The Gospel of St Matthew *[Part Six]*

2020 is Year A, the Year of Matthew

IN THE narrative of the fifth book (Mt 19:1–23:39) begins with the departure of Jesus and his disciples from Galilee for Jerusalem. In the course of their journey Jesus for the third time predicts the passion that awaits him at Jerusalem and also his resurrection (Mt 20:17–19). At his entrance into the city he is hailed as the Son of David by the crowds accompanying him (Mt 21:9). He cleanses the temple (Mt 21:12–17), and in the few days of his Jerusalem ministry he engages in a series of controversies with the Jewish religious leaders (Mt 21:23–27; 22:15–22, 23–33, 34–40, 41–46), meanwhile speaking parables against them (Mt 21:28–32, 33–46), against all those Israelites who have rejected God's invitation to the messianic banquet (Mt 22:1–10), and against all, Jew and Gentile, who have accepted but have shown themselves unworthy of it (Mt 22:11–14). Once again, the perspective of the evangelist includes not only the time of Jesus' ministry but that of the preaching of the gospel after his resurrection. The narrative culminates in Jesus' denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees, reflecting not only his own opposition to them but that of Matthew's church (Mt 23:1–36), and in Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Mt 23:37–39).

In the discourse of the fifth book (Mt 24:1–25:46), the last of the great structural discourses of the gospel, Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple and his own final coming. The time of the latter is unknown (Mt 24:36, 44), and the disciples are exhorted in various parables to live in readiness for it, a readiness that entails faithful attention to the duties of the interim period (Mt 24:45–25:30). The coming of Jesus will bring with it the great judgment by which the everlasting destiny of all will be determined (Mt 25:31–46). ***© United States Conference of Catholic Bishops***

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Sunday 9th February	Weekday Lectionary: Cycle 2 Psalter: Week 1 **SUNDAY 5 [A]** *[green]* **Mass: 9.30am St Mary's** *Pro populo* **Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's** **Mass: 6pm St Mary's**
Monday 10th February	St Scholastica, Virgin *[white]* Mass: 9.15am St Mary's
Tuesday 11th February	*Feria: Of Week 5* *[green]* Mass: 9.15am St Mary's
Wednesday 12th February	*Our Lady of Lourdes* *[white]* Morning Prayer *[Week 1]*: 9am St Mary's *[ecumenical]* Mass: 9.15am St Mary's
Thursday 13th February	*Feria: Of Week 5* *[green]* Mass: Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's
Friday 14th February	*SS Cyril, Religious, & Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe* *[white]* Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Chapel *Holy Souls* *Adoration: 3pm* Evening Prayer: 5pm St Augustine's *[ecumenical]*
Saturday 15th February	*Our Lady St Mary on Saturday* *[white]* *Mass at English Martyrs', Didcot , and St John Vianney Wantage*
Sunday 16th February	Weekday Lectionary: Cycle 2 Psalter: Week 2 **SUNDAY 6 [A]** *[green]* **Mass: 9.30am St Mary's** *Pro populo* **Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's** **Mass: 6pm St Mary's**

Confessions:
8.45am Sunday and after weekday Mass (St Mary's) and after 11.15am Sunday Mass (St Patrick's), or by appointment.
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THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

APPEAL FOR HELP—BISHOP PHILIP WRITES:

'Deacon Stephen Morgan of our Diocese who is attached to the seminary in Macau as the Dean of Studies, has asked me to post this appeal for help. It relates to the coronavirus and comes from Jinde Charities of Shijazhuang (biggest Social Service organization of the Catholic Church in Mainland China). They ask for medical masks, surgery masks and protective suits. This for most of us is of course a long shot. But there might be someone in our Diocese who can help or knows someone who might be able to help. For more information, you can contact Deacon Stephen directly on: **smorgan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk '**

POPE'S MESSAGE TO THE SICK

The Holy Father has released a special message for the 28th World Day of Prayer for the Sick, which is to be held on **11th February 2020**, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. In it he says: Jesus' words "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest". The complete message is in the porch board.

WEEKEND RETREAT

The Carmelite Friars at Boars Hill are offering a weekend retreat for those involved in lay ministry in the diocese, **Friday 14th to Sunday 16th February.** The theme of the retreat is "Step aside - for the grace to be renewed and replenished in the Spirit". For further information please see poster in the porch.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on **28th.29th Feb & 1st March 2020**, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 – or Email **retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com** - or visit

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting will be in **March, Tuesday the 3rd.** We meet in the parish rooms from 7.30 to 8.30 – 9.00pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; **djbm.smith@ntlworld.com**.

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection was £1,177.27 of which 75.00% was Gift aided.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

22nd March: Clergy Assistance Fund

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NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to **hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk** by **Wednesday 10 am.**

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Jadvyga Adasko, Angus Clark, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary Mc Nichol, Katherine Eyston, Andrew Gunn, Elizabeth Gunn.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently especially: Brian Mulford and those with anniversaries at this time: *Elizabeth Ellamery, James Stanley Hogan, James Herd, Tamsie Castle, Patrick Andrew Rush, Peter Mulford, Adrian Fortescue, Agnes Smith, Dermot Wisdom, Laurence Cooling, Robert Tanner, Emily Mulford, Dinah Booker.*

HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION - We pray that the cries of our migrants brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. **16th March 2020**. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email **knockpilgrimages@gmail.com**. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

KEEP IN TOUCH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Bishop Phillip on Twitter. Follow the Diocese on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

PILGRIMAGES

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE ✠ **April—October 2020**: 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel 01 4434510 or email **reservations@medirishcentre.com**

LOURDES ✠ Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Philip from **15 -19 July 2020**. Cost £695 per person sharing. Call Sue on 07780 221686 or email her at **lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk** Volunteer should also contact Sue, a Youth pilgrim is £545 pp and rooms are shared with three others.

SOUTHERN ITALY & PADRE PIO ✠ Father Des Connolly, will be leading a pilgrimage to Southern Italy from **Sunday 16 - Friday 21 August 2020**. For more information please call Gill from Tangney Tours on 01732 886666.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms. There is coffee after Mass at St Patrick's on the first Sunday of the month.