



PARISH OF WOOLHAMPTON

Diocese of Portsmouth - West Berks Pastoral Area

Served by Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C – 6 JANUARY 2019

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

First Reading: **Isaiah 40: 1 - 5, 9 - 11**

Psalm Response: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Second Reading: **Titus 2: 11 - 14; 3: 4 - 7**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Gospel: **Luke 3: 15 - 16, 21 – 22**

Mass at St.Luke's next Wednesday, 16th January, at 10am

*To follow **TODAY'S READINGS** please take a **missal as you enter the church** p.722*

Please pray for our sick & housebound especially Joe, and Sandra Jones, wife of Malcolm (St Mary's). Please pray for those recently died especially Vernon, husband of Monica Morris (St Luke's) and Roy Fisher, husband of Christine (St Luke's). Also please pray for those with anniversaries at this time. R.I.P.

WORD OF HOPE

Prayer for Old Age

When the signs of age begin to mark my body,
And still more when they touch my mind;

When the ill that is to diminish me or to carry me off
Strikes from without or is born within me;

When the painful moment comes in which I suddenly awaken
To the fact that I am ill or growing old;

And above all, at the last moment

When I feel I am losing hold of myself and am absolutely passive
Within the hands of the great unknown forces that have formed me;

IN ALL THOSE DARK MOMENT, O GOD,
Grant that I may understand that it is You
(provided that my faith is strong enough)
Who are painfully parting the fibres of my being,
In order to penetrate to the very marrow of my sustance
AND BEAR ME AWAY WITHIN YOURSELF.

(Anon)

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 Tuesday of the Month, October '18 to June '19, contact Fr Peter, 0118 9715371. **Next meeting 5 February 2019.** All welcome.
- **House Mass** - If you would like to host a Mass in your house, please invite the priests!

**The Community would like to thank you all most warmly for
the Christmas offering, which totalled in the whole parish just over £2,000.00.**

NOTICES

- **ST. BERNADETTE'S AND ST. LUKE'S**
many thanks to all the generous parishioners who contributed to the Giving Trees. We were able to make up nearly 30 parcels and deliver them to the Drop-in Centre (CIRDIC) in Reading before Christmas. They were much appreciated by the homeless people who use the Centre.
 - Invitation to a **CAFOD meeting** on Monday 18th February, 7:15 to 9pm Christ the King Church, 408 Northumberland Avenue Reading RG2 8NR. Sally Kitchener CAFOD's will be talking about her recent visit to see CAFOD's projects in Bangladesh and there will an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent fast day on 15th March. Also on Tuesday 5th March
- from 7:15 to 9pm, St Joseph's Church, London Road, Newbury RG14 1JP. Kezia Harrow our Step into the Gap Volunteer will talk about her recent trip to visit CAFOD's projects in the Holy Land. All welcome so please book your place by emailing portsmouth@caofd.org.uk or call 01252 329385
- **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** 15th - 22nd May 2019. Cost: £1360pp. Flights from Heathrow. Deposit £250pp. Led by Canons John O'Shea & Michael Dennehy. Contact St James on 0118 9574171 email stjames@stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT – DON'T DELAY

The brothers should serve one another & so no one should be excused kitchen service unless he is sick or engaged in important business.

Rule of Benedict : Ch. 35, 1

Due to storm damage, Douai Abbey Church will be closed to the public until at least mid-February. Further information to follow.

OUR PARISH VISION

- ***Our Catholic parish of Woolhampton, including the churches of Theale & Pangbourne, aims to be a vibrant, welcoming community of the universal Church.***
- ***May we all, believers and doubters, be joyfully alive in the infinite love of God, awake to the call of Jesus Christ, eager to learn how better to follow his way and grow in faith.***
- ***As a local presence we seek to bear Christ's message to all, ready to offer those among us and beyond, support and a share in our own journey of discovery.***

The Parish Pastoral Council has written this *Vision of the Parish* and invites parishioners to reflect on it so that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we may all work towards realising it in concrete ways.

PARISH PARTY

At Douai Abbey - Sunday 27 January, 3.30pm

Please bring something to share

All are very welcome

please come along especially if you do not know many people!

To prepare NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Year C: 2nd Sunday, 20 January, p794

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1 - 11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill The jars with water,' and they filled them

to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them' and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C – 13 JANUARY 2019

Mass Celebrants

NEXT WEEK (13 Jan.)

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 Gabriel	(Fr Peter)

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/>