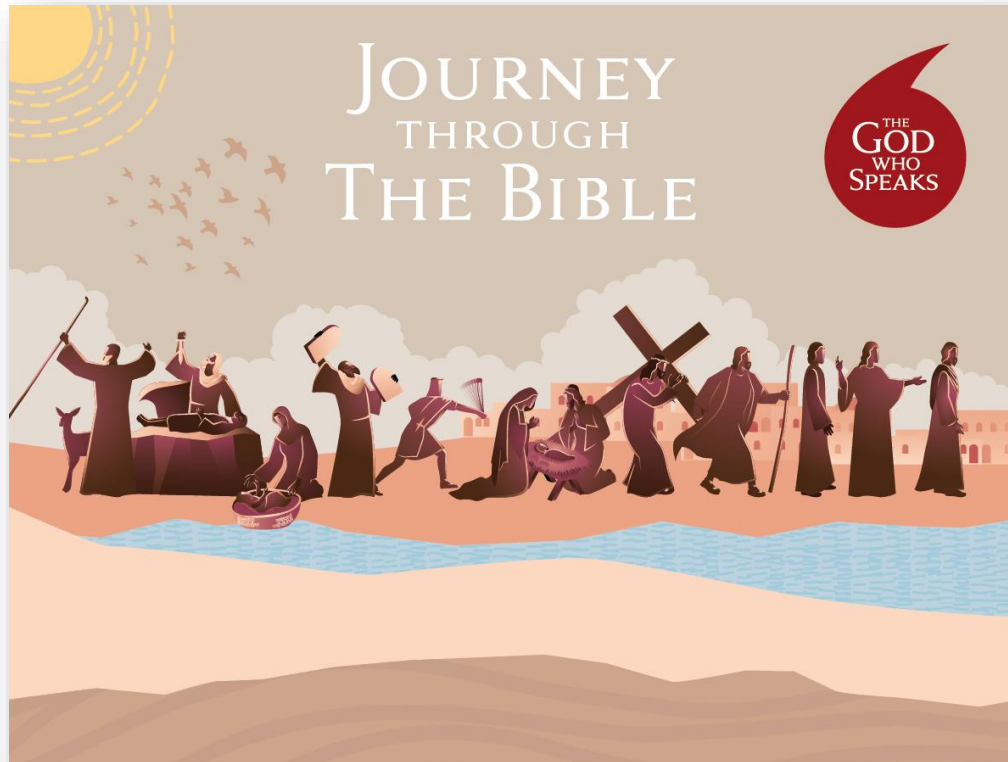


Saint Matthew's Gospel Day-by-day



Thank you for responding to the invitation and challenge to read the whole of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew at least once through the course of 2020. On a number of occasions early in his pontificate Pope Francis asked the crowds in S. Peter's Square, 'Have you read part of the gospel to-day?' or 'Do you carry a gospel with you to be able to read some verses each day?' The Holy Father commends reading part of the Gospel every day so that we can listen to Jesus at all times.

Throughout 2020 the Bishops of England and Wales invite you to join them in reading S. Matthew's Gospel, just a few verses each day. If you are able to share that reading aloud with your family all the better, perhaps taking turns with the pericopes for the day.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) the Holy Father says the Lord does not disappoint those who take the risk of letting Him encounter them each day; '*no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord*'.(EG.3)

'Mary, Virgin and Mother, ... obtain for us a new ardour born of the resurrection, that we may bring to all the Gospel of life which triumphs over death.' (EG.288)

May the words of the gospel bring you and your families renewed faith, hope and joy.

Bishop Peter M. Brignall, Bishop of Wrexham and Chair of the 2020 Planning Team.

