

MASS TIMES

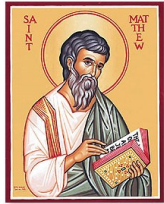
SATURDAY VIGIL 28th January

6.30 pm Anne Gallagher RIP

SUNDAY 29th January

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Norah Dowling RIP



Sacrament of Reconciliation
Confessions will follow 09.30 mass on
Saturday morning or by appointment

Monday 30th January

No mass

Tuesday 31st January

St John Bosco, Priest

09.30 Frank & Faith Pritchard RIP

11.00 Funeral of Marie Cashman

Wednesday 1st February

St Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland

09.30 Ann Brennan RIP

Thursday 2nd February

Presentation of the Lord

09.30 William Griffiths RIP

2.00pm Funeral of Andrew Davis

Friday 3rd February

St Blaise, Bishop;

St Ansgar, Bishop & martyr

09.30 Marie Cashman RIP

Saturday 4th February

09.30



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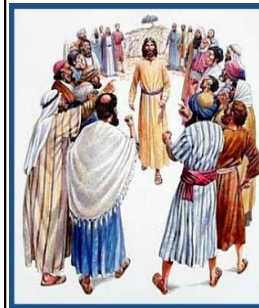
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29th January 2017 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)



Happy Attitudes—Today we listen to Jesus' most famous sermon; a list of promises to the poor, the meek and the merciful that we now call 'The Beatitudes'. "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven," "Blessed are the meek, blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness." Is Jesus telling us we can only be blessed if we make ourselves poor? Is he telling us to sit back meekly and let others walk all over us? Is Jesus encouraging us

to go out and actively invite persecution and insult?

The attitudes listed by Christ in his sermon are exactly the opposite of what the world demands of the successful. As St Paul says: "It was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones God has chosen" From an early age we have been taught to work hard at school so that we will get a good job . We are scolded for not speaking up for ourselves and applauded for pushing ourselves forward. Our culture is all about winning, prestige and material success.

The challenge we find in the Beatitudes is to work contrary to our human instincts in order to find true happiness and fulfilment. Our instincts are to amass wealth, earn fame, and bask in our perceived self-importance. It is often our cowardly instinct to turn a blind eye to injustice or to fail to stand up for what we believe because we are afraid of ridicule. It is the instinct of governments to engage in conflict in the pursuit of material gain and power. In his sermon, Jesus was not suggesting we live in dire poverty or become human doormats for the sake of it. Rather Jesus is asking us to look again at our values. We are asked to look at the things that we think will bring happiness. Jesus challenges us to think again..

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Fr. Danny Mc Avoy 01344 425729 Fr. Kevin Jones 01344 620591

Hospital / Home visits. Sick Communion, Baptism Preparation

If you are sick or going into hospital and would like a visit or Holy Communion, call the office on 0118 978 0348 or call Fr. David.

Baptisms—see Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday for further details

Parish Office Opening Times :- Tuesday to Friday, 09.00 to 13.00

The Parish Office is closed all day Monday

Your Parish Administrator, Una Smith, can be contacted on Tel: 0118 978 0348

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*Please remember to switch off your mobile phone before Mass
God deserves all our attention Thank you.*



In your prayers, please remember all those who have recently died . Also pray for all those who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Eileen Hendy, Pam Sheridan, Mary Ann Froud, Daniel Sutton, Ruth Murphy, Miriam Terry, Joseph Nemeth and Michael Sigwasa

Presentation of the Lord—February 2nd

Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby at the temple, Simeon said, "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples."

Seeing Jesus satisfied Simon's life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting, as Simeon's was?

World Day for Consecrated Life—February 2nd

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Although the World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on February 2nd, it is also celebrated on the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life.

St Blaise—February 3rd

St. Blaise's name is invoked for throat ailments. Blaise earned this reputation for saving a young boy from choking to death on a fish bone. The blessing of throats takes place on his Feast Day, February 3rd.

CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting – Saturday 4 Feb 2017

Join us at our next CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting on Saturday 4 February 2017 from 10am-1.30pm at St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. There will be a special talk on our livelihoods work in Zambia (our Lenten focus) by Mark Chamberlain and a chance to hear an update from Dan Hale on all our exciting campaigns . Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.

On behalf of my mother and family, may I thank you all most sincerely for your support, cards, masses and words of condolence on the death of my father. I was deeply touched by your kindness.

I will offer mass for your intentions, *Fr David*

Children's Liturgy—Week 3—our teams of catechists are available to take children into the Keenan Rooms during the 09-00 and 11-00 Sunday masses for the Children's Liturgy. If you would like your child to take part and he or she is school age (4-7), they may attend unaccompanied. Children below school age may attend with their parents. For unaccompanied children please take a signing in slip from the back of the church, complete and hand to the catechist in the Keenan Room. Fr David will call those children out to the front of the church after the Gloria, he will give one of them the bible to carry and they will go together to the Keenan Rooms for their liturgy and then return to the church for the Offertory.

If you would like to join the team of Catechists and take part in the next training session, the parish office will be pleased to hear from you.

Parish Quiz , Saturday, March 4th at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5.00 , to include cheese and biscuits plus a glass of wine. Quizzers to bring their own extra refreshments if required. **Do sign up for this fun evening!** the form is at the back of the church and drop the money into the Parish Office in an envelope containing names of participants and labelled 'Parish quiz.' Everyone is welcome , don't worry if you are not In a team as you can join one on the night.



A call for **Flower Arrangers**. Thank you to our past and present Flower Arrangers for their wonderful altar arrangements. If there are parishioners that would like to join the flower arrangers team, the Parish Office would be delighted to hear from you .

The **Trade Craft** stall will be open for business in the Keenan Rooms this weekend. Your purchases in 2016 have enabled a cheque for £500 to be sent to CAFOD. Thank you for your wonderful support .

Church Diaries for 2017 some still available at the back of the church

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