



PARISH OF WOOLHAMPTON
Diocese of Portsmouth - West Berks Pastoral Area
Served by Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A – 15 OCTOBER 2017

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

First Reading: **Isaiah 25: 6 - 10**

Psalm Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading: **Philippians 4: 12 - 14, 19 - 20**

Gospel Acclamation: The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 22: 1 - 14**

Wednesday Mass this week at St Luke's, Theale - 10am

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Please pray for all our many sick & housebound. Please also pray for Mary Davis, who died on 29th September and for those recently died and for all with anniversaries at this time. R.I.P.

WORD OF HOPE

God knows me and calls me by my name...
God has created me to do Him some definite service;
He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.
I have my mission - I never may know it in this life,
but I shall be told it in the next. Somehow I am necessary for His purposes...
I have a part in this great work;
I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for naught.
I shall do good, I shall do His work;
I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place,
while not intending it,
if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling.

Therefore I will trust Him.

(John Henry Newman)

At the door of the monastery, let there be a sensible old man, who knows how to take a message and deliver a reply, whose age keeps him from roaming about.

(Rule of Benedict written 500AD, Ch.66, 1)

PRAYER & STUDY GROUPS IN THE PARISH

- **Joining Up the Old Testament** - Texts & Characters of the OT, at Douai Abbey, 2.15pm, 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- **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.
- **House Mass** - If you would like to host a Mass in your house, please invite the priests!

NOTICES

- **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY** Thank you for your generous support. Our parish raised £807.48.

The weekend of 4th and 5th November will be our **Annual Remembrance Mass** for the deceased of the parish in all our churches, followed by the blessing of graves.

- **"Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador"** is a new production by the **Rise Theatre**, the nearest is at St Joseph's, Tilehurst on 18th October, 7:30pm. Tickets £10 adults & £5 under-18s, the age guidance is 11+. For those interested Marc Servais (0118-984-1423) is arranging a parish trip. For details & booking contact www.risetheatre.co.uk/touring.
- **St Luke's Red Box Mission holders** Would you kindly hand in the boxes so that monies can be counted. Many thanks, Christine Croker.

- **Safeguarding Training** open to all parishioners, Refresher Training & Combined Child Protection & Vulnerable Adults, 10am - 12.30pm, Saturday 18 November, The Holy Trinity, Bowenhurst Rd, Church Crookham, GU51 3ST. Contact Soraya: 023 92836511
- **Monastic Experience Weekends**, 27-29 October & 15-17 June 2018. Invitation to men (18-40) to meet the Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey and to explore the Monastic Experience Programme. To book a place, contact Fr Gabriel OSB, pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk.
- **West Berks New Evangelisation Strategy Team** has launched a website for events & news in the Newbury, Thatcham & Woolhampton parishes, also blogs on new evangelization, www.wbnest.wordpress.com.

A Thank You to All for The Parish Pilgrimage to Stonor

Saturday 30 September, was much enjoyed by all. At Mass we celebrated the heritage of faith handed on to us by our English Reformation Martyrs. Touring the historic Stonor family house & seeing St Edmund Campion's priest hiding-hole, we felt in our bones the spirit of the recusant families who remained faithful in spite of harsh persecution. A great thank you to Catherine Knowles who organised the day.

House Mass

Tuesday 24th October at 2:30 pm. Bourne Road, Pangbourne. If you would like to come, please contact Susan Servais at 0118-984-1423 to give an idea of the numbers.

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.

Current PPC: Fr Peter, Sue Edwards (Chair), Kate Burke, Jo Harrison, Minnie Greayer, Claire Hicks.

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First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 1: 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what He said. And they sent their disciples to Him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The "Laudato Si Pledge"

"I commit to: (1) *Pray for and with creation*
(2) *Live more simply*
(3) *Advocate, to protect our common home."*

Can you commit to do these three things? If so you will be making a real difference to the future of our planet. Besides committing to these changes within your own lives please, join your voices to millions of catholic around the world and sign the Laudato Si Pledge. Forms will be available in each church till the 5th of November.

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Mass Celebrants

NEXT WEEK (22 Oct.2017)

Saturday	5.30pm	Fr Peter	(Fr Peter)
Sunday	9am Woolhampton	Fr Gabriel	(Fr Peter)
	9.30am Pangbourne	Fr Peter	(Fr Benjamin)
	11am Abbey	Fr Hugh	(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; Saturdays 12noon-12.30pm
- and at any time by request.*

For Confession in your own church please ask the priests at any time.

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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

Office open Monday - Friday 9.00 - 1.00

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.

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