 April - 10 June, not Bank Holidays). Info: 01635 33023.
- **CAFOD Golf Day on 12 July**, organised by The Catenians on Friday 12 July at Weybrook Gold Club, Basingstoke, followed by dinner for golfers & non-golfing partners. For further information contact Pat Murphy on pfm190654@outlook.com.
- **West Berkshire Foodbank** is experiencing unprecedented calls on our services & stocks of food & toiletry items are being depleted. The Warehouse particularly need the

following items: *Tinned tomatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Veg, Toilet Rolls, Coffee and Instant Mash.* Also the Warehouse Team needs some occasional "holiday cover" drivers on weekdays (daytime) for food collections and Foodbank Centres deliveries particularly over the summer months. Training and Mini-Van provided! Drivers must be of age 30 years plus. If you're able to assist then please get in touch with us at warehouse@westberks.foodbank.org.uk. Thank you.

- **Significant Wedding Anniversaries** Bishop Philip invites you to a Mass of Celebration, at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, Sat 6 July, 11am. Invitations have been sent out to all who registered. If you have registered & not received an invitation, please contact the Parish Office who will forward details to the Diocese.

A NEW PARISH CHARITY FOR 2020

The final choice will be announced in early summer.

To prepare NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Year C: Holy Trinity Sunday, 16 June p.782

First Reading: Proverbs 8: 22-31

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-5

Gospel: John 16: 12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt;

and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

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

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

"Illness is the enemy of the soul. Therefore the brothers should have specific periods for manual labour as well as for prayerful reading."

Rule of Benedict Ch. 48, v 1

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Mass Celebrants

NEXT WEEK (16 June)

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 Abbot	

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.

The Parish Office, Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading RG7 5TQ

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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