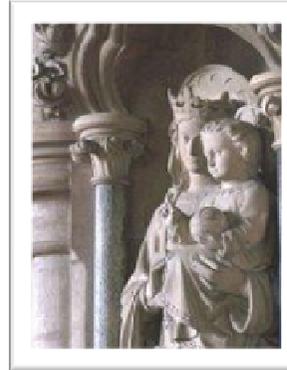


THE GOSPEL OF ST LUKE (*Part V—Analysis continued*)

THE NEARNESS of the End Times is not stressed as much as in Matthew and Mark, and Luke recognizes that there is a sense in which the kingdom is already present. When Jesus was accused of casting out demons, he replied, “But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.” In the story concerning Jesus and Zacchaeus, the coming of the kingdom is portrayed in a similar manner. When Zacchaeus stands up and says, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay it back four times the amount,” Jesus replies, “Today salvation has come to this house.” These passages, as well as many that might be mentioned, indicate that Luke was sympathetic to Paul’s mystical conception of the Christ who lives and abides in human hearts. Luke doesn’t abandon the apocalyptic conception of the coming of the age’s end, but he emphasizes the quality of life that can prepare us for the coming of the future event.

The Gospel of Luke was probably written between the years 85–90 A.D. By this time, Christianity was fast becoming a worldwide movement. Starting in Jerusalem, it spread to the surrounding territory and reached as far west as the city of Rome. With the increasing numbers of Christians, the movement not only attracted attention but encountered opposition from several different quarters. Rumours circulated to the effect that the founder of the movement was a dangerous character who was trying to overthrow the Roman government. Luke was a peacemaker, and he was anxious to show that Jesus was not the type of person that these critics supposed him to be. Therefore, Luke takes particular pains to point out that Jesus had no quarrel at all with the Roman government. Pilate finds no fault in Jesus, and a Roman centurion declares Jesus innocent. Although Pilate finally consents to Jesus’ crucifixion, it is not until he is pressured by Jews that he does so. Jesus’ whole ministry was conducted in a quiet and peaceful manner. He was the friend of the poor and the outcast and had no political ambitions of his own.

Writing towards the end of the first century, Luke is convinced that the characteristics of the movement that were then being emphasized had been present from the movement’s very beginning. He shows, for example, that the opposition to Jesus and his work was present during Jesus’ early ministry in Galilee and in people’s reactions to the sermon Jesus preached in the synagogue at Nazareth. Those who opposed Jesus continued their harassment throughout Jesus’ entire public career, and the cause of this harassment was their resentment of the criticisms that Jesus made of their formalism and hypocrisy. Determined to silence Jesus’ criticisms, they invented false charges concerning his disloyalty to the government. Luke shows the broad humanitarian character of Jesus’ work, not least in Jesus’ attitude toward the Samaritans and others whom the Jews regarded as their enemies. Jesus never failed to commend those who had a humble and contrite heart, and it made no difference whether they were Jews or Gentiles. At the time of Luke’s writing, the Spirit of Christ was regarded as the guiding factor in the life of the Christian church. That this was only a continuation of what had been present all along is shown by Jesus’ repeated references to the Spirit of God throughout the period of his public ministry. What Jesus taught was now accepted to be in harmony with what the church believed. Many of the statements attributed to Jesus were now interpreted in light of what had happened already, implying that at least some of his statements were intended as definite predictions of what was going to occur.



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	YEAR C: Psalter Week 1	
Sunday 10 th February	FIFTH SUNDAY PER ANNUM Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s	[GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 11 th February	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[green]
Tuesday 12 th February	<i>Of Week 5</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[green] <i>FM Col. S V Daughlish 1925</i>
Wednesday 13 th February	<i>Of Week 5</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s	[green] <i>FM Ada Daubenay 1953</i>
Thursday 14 th February	St Cyril , Religious, & St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white]
Friday 15 th February	<i>Of Week 5</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>	[green] <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 16 th February	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> <i>No Mass at St Mary’s. Mass: 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot</i>	[white]
Sunday 17 th February	SIXTH SUNDAY PER ANNUM Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s	Psalter Week 2 [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.

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**.

MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday 18th February** 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

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday March 5th**. 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.

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

DO YOU WANT TO "MAKE A DIFFERENCE"?

Are you a young Catholic between the ages of 16 and your 25 birthday? Do you intend to volunteer with a project to help the needy and less fortunate in the world? The Catenian Bursary Fund could help you. Over recent years we have given over £1.25m to over 10,000 applicants and we want to continue our support. All you need to do is to complete one of the application forms on our website at www.catenianbursary.com

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

31st March; Clergy Assistance Fund
19th April: Holy Places

Find us on  

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 Wyszocki-Jones.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Peter Mulford, Adrian Fortescue, Agnes Smith, Dermot Wisdom, Laurence Cooling, Robert Tamner, Emily Mulford, Dinah Booker and Yvonne Goyder.*

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.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. Please visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH BISHOP PHILIP

From the **24th to 30th July**. Please see posters at the back of the church with further information on options for travel and how to book a place.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms after Mass. All donations go to a very good charity - Eye Camps.