



WOOLHAMPTON PARISH ONLINE BULLETIN

Served by the Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey RG7 5TQ Diocese of Portsmouth
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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

22 NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Many of us are feeling low, I know, in these dark November days with uncertainty ahead about Christmas, and our Church shamed again in the scandal of abuse of the young & vulnerable refused a compassionate hearing. We are getting used to hearing words of hope, but it is hard to hope if you are low. It occurs to me that we would be much helped by learning to *practise & exercise* hope, seeking to be more aware of the rays of blessings already around us, trusting God's presence ever within us. So I offer you some words of Psalm 90 below. And do make use of the season of Advent now before us. Bishop Philip suggests we all have some sort of Advent wreath in our homes to pray around (see diocesan website). We have the Days of Prayer for the end of the pandemic, Advent carols services, Advent reflections & talks on the Birth of Jesus in the Gospels. Do come! Abundant blessings! May we trust in God with truly joyful hearts in these winter days! *Fr Peter (0118 971 5371)*

SADLY OUR CHURCHES CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED

THIS SUNDAY - MASS TO REMEMBER & PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

PARISH ONLINE MASS 9.30am – all welcome

Join live on Zoom (details in email) or [live on YouTube](#) (refresh your browser).
If joining on Zoom, there will be a chance to have a friendly chat in small groups after Mass.

CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRAYER (no booking required):
& St Bernadette's 3 pm - 4 pm (not at Abbey Church -this Sunday and next)

ROSARY Every Sunday 5pm: [Rosary click](#)

Prayers for an end to the pandemic

Silent Adoration in Abbey 2.30-4.30pm

THIS SATURDAY 21st & Also NEXT FRIDAY 27th November

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: on request at Douai

VIDEO this week : *Br Simon – A Saint you did not know!* - click [parish videos](#)

BIBLE NOTES this week: *Song of Songs (OT25)* - attached to e-mail or on request

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

For **Deidre Mcnair-Wilson** (Abbey congr.)

Fr Pat Faughnan (of Newbury) still sick

And all our housebound especially

Winifred Winter, Pat & John Campbell, &

David Farmer (St B)

-- PLEASE PRAY TOO FOR OUR RECENT DEAD --

PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC

NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER Sat 21 November:

Adoration at Douai 2.30-4.30

DAY OF PRAYER /FASTING Friday 27 November

at Bishop Philip's request

LIGHT IN DARKNESS –

ADVENT REFLECTIONS ON HOPE

from the Douai Community, Oblates & Parishioners
Saturdays 28th November & 5 December 9.30-12.30

Please contact

Br Christopher: christopher@douaiabbey.org.uk

For programme & zoom link.

Come and go as you wish - no charge

EACH DAY: Lectio Divina - 2 Reflections (oblate & parishioner) – break – Lectio Divina - Reflection (by a monk) - shared reflections – conclusion

ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP

SAVIOUR, HUMAN & DIVINE

The Gospel stories of the Birth of Jesus
- convictions & challenges

Sessions by Fr Peter on Zoom 4.30-5.30pm

Tuesdays: 1 December: *Matthew chs 1 & 2*

8 December: *Luke chs 1 & 2 (pt 1)*

15 December: *Luke chs 1 & 2 (pt 2)*

22 December: *John ch 1*

Please let me know by 27 Nov if you wish to join us
(so I can prepare!) Joining code will be supplied

0118 971 5371 or peter@douaiabbey.org.uk

----- ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEKS-----

MASS & SERVICES for ADVENT

- Sun 29 Nov 9.30 Mass on Zoom
- Sun 6 Dec 9.30 St Bernadette's & 11am Abbey also Advent Carol Service 4pm (Zoom)
- Sat 12 Dec Reconciliation Service 10.30am (& on Zoom) at St Bernadette /Mass 5.30 St Luke
- Sun 13 Dec 9.am St Mary's & 11am Abbey
- Sat 19 Dec 5.30pm St Luke's
- Sun 20 Dec 9.30am St Bernadette /11am Abbey

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED

We remember those of our parish who have died in the past year November 2019/20

2019

Christine Fisher	St M	2 Nov 19
Gordon Vernon	St M	4 Nov 19
Paul Norman	St B	12 Nov19

2020

Maria Sinha Ray	St B	13 Jan 20
Patrick O'Donnell	St M	13 Jan 20
Mary Mcloughlin	St L	26 Jan 20
Fr Louis O'Dwyer	Abbey	3 March 20
Fr Bernard Swinhoe	Abbey	9 April 20
Andrew Mitchell	St M	15 April20
Patrick Flood	St B	27 May
Pamela Symes	St B	8 June 20
Sandra Jones	St M	15 June 20
Marie Pierro	St M	5 July20
Susanna Westmeath	St L	5 July 20
James Huntsman	St L	22 July20
Patrick Sugrue	St M	4 Sept 20
Sheila Wilson-Doyle	St B	23 Sept 20
Anna Holub	St B	26 Oct 20

ALSO OUR OWN LOVED ONES

Peter Chick Oct 2020 (Mary Wood's father); Sheila Matthews 2020; Roy Fisher 2018; Vernon Morris 2018; Joan Maude-2018; Louise Brook 2017; Jim Foley 2017; Geraldine Miles 2017; Reg Maude 2017; Norman Hall 2016; Agnes Hall 2015; Olivia Lander 2014; Sydney-Miles 2000; Eric Bradshaw-1996; James Bowe 1993; Catherine Bradshaw-1987; R.Maude; Lilian Barrett1987;; Ruth Bowe 1985 Elsie Maude1981; Daniel Barrett 1980; Anna Sz fam 1970

Please send names of yours too (with year date) to add. Zoomed Mass on 22 November to be offered for all.

