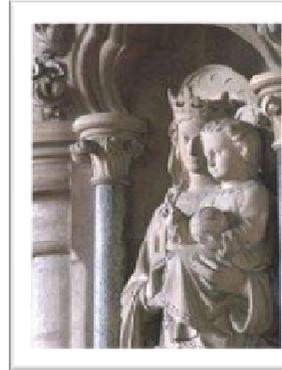


THE GOSPEL OF ST LUKE (PART IV—ANALYSIS)

IF THE Gospel of Matthew could be called the Jewish gospel because of its leanings toward ideas that were typically Jewish, there is an equal amount of evidence for calling the Gospel of Luke the Gentile gospel. Actually, neither gospel is purely Jewish or purely Gentile in its account of the life and teachings of Jesus, but it is fairly obvious in the case of each of them that the authors were influenced by the point of view with which they were associated. Luke was a companion of Paul, who came to be known in Christian circles as the Apostle to the Gentiles. Paul's interpretation of Christianity as a universal religion did much to eliminate the barriers between Jews and Gentiles. He emphasized the idea that all humans are sinners and in need of salvation. Jesus was, for him, the supreme example of what the power of God can do in a human life. This point of view evidently made a deep impression on Luke and is reflected throughout the various parts of his gospel. One sees it first of all in Luke's account of the genealogy of Jesus, which is traced to Adam rather than to Abraham, thus indicating that Jesus was representative of the entire human race rather than simply a member of the Hebrew race, and it is seen in the attitude taken by Jesus toward the Samaritans, the Romans, and others outside the Jewish fold.

When Jews and Gentiles are contrasted in Luke, often the Gentiles are presented in the more favourable light. For example, in the story of the Publican and the Pharisee, both of whom go to the Temple to pray, only the Publican is commended for the attitude that he expresses. Following his journey into the northwest country, Jesus pronounces woes on Capernaum and other Jewish communities and states, "But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you." This saying does not mean that Luke rejects the Jewish people but that membership in the kingdom of God is dependent on the quality of a person's life rather than on racial or religious backgrounds.

Paul has often been referred to as a Christian mystic because of his conviction that salvation comes only by a union of an individual and God. When the Spirit of God dwells in the human heart and mind, as it did in the person of Jesus, then a person belongs to God's kingdom. But Jewish apocalypticism regarded the coming of the kingdom as a future event, when the Son of Man would descend from heaven. In the Gospel of Luke, we find a blending of these two ideas. Luke, like Matthew, makes use of the apocalyptic section in Mark's gospel but with certain modifications. *to be continued.....*



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YEAR C: Psalter Week 4	
Sunday 3 rd February	FOURTH SUNDAY PER ANNUM [GREEN] Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 4 th February	<i>Of Week 4</i> [green] Mass: 9.15am St Mary's
Tuesday 5 th February	St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr [red] Mass: 9.15am St Mary's
Wednesday 6 th February	St Amand, Bishop [red] <i>No Mass at St Mary's</i> Mass: 2pm St Amand's School
Thursday 7 th February	<i>Of Week 4</i> [green] Mass: 9.15am St Mary's
Friday 8 th February	<i>Of Week 4</i> [green] Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 9 th February	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> [white] <i>No Mass at St Mary's. Mass: 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot</i>
Sunday 10 th February	Psalter Week 1 FIFTH SUNDAY PER ANNUM [GREEN] Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's <i>Pro populo</i>
Confessions: Sundays 8.45am or by arrangement www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on **Tuesdays, (February 5th)** and March 5th. In February we shall look at the second part of chapter 1 and the whole of chapter 2 of St John's. We are only fellow Christians from both St Augustine's and St Mary's, sharing thoughts about the Word of God and how it strengthens our life of faith, praying together, as well as enjoying each other's company, encouragement, good biscuits and coffee. All are very welcome. We meet in the parish rooms at 7.30 pm and finish between 8.30 and 9.00. For more information please contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com.

DAY OF PRAYER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Wednesday (6th February), feast of St Josephine Bakhita.

PPC MEETING

Next meeting will be on **Wednesday 6th February**, 8pm in the Holy Family room.

SACKCLOTH AND ASHES

On **Saturday 9th February**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. For details of our live saving work see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

HFBC MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance and Buildings Committee will be on **Wednesday 13th February**, 8pm in the Holy Family room.

MARY'S MEALS

Following the appeal at our churches by Sue Richards, we will hold a special retiring collection for Mary's Meals on **Sunday 17th February**.

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.

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised £1018.05 of which 88% was Gift aided. We raised £162.34 for the Cathedral.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

31st March; Clergy Assistance Fund

19th April: Holy Places

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

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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, Alfie Bartlam, Jadvyga Adasko, Angus Clark and Maria Wysocki-Jones.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Lady Agnes Eyston, Thomas Hogan, James Gooball, William Howard, Elizabeth Ellamery, James Hogan, James Herd and Tamsie Castle.*

HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION - For a generous welcome of victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

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.

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.

ESSENTIAL SCRIPTURE TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

There will be a 5-week training course from 7.30 to 9pm in Hook and Winchester. From **Tuesday 12 March** in Hook and from **Thursday 2 May** in Winchester. This is a great course and well worth attending. It is great for catechists of every ministry; Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Journey in Faith and for Children's Liturgy Leaders. To book, please contact Sr Hyacinthe at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DAY

Portsmouth Diocese is organising a training and support day for all those who are liturgy leaders or who would consider the ministry. The dates are **30 March** in Reading and **15 June** in Chandlers Ford – (you only attend one). Further details and booking is through the diocesan website (book early) www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SCRIPTURE & CONTEMPLATIVE SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

From the 12-14 July at the Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality, Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill. Registration deadline **31 May 2019**. For details on speakers and how to book please see poster and leaflet at the back of the church or send an email to conference@carmelite.org.uk