



PARISH OF WOOLHAMPTON

Diocese of Portsmouth - West Berks Pastoral Area

Served by Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR B – 11 NOVEMBER 2018

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

First Reading: **1 Kings 17: 10 - 16**

Psalm Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: **Hebrews 9: 24 - 28**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: **Mark 12: 38 - 44**

BLESSING OF GRAVES AFTER MASS TODAY

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

To follow TODAY'S READINGS please take a missal as you enter the church p.690

Please pray for our sick & housebound especially Joe, and Sandra Jones, wife of Malcolm (St Mary's). Also pray for those recently died and for those with anniversaries. R.I.P.

WORD OF HOPE

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord hear my voice.

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness,
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on God's word.

My soul is longing for the Lord.
more than watchman for daybreak.

From the morning watch even until night,
Let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy;
and fullness of redemption.

Israel indeed God will redeem
from all its iniquity.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

(Traditional Prayer for our Loved Ones Departed) *Psalm 129*

All are invited to send a short passage for the Word of Hope to Fr Peter or the Office.

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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), Paul Dean (St Mary's Tom Gallagher (St Bernadette's), Padraig 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 4 December.** All welcome.
- **House Mass** - If you would like to host a Mass in your house, please invite the priests!

NOTICES

- **GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** on behalf of our Parish Charity RTU. 1st prize £250 cash plus many more prizes. Tickets available now, raffle draw 15th Dec.
- **RED WEDNESDAY – 28th NOVEMBER.** Show support for persecuted Christians in the world. Mass 10 am, Wednesday 28th at St. Bernadette's, wear something red, enjoy coffee & 'red cakes' after. Second collection for 'Aid to the Church in Need', Sunday 25th November. Gift aid envelopes at the back of church.
- **PARISH ADVENT SERVICE –** Sunday 2nd December, 4pm, Douai Abbey Church. Come & sing with the Parish choir & help make the service a joyous occasion. Practice 8pm Thursday 29th November at St. Bernadette's and 3pm on 2nd December in the Abbey.
- **Red Missio Boxes** for St Mary's & the Abbey. Can you please hand these in as soon as possible.
- **Invitation to Thanksgiving Mass** for the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero, to be held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, Saturday 24 November, 2pm celebrated by Bishop Egan.
- **Life to the Full:** Thought-provoking DVDs to help unlock the Bible. Tuesdays, 7pm 30th October to 4th December at St Francis de Sales, Wash Common -. Booking essential - no charge. Call 01635 33032 or 07969 890870.
- **Organ Recital by** Harry Russell at St. Oswald's, Sunday 18 Nov, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Recital of liturgical music by Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn's VI Organ Sonata & Vierne. Refreshments & collection for a Malawi charity.
- **A fine Exhibition** of the life & work of **Cardinal Manning (1808-1892)** is in the Abbey Church till the end of November. Worth a visit do call in - daily till 8pm.
- **Aldermaston York Nativity Play :** Thursday 6 & Friday 7 December - 8pm; Sat. 8 & Sun. 9 Dec. 7pm. Free tickets: Rachel Mills, The Pottery, The Street, Aldermaston, RG7 4LW or email: tickets@aldermastonnativity.co.uk.

Our Parish Charity

How can YOU help raise funds in the coming year for 'Reaching the Unreached'?

1. Alongside our successful Indian-themed social evenings, we want to celebrate all the cultures we represent as a parish. Can you contribute to a multi-cultural event by cooking, dancing or music, e.g. Polish, Irish, Spanish, Philippine, Chinese, etc? All ideas are welcome.
2. Holiday home? Please consider donating a week in your holiday home for auction at one of our social events.
3. Now is the time to consider sponsoring a child at RTU.

For enquiries & offers, please speak to your church committee members or call 01189 713189, leaving your name, number and a brief message.

Our Church – Hope for the Future

We invite you to gather a small group (about 3-6 persons) to meet - 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 parish become a source of hope?

All are invited to an

OPEN MEETING

Monday 19 November 7.30pm, Douai Abbey

Please send your responses to Fr Peter (peter@douaiabbey.org.uk)
by Wednesday 14 November or hand in a note.

Fr Peter & the Parish Council

To prepare NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Year B: 33rd Sunday of Year B, p.693

First Reading: Daniel 12: 1-13

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and Glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable; as soon as its

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14; 18

twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening; know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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

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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR B – 11 NOVEMBER 2018

Mass Celebrants

NEXT WEEK (18 Nov.)

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 Alban	(Fr Gabriel)

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 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/>

*"Having climbed all these 12 steps of humility, a monk will quickly arrive at the perfect
love of God. " Rule of Benedict : Ch. 7, 62*