



# WOOLHAMPTON PARISH ONLINE BULLETIN

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Diocese of Portsmouth

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**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – YEAR A**

**13 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Dear Parishioners,**

I am happy to tell you that the parish is now getting into gear again. Bishop Philip writes to encourage us (see his letter attached) & Fr Benjamin gives our video message this time. On Sunday our parents meet to plan First Communion celebration, and Confirmation candidates will start their course soon. On Thursday we hold the delayed private Funeral of Susanna Westmeath – we shall have parish Mass for her on 10 October at St Luke's. On Tuesday & Thursday this week I will present slides on Zoom of our Parish Journey to S.India and RTU to open the Douai Hostel last March (details below). On Saturday we shall welcome Olivia Tsaregorodtseva for her baptism at St Mary's. We are most grateful to Kate Burke now leaving St Bernadette's Committee (as also the PPC) after years of dedicated service; Marc Servais kindly replaces her in the chair. Our deep & heartfelt thanks to both! And we are delighted to say that Mary Parsons (St Luke's) has been awarded the MBE for her devoted visiting at W. Berks Hospital - congratulations! But I am sorry to tell you that Doreen in our office has broken her shoulder, having to be off for some weeks – please pray for her. Blessings on you all! *Fr Peter (0118 9715371)*

## SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER:

**MASS this weekend at St Luke's, Theale, and St Mary's, Woolhampton**

ABBEY CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER (Exposition ) 3 – 4pm  
NO Rosary in September (next ,rosary 4 October)

### -----ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMING WEEKS-----

- Sun 20 Sept 9.00 St Mary/ 9.30 St Bernadette's (for *Patrick Flood RIP*) /11am **Abbey Mass restarts**
- Sun 27 11am **Abbey / 9.30am** Parish Zoom Mass
- Sat 3 Oct 5.30pm **St Luke's**
- Sun 4 Oct 9.30am **St Bernadette's**, 11am **Abbey**
- Sat 10 Oct 5.30**St Luke-Susanna Westmeath RIP**
- Sun 11 Oct 9.00am **St Mary's**, 11am **Abbey**
- Sun 18 Oct 9.00am **St Mary/ 9.30St Bernadette's**  
11am **Abbey**
- Sun 25 Oct 11am **Abbey/** Parish zoomed **Mass**

**PLEASE BOOK FOR ALL MASSES** - restrictions still apply. Booking opens on Monday previous to the Mass & closes at 6pm on Friday. To request a place(s) email [mass.woolhampton@gmail.com](mailto:mass.woolhampton@gmail.com) or call: **0118 945 2949** (best Mon - Fri 11am - 12), and leave a message: with full contact details each time on voicemail. (previously supplied info not retained)

**PLEASE NOTE** *Anyone arriving at Mass with elevated temperature must not enter the church. Anyone with Covid-19 symptoms should please NOT attend church in any event, they will be a danger to others.*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** on request after Masses or at Abbey as desired. Please ask the priests.

**DAILY HOPE 0800 804 8044**

*Prayers & Hymns and Messages to give you hope!*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

especially : **Winifred Winter &**

**Pat & John Campbell** (St Bernadette').

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENT DEAD:

Especially for **Pat Sugrue** (St Mary's)

**who died peacefully at home on Friday 4 October**

Funeral private 24 September 11am -Parishioners welcome at reception into church or at burial 12.30 at St Mary's Burghfield. Parish Mass at a later date.

### Harvest Festival Mass

St Luke's Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

St Bernadette's Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

St Mary's Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

followed by a sale of produce in aid of our parish charity,  
**Young People and Children First**  
*Please bring your produce, (fruits, vegetables, jams, cakes)  
& stay to purchase after Mass.*

Presentation with slides (c.1 hr)

## JOURNEY TO SOUTH INDIA 2020

**RTU - Opening of Douai Hostel - Tamil Culture**

**Indian Christianity – Christian Ashram**

on Zoom Tuesday 15 Sept 4pm also Thursday 7.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81826670886?pwd=STJq](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81826670886?pwd=STJqVFVpZDd3TVhLYk9qT0t1UnN5QT09)

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Meeting ID: 818 2667 0886

Passcode: 596045

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	THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH	
<b>Sunday 13</b>	<b>24 year A</b> Mass St Mary's 9.00am / Abbey Exposition 3pm /FHC parents meet (Zoom) 4pm	
<b>Monday 14</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	
<b>Tuesday 15</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	India Slides on Zoom 4pm
<b>Wednesday 16</b>		
<b>Thursday 17</b>	Susanna Westmeath RIP - Funeral	India Slides on Zoom 7.30pm
<b>Friday 18</b>		
<b>Saturday 19</b>	Baptism of Olivia Tsaregorodtseva (St Mary's)	

SUNDAY 24 of year A

13 SEPTEMBER 2020

**SUNDAY'S GOSPEL -- FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER -- Matthew 18, 21-35**

**"Forgive not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times".**

Peter went up to him and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you". But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt.

His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. That is how my heavenly Father will deal with you less you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

**THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL CHALLENGE:**

**"Lord how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times".**

**Let go, forgive, make peace flow between you – to be part of God's healing plan for the world.**

**A collection plate will be found at the church entrance at all Masses**

There is a link from the Parish website to the online giving page; this also enables donations to Friday Self Denial & the Parish Charity.

For Standing Order forms or information, contact Tom Gallagher at : [douaiparishacc@gmail.com](mailto:douaiparishacc@gmail.com) or leave a message in the Office: 0118 971 5350

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*On the one hand, charity is looking at the other with the same eyes of Jesus, but on the other it is seeing Jesus in the face of the poor. This is the true path of Christian charity, with Jesus at the centre, always*  
**Pope Francis**