



# WOOLHAMPTON PARISH ONLINE BULLETIN

Served by the Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey RG7 5TQ Diocese of Portsmouth  
*St Mary's, Woolhampton – St Bernadette's, Pangbourne – St Luke's, Theale – Douai Abbey*  
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**29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – YEAR A**

**18 OCTOBER 2020**

**Dear Parishioners,**

Do you remember your First Communion Day, how it was such an event to look forward to receiving Jesus at Mass for the first time, and how proud your family was of you? Well, our First Communions, delayed since last May, will now take place on 17<sup>th</sup> November at a special Mass when seven children will be make First Communion and two are brought forward to St Mary's this weekend. Congratulations all of you on taking this important step in your life as followers of the way of Jesus. We ask everyone in the parish to pray for you all please. On a rather different note may I gently ask all please to beware if possible of staying to chat in the car parks after Mass; I am told several diocesan parishes have received warnings from local council threatening to shut down churches – the last thing we would want!! On a more upbeat note, however, I pray for blessings on you all, and may we all trust in God with heads held high as restrictions continue! *Fr Peter (0118 971 5371)*

## THIS WEEKEND

**MASSES:** Sunday 11 October - 9.00am St Mary's - *with 2 First Communions*  
St Bernadette's 9.30am *Join live on Zoom (details in email) or [live on YouTube](#) (refresh your browser)*  
& 11am Abbey  
*please book for all Masses*

Every Sunday 5pm **ROSARY** – *click here [Join Rosary](#)*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** on request after Masses or at Douai as desired. Please ask the priests.  
*Please wrap up warm to come to Mass: heating will be on, but churches will have to be well ventilated*

**VIDEO this week:** Fr Gervase: *Crisis – a Christian Response* - *click [parish videos](#)*

**BIBLE NOTES** this week: *Joel (OT21)* - attached to e-mail or on request

## TODAY AT ST BERNADETTE'S: CAFOD - COVID-19 APPEAL

Please help the poorest & most vulnerable in the world to survive COVID 19, rebuild & heal.

For: Harvest video [click here](#) - Harvest Zoom talk [click here](#) - VIDEO "Cancel the debt" [click here](#)

Please pray for all affected & donate by **contactless machine: (use credit card** at the entrance to church  
or on leaving Mass: **envelope** in collection basket,  
or **send direct** to CAFOD, or by **texting CAFOD to 70085** to donate £10.

**OR donate online [click here](#)** or click **[donate by parish website](#)**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

for : *Winifred Winter, Pat & John Campbell,*  
*Andrew Webber*(St B) &  
*Fr Pat Faughnan* (of *Newbury*)- still very sick

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENT DEAD:

*Pat Sugrue, Sheila Wilson-Doyle*  
& *Anna Holub RIP*

## TODAY

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY *Missio*

The Pope's fund to support local communities worldwide - a hub to transform lives & that young Churches may flourish and grow

See [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

**Video: *'We Are Still Here'* ([click to watch](#)).**

Inspiring work of missionaries around the world

To donate [click here](#)

### TOTAL RAISED BY SALES FOR THE PARISH CHARITY

## *Young People & Children First*

to be announced next week

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**Many thanks: 80kg of items donated last Sunday**  
to **WEST BERKS FOOD BANK**

### Meditation / monastic Mindfulness

Forum & course, normally taught at Douai, available online (no cost) at [meditationshub.com](http://meditationshub.com) - or contact Br Christopher: [christopher@douaiabbey.org.uk](mailto:christopher@douaiabbey.org.uk)

## PRAYER AT IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

*Almighty & eternal God, our refuge in every danger,  
to whom we turn in our distress, in faith we pray,  
look with compassion on the afflicted,  
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,  
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,  
strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders  
and the courage to reach out to all in love,  
so that together we may give glory to your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## PLEASE BOOK FOR ALL MASSES

Booking open from Monday previous to the Mass to Friday 6pm: email [mass.woolhampton@gmail.com](mailto:mass.woolhampton@gmail.com) or call: **0118 945 2949** (best Mon-Fri 11am-noon) - leave a message: with full contact details (all names, phone number(s), which Mass - at every request please (via email or phone) - previously supplied info is 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.*

