

The Gospel according to Matthew (ii)

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 this extensive material there are five great discourses of Jesus, each concluding with the formula “When Jesus finished these words” or one closely similar (Mt 7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1). These are an important structure of the gospel. In every case the discourse is preceded by a narrative section, each narrative and discourse together constituting a “book” of the gospel. The discourses are, respectively, the “Sermon on the Mount” (Mt 5:3–7:27), the missionary discourse (Mt 10:5–42), the parable discourse (Mt 13:3–52), the “church order” discourse (Mt 18:3–35), and the eschatological discourse (Mt 24:4–25:46). In large measure the material of these discourses came to Matthew from his tradition, but his work in modifying and adding to what he had received is abundantly evident. No other evangelist gives the teaching of Jesus with such elegance and order as he.

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Sunday 15th January 2017	Sundays: Year A, Weekday: Week 2 (I), Divine Office: Week 2 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [GREEN] Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s, East Hendred For Peace Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s, East Ilsley Pro populo Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary’s, East Hendred
Monday 16th January	<i>Feria</i> [green] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s
Tuesday 17th January	<i>Feria</i> [green] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s RIP Fr Sean Murphy
Wednesday 18th January	<i>Of the Chair of St Peter</i> [white] Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s Christian Unity
Thursday 19th January	<i>St Wulstan, Religious, Bishop</i> [white] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s
Friday 20th January	<i>St Fabian, Pope, Martyr</i> [red] Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm at Hendred House RIP Sheila Shepherd
Saturday 21st January	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr [red] Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s
Sunday 22nd January	Divine Office: Week 3 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [GREEN] Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s, East Hendred Pro populo Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s, East Ilsley RIP Patrick & Mary Clerkin Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary’s, East Hendred
	Confessions: Sunday 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

On **Saturday 28th January** at St Edmund's parish hall there will be two safeguarding training sessions. A child protection training will run from 10am until 12.30pm. A second session in the afternoon from 1.30 to 4.00pm will be for those dealing with vulnerable adults. If you would like to attend please register as soon as possible with Soraya Ciccarone at soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings are at 7.30pm on Tuesdays, February 7th and March 7th in the parish rooms. At our February meeting we will be using the gospel of Luke, chapter 24, - the last chapter - to read, discuss and pray together. All welcome.

DIOCESAN INTENTIONS - PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Archbishop Cornelius, the clergy and people of our twin diocese of Bamenda following recent outbreak of violence and unrest and the City of Bamenda and for all who have been killed or injured.

Peace in the world and for those who govern the nations that they may do so wisely and justly.

All those suffering in the world through hunger and disease and natural disaster.

Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life and for all currently discerning their vocation.

The sick clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese.

All the faithful departed, for deceased clergy and people of the Diocese, for those recently departed, especially as a result warfare, violence, terrorism and persecution.

The work of all Evangelisation Strategy Teams across our Diocese.

The success of the Convocation of Clergy to be held next Summer.

All the faithful of the Diocese that they may share their time and talents for the good of the Church and discern how God is calling them in a particular way to be more intentional disciples.

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTION

Please pray for the Holy Father's January Intention which is for Christian Unity "*that all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity*".

PARISH COLLECTION

Last two Sunday's collection raised a total of £1535.18 of which 87% was Gift Aided.

FUTURE COLLECTIONS

Sunday 12th February: Catholic Education Service

Sunday 26th March: Clergy Assistance Fund



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



BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

We remember in our prayers *Kathleen Doyle, Sr Catherine, Diana Tuson, Mary Wallace, Des McNichol, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam and Jenny Ayres.* Names remain for four weeks. Please request further inclusion.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Fr Bob Jennings, George Daughish, Catherine Masey, Louis McCoy, Roger Tomlin, Winifred Day, Thomas McDonagh, Fr Seam Murphy, Edmund Joseph Mockler, Tamsie Mary Tonnor, Veronica Lineham and Edwin Harper.*

THANK YOU! A MAGNIFICENT RESULT!

Last year, on the Feast of Christ the King, an appeal was made to help fund work with young people in the Pastoral Area, and specifically to work towards ensuring that Melanie Parris-Dollar's post as our Youth Worker will be able to keep going beyond 2018 when the grant from 'Living Our Faith' (£25,000 per annum) comes to an end. The appeal raised the magnificent total of £2,083.39. (Abingdon £956.57, Didcot and Wallingford £325.56, Hinksey £441.22, East Hendred £360.04). This sum will be put into a ring-fenced 'sustainability' account, and the more we can raise from our local resources for this, the more we can hope to attract matching contributions from charitable trusts etc. But a big thank you to all who worked for and contributed to this; let's keep up the momentum!

Fr Paul King and Youth Worker Support

OXFORD HOMELESS PATHWAYS

A HUGE thank you to all of you who so generously gave support to our Christmas Donations to Oxford Homeless Pathways. I took 3 car loads to them in December, plus some cash donations, and there were enormously grateful. They have kindly sent us a written response which is hanging up in the Church Porch. Do read it on your way in or out. Your thoughtfulness has made a real difference to those in real need. Remember them and those who work with them in your prayers.

DOMESTIC CHURCH: (1) SEASONS AND CELEBRATIONS

How to be a faithful Catholic in the home? A short series week by week in the Newsletter will share a few ideas.

- Joanna Bogle's book *A Yearbook of Seasons and Celebrations*, Gracewing 2007, includes topical tips and recipes. We have been using this book at home, and its predecessor (published in 1986), for thirty years.
- For Epiphany there was a recipe for Galette des Rois. For February there are customs to do with Candlemas, St Blaise (Blessing of Throats), St Valentine, and Shrove Tuesday. Then comes Lent and its various saints' days (St David, St Patrick) and a recipe for Simnel Cake for Mothering Sunday.

It's a very handy book to keep with the recipe books in the kitchen and there are many ways of drawing the family into a deeper enjoyment and understanding of the Church's Year.