Eternal Rest Grant to Them O Lord!

ADVENT PROJECT

Bishop Philip invites every family & home to make an **Advent Wreath** & follow the way to Christmas. An **Advent Booklet** is available to download from the Diocesan website which contains prayers, scripture readings, you tube clips, etc for each day.
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/advent-project>

SADLY, NO CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

because of the current lockdown – BUT...

AT ST.LUKES & ST BERNADETTES

In the past all your generous gifts were made up into Christmas parcels and delivered to **CIRDIC** - Churches In Reading Drop In Centre - for the benefit of the homeless. An alternative for this year is to make a donation to CIRDIC either

by bank transfer Sort 20-71-03 A/c 70269573 or by cheque made to CIRDIC (post to Theresa Rodrigues 88Kenilworth Ave, Southcote RG30 3DW) See enquiries@cirdic.org.uk or call **07817 373773**
Many thanks SB

AT ST MARY'S

Instead of a Giving Tree this year. we invite you most warmly to bring donations for the **West Berks Foodbank**, which will be delivered to the growing number of needy households in our neighbourhood. You will find a collecting box just inside Douai Reception glass door. If preferable, you can donate at many local supermarkets. As well as the usual gifts of everyday items (see desired items at www.Westberks.foodbank.org.uk) treats such as mince pies, Christmas puddings, small cakes and festive biscuits and chocolates would be particularly welcomed at this time of year. Donations to Lloyds Bank, Newbury: sort 77-95-05 a/c 72784660 or cheques to West Berks Foodbank, 23 Charter Road, Newbury RG14 7EW Online click foodbank donate
More info from pmd.collins@btinternet.com.
Many thanks MG

PARISH ADVENT WHATSAPP GROUP

Come & join a [parish Advent WhatsApp group!](#)
Each day in Advent a person or family will take it in turn to read a very short passage, and share a Christmas tree photo.
To join, please message Marc at 07752 397671.

TO ANYONE WANTING SOME CONTACT !

In these Covid times many people we know, and perhaps you are one of them, are shielding & unable to participate in social engagements. There are already some effective networks in our church communities supporting isolated parishioners with regular contact. Fr Peter has asked us to reach out to any in need of contact. Please contact Laura (St Luke's) at laurajeje@gmail.com or Parish Office 0118 9715350

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH	
Sunday 22	Christ the King Zoom Mass for our Dead 9.30 / Prayer at St B's 3-4pm / Zoom Rosary 5pm
Monday 23	
Tuesday 24	Finance Meeting 11am PPC meeting 3pm Confirmation prep 7pm
Wednesday 25	St Mary's Cttee 6pm
Thursday 26	
Friday 27	Silent Prayer for end to pandemic - Abbey 2.30-4.30pm
Saturday 28	Advent Zoom Reflections (1) 9.30-12.30
Sunday 29	Advent 1 Zoomed Mass 9.30am Prayer at St B's 3-4pm Zoom Rosary 5pm

CHRIST THE KING

22 NOVEMBER 2020

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL -- FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER -- Matthew 25, 31-46

“Come, you whom my father has blessed, take your heritage the kingdom prepared for you.”

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me” Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me”. And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL CHALLENGE

**“Come, you my father has blessed, take your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world”.
Take your heritage respond with healing love in courage, empathy and compassion.
Enable God to reign in our world by reigning in our lives.
“The Kingdom, you don’t die into it you awaken to it”.**

Very many thanks to Marjorie Dean for giving us the Gospel Challenges all this Year of the Bible

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Diocesan e-Newsletter (free in your box) at: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/>

PARISH VIRTUAL QUIZ

Do you know "Which dutiful granddaughter got waylaid by a wolf?" or "What is the largest land carnivore in Britain?" You could be in line to win the Parish Virtual Quiz to raise funds for our Parish Charity, Young People and Children First.

At this time of the year we would normally be selling tickets for a Grand Christmas Raffle in aid of our Parish charity but the current pandemic circumstances prohibit this, so instead we will be holding a virtual Quiz, on line via Zoom, on Friday 4th December at 7:30 pm. Full details of the quiz are attached and we encourage everyone to join in for an entertaining evening for a good cause. (see attached notice in Email)

Pangbourne & District Churches Together

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent
Sunday 29 November 6pm (on YouTube)

(see poster attached to Email)

WORD OF HOPE

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: "My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

It is he who will free you from the snare
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
he will conceal you with his pinions
and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon....

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways..

(Psalm 90)

PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 6 December 4pm

By Zoom/YouTube

Details to follow

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Christians, victims of injustice and targeted violence
URGENTLY need help !

RED WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

spanning week of 21 – 29 November

Shining a light on Christians and all those persecuted
for their faith. Across the world people have their
rights and their freedom taken away, simply for their
religious beliefs

Due to present lockdown no Red Wednesday Mass.

Find out more at www.acnuk.org/redwednesday

DONATE 0345 646 0110 or on website

Envelope collection as soon as lockdown ends.

Instead of its usual Christmas Gift catalogue
CAFOD provides just giving page for World Gifts
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/worldgifts>

*If your local magazine is not yet publishes
please let me know
so that we can insert a Christmas Greeting! PB*

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anyone who does not have internet access*