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

or **Online giving:** click [donate to parish](#) also for Friday Self Denial & the Parish Charity. Standing Order forms etc: [douaiparishacc@gmail.com](mailto:douaiparishacc@gmail.com)  
**Thanks to all for your generous support.**

## -----MASS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEKS-----

- Sat 24 Oct 5.30pm **St Luke** (*additional Mass*)
- Sun 25 Oct 11am **Abbey/ 9.30 Parish zoom Mass**
- Sun 1 Nov (*All Saints*) 9.00 **St Mary's**, 11 **Abbey**  
9.30 **St Bernadette's** - *Sheila Wilson-Doyle RIP*
- Sat 7 Nov 5.30pm **St Luke's**
- Sun 8 Nov 9.30 **St Bernadette's** / 11am **Abbey**
- Sat 14 Nov 2pm **St Bernadette's** (*FHC Mass*)  
& 5.30pm **St Luke's**
- Sun 15 Nov 9.00 **St Mary's** - *Marie Pierro RIP*  
& 11am **Abbey**
- Sat 21 Nov 5.30pm **St Luke's** (*additional Mass*)
- Sun 22 Nov 9.30 **Parish Zoom Mass/11am Abbey**

**PLEASE BOOK FOR ALL MASSES**

	THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
<b>Sunday 18</b>	<b>29 of year A</b> Mass 9.00 St Mary's/ 9.30 St Bernadette's / 11. 00 Abbey 5pm Rosary
<b>Monday 19</b>	
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	
<b>Thursday 22</b>	<b>St John Paul II</b> Funeral of Anna Holub – St Bernadette's RIP
<b>Friday 23</b>	
<b>Saturday 24</b>	5.30 Mass St Luke's

## WORD OF HOPE

There is a really deep well inside me. And in it dwells God. Sometimes I am there, too ... And that is all we can manage these days and also all that really matters: that we safeguard that little piece of You, God, in ourselves.  
*(Etty Hillesum, Westerbork transit camp to Auschwitz)*

*Turning and turning in the widening gyre  
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;  
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;  
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,  
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere  
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;  
The best lack all conviction, while the worst  
Are full of passionate intensity. W.B. Yeats "The Second Coming"*

We are in an apocalyptic time - an urgent unveiling of an ultimate state of affairs Our occupation and vocation as believers in this sad time must be to first restore the Divine Centre by holding it and fully occupying it ourselves, safeguarding that little piece of ourselves, God, as Etty Hillesum describes it. What other power do we have now? ...Stand as a sentry at the door of your senses for these coming months, so "the blood-dimmed tide" cannot make its way into your soul. If you allow it for too long, it will become who you are, and you will no longer have natural access to the "really deep well"  
*(Richard Rohr - 19 September 2020)*

SUNDAY 29 of year A

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**SUNDAY'S GOSPEL -- FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER -- Matthew 22, 15-21**

**“Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”**

Then the Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap him 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’

**THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL CHALLENGE**

**He said to them, “Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”**

**Do not worry about things that are not of God.**

**We are imprinted with the image of God. Give back to God all that is his.**

*Find the Mass Readings for each day*



*Shortcut to Universalis Texts*

**Looking for something different to do this coming half term holiday?**

We are planning on putting together an

**ALL SAINTS VIDEO MIX**

If you'd like to take part, please create a short video related to the life of a saint of your choice and send it to [marc.servais@gmail.com](mailto:marc.servais@gmail.com) by 29 October to be stitched together.

Here's an [example stop motion animation video](#) about the prophet Daniel.

*Younger children may want to send in a picture they've coloured in plus a short audio recording about their chosen saint.*

**Children from the parish** are invited to help design and **MAKE A SCARECROW** (or two) to be part of the Pangbourne Scarecrow Trail. We will do this on the weekend of 24/25 October at St Bernadette's.

If you are interested in taking part, please email [marc.servais@gmail.com](mailto:marc.servais@gmail.com) so that we can arrange a convenient time.

**We will also make sure that the groups are Covid-compliant and no larger than six.**

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