

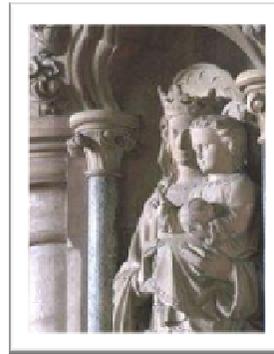
THE GOSPEL OF ST LUKE (PART II)

IN THE opening chapters of the gospel, Luke relates a number of stories having to do with the birth and childhood of Jesus, including the announcements made to Zechariah and to Mary concerning the births of John and of Jesus, and the story of the shepherds watching their flocks at night who came to worship the newborn child. We also have accounts of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem and of the child being wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger "because there was no room for them in the inn." After eight days, the child was circumcised, and later he was blessed by Simeon and by Anna. These stories are not reported in the other Gospels, and we cannot be sure whether Luke learned about them from an older source or from oral traditions. Luke also recorded the only story we have in the New Testament about Jesus' boyhood. When Jesus was twelve years old, he went to Jerusalem with his parents to attend the Feast of Passover. On the way home, when his parents discovered that he was not with them, they returned to the Temple and found him involved in a profound discussion with prominent Jewish rabbis.

After the introductory chapters, Luke follows the outline of events as they are recorded in the Gospel of Mark. However, he does not follow Mark's narrative as closely as Matthew does. Occasionally, he leaves out some material and substitutes an item of his own. For example, he substitutes an illustration of Jesus' preaching in the synagogue at Nazareth in place of Jesus' proclamation at the beginning of his Galilean ministry.

Luke includes a considerable number of Jesus' teachings that are not recorded in the other Gospels. If he and Matthew both used the same source *Q*, evidently Luke used more material from it than did Matthew. In Luke alone we find the parables of the Good Samaritan, the Publican and the Pharisee who went to the Temple to pray, the rich man and Lazarus, the lost coin, the prodigal son, the unjust steward, the rich fool who would tear down his barns and build greater barns in order that he might store his goods, and the story of Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree in order that he might see Jesus. Each of these parables and stories illustrates what Luke regards as an essential characteristic of Jesus' work. Jesus was not trying to raise opposition to the Roman government, nor was he lacking in sympathy or understanding of those whom the Jews regarded as foreigners. He places the highest value on good character regardless of a person's race or nationality. For example, although many Jews looked with disfavour on the Samaritans, Luke emphasizes that of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed, only the one who was a Samaritan expressed his gratitude for what Jesus had done. And again in the parable of the man who fell among thieves on the road to Jericho, a Samaritan befriended the man and saw to it that he was given proper care.

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Sunday 20 th January	SECOND SUNDAY PER ANNUM Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	YEAR C: Psalter Week 2 [GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 21 st January	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[red] <i>RIP Sheila Shephard</i>
Tuesday 22 nd January	<i>St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[red] <i>FM Hilda Balcombe 1953</i>
Wednesday 23 rd January	<i>Of Week 2</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[green]
Thursday 24 th January	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white]
Friday 25 th January	The Conversion of St Paul Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[white] <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 26 th January	<i>SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops</i> No Mass at St Mary's	[white]
Sunday 27 th January	THIRD SUNDAY PER ANNUM Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Psalter Week 3 [GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i>
Confessions: Sundays 8.45am or by arrangement www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk		

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY EXTRA TODAY

First Communion Parents and members of the congregation meet at 11am in Church, children will have their class in the Holy Family Room as usual.

FR ANDREW

Fr Andrew is very grateful indeed both for the generosity of the Christmas offerings and for the patience, love, and kindness shown during his recent adventures.

MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday (21st January)** at 8.15pm in the Holy Family Room. 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. For more information, please contact Gillian at gilliangroeger@hotmail.com

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The Catholic Bishops' Conference has asked us to observe **Sunday 27th January** as Holocaust Memorial Day.

BOWLING AT HOLLYWOOD LANES

On **Saturday 2nd February**, meeting at Kassam Stadium at 15.50pm. If you would like to attend please email Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Parents of children younger than 8 years old, may be required to stay with them if there are insufficient volunteers to support the session.

DAY OF PRAYER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Wednesday 6th February, feast of St Josephine Bakhita.

CATHOLIC INITIATION

As our young children prepare for First Communion, and Lent comes into view, this is the time to ask adults seeking baptism, confirmation, or reception into the Church to have a word with Fr Andrew after any Mass. Also appropriate for parents seeking baptism for infants.

PARISH COLLECTION

Sunday's collection from the 16th to the 31st December raised £1044.18, £1107.56 and £913.88 of which 86%, 80% and 89% was Gift aided. Last 2 Sundays raised £1979.7 of which 82% was Gift aided.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

27th January: Cathedral

31st 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, Alfie Bartlam, Jadvyga Adasko, Angus Clark and Maria Wysocki-Jones. Names remain for four weeks.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Edmond Mockler, Tamsie Tonnor, Veronica Lineham, Edwin Harper, John Fisher, William Champ, Elsie Mulford, Gordon Tomlin and Francis Castle,*

HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION - May young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Urgent notices, such as snow warnings for St Patrick's (where there can be difficulty of access) will be posted on the East Hendred Catholic Parish Facebook page. We shall also use that for less urgent notices and interesting topics.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH BISHOP PHILIP

Booking forms and additional information on travel and accommodation can be found at the back of the church.

SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS

In March, the Government is to launch a Settlement Scheme, to which all EU citizens living in the UK should apply if they wish to remain here after Brexit. [NB The rights of Irish citizens are separately protected.] The Bishops ask us to bring this scheme to the attention of all who might need it. Please see gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families and also gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-communityleaders-toolkit

MARRIAGE/RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING WITH MARRIAGE CARE

Catholic Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation, that draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research, to help couples in both good times and bad. Most relationships face difficulties at some point. Talking to a relationship counsellor can help. Our local centre in Reading offers relationship counselling with fully-trained counsellors. Please call 0800 389 3801. If you are a trained relationship counsellor, could you volunteer with Marriage Care? – expenses and supervision is provided. For more information, please contact Sue Cooper at reading.admin@marriagecare.org or phone 0793 949 5774.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms after Mass.