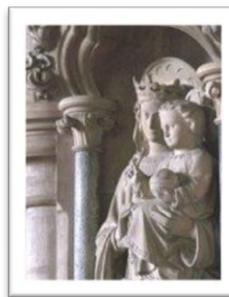


The Gospel of St Matthew [Part Two]

2020 is Year A, the Year of Matthew

IN Mt 4:12 Matthew begins his account of the ministry of Jesus, introducing it by the preparatory preaching of John the Baptist (Mt 3:1–12), the baptism of Jesus that culminates in God’s proclaiming him his “beloved Son” (Mt 3:13–17), and the temptation in which he proves his true sonship by his victory over the devil’s attempt to deflect him from the way of obedience to the Father (Mt 4:1–11). The central message of Jesus’ preaching is the coming of the kingdom of heaven and the need for repentance, a complete change of heart and conduct, on the part of those who are to receive this great gift of God (Mt 4:17). Galilee is the setting for most of his ministry; he leaves there for Judea only in Mt 19:1, and his ministry in Jerusalem, the goal of his journey, is limited to a few days (Mt 21:1–25:46). In the “Sermon on the Mount” the theme of righteousness is prominent, and even at this early stage of the ministry the note of opposition is struck between Jesus and the Pharisees, who are designated as “the hypocrites” (Mt 6:2, 5, 16). The righteousness of his disciples must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees; otherwise, in spite of their alleged following of Jesus, they will not enter into the kingdom of heaven (Mt 5:20). Righteousness means doing the will of the heavenly Father (Mt 7:21), and his will is proclaimed in a manner that is startling to all who have identified it with the law of Moses. The antitheses of the Sermon (Mt 5:21–48) both accept (Mt 5:21–30, 43–48) and reject (Mt 5:31–42) elements of that law, and in the former case the understanding of the law’s demands is deepened and extended. The antitheses are the best commentary on the meaning of Jesus’ claim that he has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law (Mt 5:17). What is meant by fulfillment of the law is not the demand to keep it exactly as it stood before the coming of Jesus, but rather his bringing the law to be a lasting expression of the will of God, and in that fulfillment there is much that will pass away. Should this appear contradictory to his saying that “until heaven and earth pass away” not even the smallest part of the law will pass (Mt 5:18), that time of fulfillment is not the dissolution of the universe but the coming of the new age, which will occur with Jesus’ death and resurrection. While righteousness in the new age will continue to mean conduct that is in accordance with the law, it will be conduct in accordance with the law as expounded and interpreted by Jesus (cf. Mt 28:20, “...all that I have commanded you”).

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Sunday 12 th January 2020	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD [A] Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Mass: 6pm St Mary’s	[white] Pro populo
Monday 13 th January	Weekday Lectionary: Cycle 2 <i>St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white]
Tuesday 14 th January	<i>Feria: Of Week 1</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[green] FM Charles Eyston 1917
Wednesday 15 th January	<i>Feria: Of Week 1</i> Morning Prayer [Week 1]: 9am St Mary’s [ecumenical] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[green]
Thursday 16 th January	<i>Feria: Of Week 1</i> Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s	[green]
Friday 17 th January	<i>St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Chapel Adoration: 3pm Evening Prayer: 5pm St Augustine’s [ecumenical]	[white]
Saturday 18 th January	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> No Mass at St Mary’s	[white]
Sunday 19 th January	Weekday Lectionary: Cycle 2 SUNDAY II[A] Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Mass: 6pm St Mary’s	[green] Pro populo Fr Sean Murphy RIP
Confessions: 8.45am Sunday and after weekday Mass (St Mary’s) and after 11.15am Sunday Mass (St Patrick’s), or by appointment. www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk		

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

PARENTS' MEETING

Parents of those to be confirmed have been invited to a meeting at 4.30pm today (12th January) in the Holy Family Room. This will take place whilst the Confirmation Class is happening over the road. Refreshments will be served!

READERS AND USHERS NEEDED FOR THE 6PM MASS

The 6pm Mass is a popular addition to the services at St Mary's. It would though benefit from some volunteers for reading and ushering. These are not onerous tasks, ushering just involves welcoming at the door, handing out service sheets, and gathering the collection. Reading is just the second reading at the 6pm Mass and the Alleluia. It would be good for these duties to be taken on by those not currently on any rotas, especially those who are candidates for confirmation and their families. If you would be able to volunteer please contact Richard Stone at richardandfiona@hotmail.com

HENDRED FINANCE AND BUILDING COUNCIL

On Wednesday (15th January) the HFBC meets at 8pm in the Holy Family Room at St Mary's.

MUMS ON THE RUN

Next meeting is on **Monday 20th January** at 8.15pm at 6 Castle Street, Steventon OX13 6SR. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers, please come along to these meetings. Thanks for letting me know if you can or cannot attend. Please contact Amanda at physioamanda@btinternet.com

CANDLEMAS

It is not often that the lovely feast of Candlemas falls on a Sunday. This year we shall have a candlelight Mass, sung by the Newman Consort, at 6pm. The morning masses will be said.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting will be on **February 4th**, 7.30pm in the parish rooms.

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection was £1,114.92 of which 80% was Gift aided. The crib collection was £171.04 and will be donated to the Friends of the Holy Land.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

19th January 2020: Cathedral

NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Wednesday 10 am**. Please see the noticeboards at St Mary's for changes of service times made since the Newsletter went to press.

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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, Jadryga Adasko, Angus Clark, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary Mc Nichol, Katherine Eyston.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently especially *Antonia Breakspear and Isabelle Langley* and those with anniversaries at this time: *Joseph Anns, George Daughish, Catherine Masey, Louis McCoy, Roger Tomlin, Winifred Day, Thomas McDonagh and Fr Sean Murphy.*

HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION - We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of good will may promote peace and justice in the world.

GIVING TREE

Thank you for taking the time to give presents and money for vouchers so that children in difficult circumstances in our area will experience the joy of receiving a gift this Christmas. The organisers Mr and Mrs Mattam (St John Vianney Church, Wantage) have extended gratitude on behalf of the families, to all of you whose generosity made this possible. (28 presents and 8 x £10 vouchers from St Mary's)

YOUCAT BIBLE

The YOUCAT BIBLE, designed for young people, is a shorter, illustrated version, using the RSV (the version we use in Church). We are giving it to our confirmation candidates to introduce to them the habit of private bible reading.

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.