Day 1

The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah 1:1-1:17

The Birth of Jesus the Messiah 1:18-25

Day 2

The Visit of the Wise Men 2:1-2:12

The Escape to Egypt 2:13-15

The Massacre of the Infants 2:16-23

Day 3

Return from Egypt 2:19-23

The Proclamation of John the Baptist 3:1-12

The Baptism of Jesus 3:13-17

Day 4

The Temptation of Jesus 4:1-11

Jesus Begins his Ministry in Galilee 4:12-17

Jesus Calls his first Disciples 4:18-22

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People 4:23-25

Day 5

The Beatitudes 5:1-12

Salt and Light 5:13-16

The Law and the Prophets 5:16-20

Day 6

Concerning Anger 5:21-26

Concerning Adultery 5:17-30

Concerning Divorce 5:31-32

Concerning Oaths 5:33-37

Concerning Retaliation 5:38-42

Day 7

Love for Enemies 5:43-48

Concerning Almsgiving 6:1-4

Concerning Prayer 6:5-15

Concerning Fasting 6:16-18

Day 8

Concerning Treasures 6:19-21

The Sound Eye 6:22-23

Serving Two Masters 6:24

Do Not Worry 6:25-34

Judging Others 7:1-5

Day 9

Profaning the Holy 7:6

Ask Search Knock 7:7-11

The Golden Rule 7:12

The Narrow Gate 7:13-14

A Tree and its Fruit 7:15-20

Concerning Self-Deception 7:21-23

Hearers and Doers 7:24-28

Day 10

Jesus Cleanses a Leper 8:1-4

Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant 8:5-13

Jesus Heals many at Peter's House 8:14-17

Day 11

Would-be Followers of Jesus 8:18-22

Jesus Stills the Storm 8:23-27

Jesus Heals the Gadarene Demoniacs 8:28-9:1

Day 12

Jesus Heals a Paralytic 9:2-8

The Calling of Matthew 9:9-13

The Question about Fasting 9:14-17

Day 13

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed 9:18-26

Jesus Heals two Blind Men 9:27-31

Jesus Heals One Who was Mute 9:32-34

Day 14

The Harvest is Great, the Labourers few 9:35-38

The Twelve Apostles 10:1-4

The Mission of the Twelve 10:5-15

Coming Persecutions 10:16-25

Day 15

Whom to Fear 10:26-33

Not Peace, but a Sword 10:34-39

Rewards 10:40-11:1

Messengers from John the Baptist 11:2-6

Jesus Praises John the Baptist 11:7-19

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Woes to Unrepentant Cities 11:20-24

Jesus Thanks his Father 11:25-30

Plucking Grain on the Sabbath 12:1-8

Day 17

The Man with a Withered Hand 12:9-14

God's Chosen-Servant 12:15-21

Jesus and Beelzebul 12:22-32

A Tree and its Fruit 12:33-37

Day 18

The Sign of Jonah 12:38-42

The Return of the Unclean Spirit 12:43-45

The True Family of Jesus 12:46-50

Day 19

The Parable to the Sower 13:1-9

The Purpose of the Parables 13:10-17

The Parable of the Sower Explained 13:18-23

Day 20

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat 13:24-30
The Parable of the Mustard seed 13:31-32
The Parable of the Yeast 13:33
The Use of Parables 13:34-35
Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds 13:36-43

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Three Parables 13:44-50
Treasures New and Old 13:51-53
The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth 13:54-58
The Death of John the Baptist 14:1-12

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Feeding the Five Thousand 14:13-21
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Jesus Heals the sick in Gennesaret 14:34-14:35

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The Tradition of the Elders 15:1-9
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The Parable of the Lost Sheep 18:10-14
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Teaching about Divorce 19:1-12
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A 3rd Time Jesus Foretells His Death & Resurrection 20:17-19

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The Request of the Mother of James and John 20:20-28

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Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem 21:1-11

Jesus Cleanses the Temple 21:12-17

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree 21:18-22

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The Authority of Jesus Questioned 21:23-27

The Parable of the Two Sons 21:28-32

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants 21:33-46

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The Parable of the Wedding Banquet 22:1-14

The Question about Paying Taxes 22:15-22

The Question about the Resurrection 22:23-33

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The Greatest Commandment 22:34-40

The Question about David's Son 22:41-46

Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees 23:1-36

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Lament over Jerusalem 23:37-39

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold 24:1-2

Signs of the End of the Age 24:3-8

Persecutions Foretold 24:9-14

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The Coming of the Son of Man 24:29-31

The Lesson of the Fig Tree 24:32-35

The Necessity of watchfulness 24:36-44

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The Parable of the Talents 25:14-30

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The Judgement of the Nations 25:31-45

The Plot to Kill Jesus 26:1-5

The Anointing at Bethany 26:6-13

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Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus 26:14-16

The Passover with the Disciples 26:17-30

Peter's Denial Foretold 26:31-35

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The Crucifixion of Jesus 27:32-44

The Death of Jesus 27:45-56

The Burial of Jesus 27:57-61

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The Report of the Guard 28:11-15

The Commissioning of the Disciples 28:16-20

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Of Saint Dominic it is written: 'In his conversations and letters he often urged the brothers of the Order to study constantly the Old and New Testaments. He always carried with him the gospel according to Matthew and the epistles of Paul, and so well did he study them that he almost knew them from memory.'

Various writings on the history of the Order of Preachers.