

## The Gospel according to Matthew (iii)

**I**N 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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<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>Sundays: Year A, Weekday: Week 3 (I),</b> <b>Divine Office: Week 3</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> [GREEN] <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s</b> <i>Pro populo</i> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s</b> <i>RIP Patrick &amp; Mary Clerkin</i>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<i>Feria</i> [green] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s <i>FM Col. S.V Daughlish 1925</i>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church [white] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s <i>FM Hilda Balcombe 1953</i>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Conversion of St Paul</b> [white] Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s <i>Christian Unity</i>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	SS Timothy & Titus Wulstan, Bishops [white] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s <i>FM Ada Daubenay 1953</i>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<i>Feria</i> [green] Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm at Hendred House</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St Thomas Aquinas, Religious, Doctor [white] <i>No Mass at St Mary’s. 9.30am Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot</i>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Divine Office: Week 4</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> [GREEN] <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s</b> <i>Pro populo</i> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s</b> <i>Pro populo</i>

Confessions: Sunday 8.45am or by appointment

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## BOWLING AT KASSAM STADIUM

Friday (27<sup>th</sup> January) 7-9:30pm. Please contact **Andy Robins** on 07952145851 or at [a.robins@talktalk.net](mailto:a.robins@talktalk.net) ASAP or by Monday (23<sup>rd</sup> January) at the very latest if you'd like to go bowling with the youth group next Friday please. Thanks!

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

On **Saturday (28<sup>th</sup> 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. Please email Soraya Ciccarone at [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings are at 7.30pm on Tuesdays, **February 7<sup>th</sup>** and **March 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.



## WALKING THE CAMINO

From Reading, **13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. Flight: Stanstead – Santiago. 30+ people: For new & former walkers, 20 – 25km per day. Thousands of people do this walk every year, the most famous pilgrimage after Jerusalem & Rome. Info evening on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** in St James RG1 3FD at 7.30pm.

## DOMESTIC CHURCH: (2) THE FAMILY MEAL

Though many families grab what they need for breakfast and lunch, most sit down for a meal together at the family table. Maybe not every day. Maybe sometimes it's for lunch rather than for supper. On such occasions, having a lighted candle on the table can in itself be a sign that the family meal is a sacred time, the family table a sacred space. An Advent candle. A domestic-sized Easter Candle. An ordinary candle for Ordinary Time. The light of the candle and the chance to blow it out afterwards will appeal even to small children and no one is too old to eat by candlelight. Perhaps Grace too. Again, this can be something children can take part in, or it may fall to whoever puts out the supper on the table. Don't know what to say? One fine Grace is 'Bless, O Lord, this food to our use, ourselves in your service, and make us mindful of the needs of others'.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday collection raised a total of £983.25 of which 84% was Gift Aided.

## FUTURE COLLECTIONS

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Catholic Education Service  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Clergy Assistance Fund



**NEWSLETTER** | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to Maria at [hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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, John Fisher, William Champ, Elsie Mulford, Gordon Tomlin, Francis Castle, Jack Ibell and Albert Howard*.

## CANDLEMAS (2<sup>nd</sup> February)

**Kandlemass for Kids, 6.30pm in St Mary's**, followed by **Mass at 7pm**, and **St Mary's Social Supper at 8pm** in the Wheatsheaf. Come along for the ceremonies, arrive just for Mass or join us for supper at **The Wheatsheaf**. More details and sign up sheet to follow.

## THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK!

Calling all young people! Please come and join the celebration as we launch the new youth group in North Hinksey! On **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February** there will be a Mass of thanksgiving at **4:15pm** at **Our Lady of the Rosary R.C. Church in Oxford** (Yarnells Hill, OX2, 9BD), followed by refreshments in the Rosary Room. This will be followed by a talk on the relationship between **Science and Catholicism** for all teenagers and young adults (14-25) in the pastoral area and their friends, from **5:30-6:30pm**. For more information please contact **Melanie** at [leader.tipa@gmail.com](mailto:leader.tipa@gmail.com)

## HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTION

Please pray 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*".

## 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.