



PARISH OF WOOLHAMPTON

Diocese of Portsmouth - West Berks Pastoral Area

Served by Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey

PALM SUNDAY YEAR C – 14 April 2019

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

First Reading: **Isaiah 50: 4 - 7**

Psalm Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: **Philippians 2: 6 - 11**

Gospel Acclamation: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel: **John 8: 1 - 11**

No Wednesday Mass this week

To follow TODAY'S READINGS please take a missal as you enter the church p.209

Please pray for our sick & housebound especially Ian Brownlie (St Mary's), Sandra Jones, wife of Malcolm (St Mary's) and Anne Primavesi. Please pray for Andrew Colquhoun who died recently.

Also please pray for those with anniversaries at this time. R.I.P.

WORD OF HOPE

O sacred head illused,
By reed and bramble scarred,
That idle blows have bruised,
And mocking lips have marred,
How dimmed that eye so tender,
How wan those cheeks appear
How overcast the splendour
That angel hosts revere!

Thy face is drawn with anguish
That once did love display.
In death's grip thou dost languish,
Thy strength is drained away.
O thou who bore this burden,
Who felt this bitter pain,
It was for sinners' pardon
Which thou alone couldst gain.

In this thy sacred passion
O that some share had I!
O may thy cross's fashion
O'erlook me when I die!
For these dear pains that rack thee
A sinner's thanks receive;
O, lest in death I lack thee,
A sinner's care relieve.

Since death must be my ending,
In that dread hour of need,
My friendless cause befriending,
Lord, to my rescue speed:
Thyself, dear Jesus, trace me
That passage to the grave,
And from thy cross embrace me
With arms outstretched to save.

(13th Century)

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

In his teaching the abbot must always vary his approach according to circumstances, threatening and coaxing by turns, stern and devoted and tender as any father can be.

(Rule of Benedict: Ch.2, 23-24)

Due to storm damage, Douai Abbey Church will be closed to the public until repairs are completed.

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 7 May 2019.** All welcome.
- **House Mass** - If you would like to host a Mass in your house, please invite the priests!

HOLY WEEK

18 April	Maundy Thursday:	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER & WATCHING <i>St Luke's, Theale 7.30pm & Douai St Mary's 8pm</i>
19 April	Good Friday:	THE PASSION OF THE LORD Children's Way of the Cross: <i>St Bernadette's, Pangbourne 10am</i> Walk of Witness: <i>St Luke's, Theale 12 noon (start at Holy Trinity church)</i> Solemn Liturgy: <i>Douai St Mary's - St Bernadette's - St Luke's - all at 3pm</i>
20 April	Holy Saturday	EASTER VIGIL & MASS OF RESURRECTION <i>St Bernadette's, Pangbourne 8.30pm & Douai St Mary's 9pm</i>
21 April	EASTER SUNDAY	<i>Masses at St Mary's 9am, St Bernadette's 10.30am, St Luke's, Theale 11am & Douai St Mary's 11am.</i>

NOTICES

- **Gift Aid** If you have registered with the parish for Gift Aid on your donations, but no longer pay sufficient tax to cover the amount reclaimed by the parish (and any other charities you may be supporting), you must advise us accordingly. If not, you are liable to reimburse HMRC for any difference.
- **March for Life UK in London.** Sat 11th May. Help create awareness of the hurt & damage abortion causes and promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30am - 1.30pm, booking required. March starts 2pm (no booking required). Info marchforlife.co.uk or call 07773501721/ 07885505116 .
- **Come to help make the Easter Vigil a wonderful celebration of Christ's resurrection by augmenting the choir:** practice Tues 16th, 8pm St Bernadette's
- **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

Preparation for FIRST COMMUNION
in 2020 will start this coming June.
Please apply to Fr Peter by 31st May
at the latest.

- **Baptism Preparation** If you would like to prepare for Baptism for your child please speak to one of the Priests.

Week of Accompanied Prayer

19 - 25 May

Experienced prayer "companions" will come to help anyone desiring it to meet daily for a personal session to develop prayer & spiritual life.

Introductory Meeting -

Monday 29 April 7.30pm at Douai

Please contact Fr Peter 011875371

Lent Groups

Fr Peter will be glad to have feedback

Tuesday 16 April at St Luke's 7pm

A short concluding service for the groups

All welcome!

CHOOSING A NEW PARISH CHARITY FOR 2020

Running now for over 2 years, there has been great success in raising funds for RTU India.

Now we have to decide which shall be our **Parish Charity from January 2020**.

The PPC invites everyone to nominate a cause we can support.

Nominations to be received in May: each church will vote, the top two from each will come before the PPC for final selection. Church Committees will be in charge of the voting.

Please consider also smaller Charities - where our money has greater impact.

The PPC hopes that all will participate in this very important part of our outreach programme.

You will also have the opportunity to vote on the duration of our new commitment. All charities will be considered, including RTU. The final choice will be announced in early summer.

To prepare NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Year C: Easter Sunday, 21 April, p.317

First Reading: Acts 10: 34; 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 2

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him. So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the

Easter Monday 22 April

Mass at the Abbey 9.30am

linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead

Would you like to read at the Children's Stations of the Cross?

(Good Friday 10am St Bernadette's)

If so, please ask your parents to contact Marc at 077-5239-7671

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Mass Celebrants

NEXT WEEK (21 April)

Saturday	5.30pm Theale	Fr Peter	(Fr Benjamin 11am Sunday)
Sunday	9am Woolhampton	Fr Peter	(Fr Benjamin)
	9.30am Pangbourne	Fr Benjamin	(Fr Peter) 10.30am Sunday
	11am Abbey	Fr Abbot	(Fr Alban)

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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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!