

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The life of the people was written down to be a lesson for us.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL

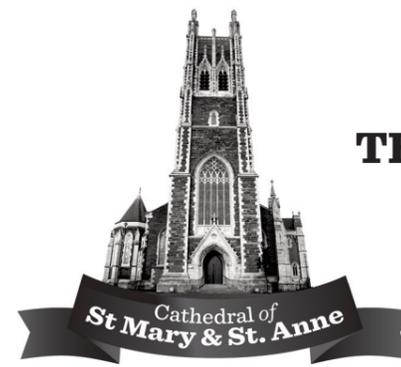
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, ‘Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.’

He told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, “Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?” “Sir,” the man replied “leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE PARISHES OF **THE CATHEDRAL, BLACKPOOL, THE GLEN, BALLYVOLANE & SUNDAY'S WELL** Newsletter



March 24 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

I Am has sent me to you

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. ‘I must go and look at this strange sight,’ Moses said ‘and see why the bush is not burnt.’ Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. ‘Moses, Moses!’ he said. ‘Here I am’ he answered. ‘Come no nearer’ he said. ‘Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,’ he said ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.’ At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, ‘I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites. After you have led the people out of Egypt, you are to offer worship to God on this mountain.’

Then Moses said to God, ‘I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you.” But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?’ And God said to Moses, ‘I Am who I Am. ‘This’ he added ‘is what you must say to the sons of Israel: “I Am has sent me to you.” And God also said to Moses, ‘You are to say to the sons of Israel: ” the Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.” This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals everyone of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

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Tues to Fri: 9am-12noon
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Cathedral Parish

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8.30am-4.30pm
Fri: 8.30am-3.30pm

Last weeks' Offertory Collection from the four churches of the parishes came to:

Cathedral: €1,900
Blackpool: €1,084
The Glen: €596
Ballyvolane: €1,005
Sincere thanks for your generous support.

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Maintenance/Renovation Fund.

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Seamus Cramer
Rita Cotter

ST ELISABETH CONVENT, BELARUS

Sale of Goods after the weekend Masses in the Cathedral

St Elizabeth Convent who look after 200 orphaned children and a rehabilitation facility for female ex-prisoners, the homeless and the mentally challenged will be selling goods after weekend masses in the Cathedral.

To support and develop the above ministries, more than twenty workshops and studios operate within the frameworks of the Sisterhood. These include sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, wood-carving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more. Some of the people working in the workshops are those who lost all hope in realizing their potential due to various illnesses. Your contributions would be much appreciated.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Come Holy Spirit, Come

On Thursday 28th March, St Oliver's Church will welcome with great joy the boys and girls from Scoil Oilibhéir who come forward for confirmation.

These young people have made careful preparation for this day. At school through the study of their religious programme, they have come to an awareness of God's personal choice of each one of them to be witnesses to Jesus. They are also aware that this call will be communicated to them in a visible way on their Confirmation Day through the signs and symbols of the sacrament. They have learned too, that the Holy Spirit will always be with them as a Helper and Friend. During the ceremony Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan will pray:

"All powerful God... Send your Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence."

These gifts, like all God's gifts, are given lovingly and freely to help us to "love and serve the Lord" in our daily lives. Sometimes that can be difficult so we need the help of the Holy Spirit and the support of each other in the Christian Community. In that sense, we are all Sponsors. At the Confirmation ceremony, the support sponsor places his/her hand on the shoulder of the candidate. This gesture symbolises the support of the individual sponsor but also the support of the rest of the community for the newly confirmed.

How can we show our support? By being models of Christian living for these young people. In his letter to the Galatians, St Paul tells us that the signs of the Holy Spirit are: love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit and the signs of God's presence in us. When we live as people of love, joy, peace, patience, etc., we too are people of God's spirit.

For the boys and girls who will be confirmed on Thursday 28th March 2019, and for ourselves, we pray.

**Come Holy Spirit, Spirit come,
Come Holy Spirit, come and live in us today.
Come Holy Spirit, Spirit come,
Live on our hearts and guide us on our way.**

We welcome Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan who will officiate at the Confirmation ceremony in St Oliver's Church, Ballyvolane on Thursday 28th March at 10.30a.m.

The 9am Mass will be celebrated as normal in St Oliver's on that day.

ST OLIVER'S CHURCH MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EUCHARIST.

A new rota will be issued in the next few weeks, replacing the existing rota. If any minister would like to reserve their original allocated days, or would like to be allocated any particular days, please contact Liam O'Sullivan by **Monday 1st April** at 0852828045. "

On **Monday 25th March** we begin Week 3 of the **MATT TALBOT NOVENA** in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher and Sr. Jennifer McAleer, Good Shepherd Sisters, Montenotte will be our preacher and Rev. Fr. Colin Doocey, P.P. Mahon will be our celebrant that night. Mass and Novena prayers begin at 7.30 p.m.

CATHOLIC ADULTS CONFERENCE 2019
(18 to 40 yrs)

"Do not be afraid" *Mary Woman of Courage*
Guest Speaker: Fr Maurius O'Reilly
Date: **Saturday 30th March 11.00am to 6.00pm**
Testimonies, Workshops, Lunch, Holy Mass & Adoration.

Venue: Dominican retreat Centre, Ennismore, Cork.
Cost: Including Lunch €15 on the day.
Or to Book in Advance Contact: Fergal on 087 7914975 or Susan on 087 2414635.

BLACKPOOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

will be hosting Cork author John MacSweeney who will be talking about The Golden Age of Cork Cinemas based on his book of the same name. This should be a wonderful night of nostalgia where all those old cinemas are remembered again including Blackpool's own LIDO. It is on **Tuesday 26th at 7:30pm** in the Blackpool Community Centre

GLEN ROVERS CAMOGIE UNDER 14 TEAM CAKE SALE IN BLACKPOOL CHURCH

Glen Rovers Camogie Under 14 Team will hold a Cake Sale before and after Mass in Blackpool **this weekend on Saturday and Sunday.**

The girls are busy preparing for the All Ireland Camogie Feile na Ngael which is being held in Cork in June and they have a few fund raising ventures organised and they will be there next weekend with their cakes before and after mass so keep an eye out for all the goodies they will have on offer today and tomorrow at the end of the church. Thanks to Fr John for giving permission for this venture.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS:
on **Wednesday 27th March from 3:00pm to 4:00pm** at the Mercy Hospital Chapel – all are welcome.

CATHEDRAL

Sat. 23rd March 5pm (Vigil)
Eileen Walsh R.I.P.

Dan Jones 1st Anniversary R.I.P.
Ronnie Hull 7th Anniversary and Andrew & Julia Hull

Sun. 24th March 11.30am.
Tony Walsh R.I.P.

Mary Thompson 9th Anniversary
Denis O'Regan 12th Anniversary

Sun. 24th March 5.30p.m.
Kevin O'Sullivan
Bridie & Denis Corcoran
O'Sullivan Family

Mon. 25th March 10.15a.m
Cathy O'Sullivan 1st Anniversary
R.I.P.

Tues. 26th March 10.15a.m.
Betty Geaney R.I.P

Wed. 27th March 10.15a.m.
Shared Mass

Thurs. 28th March 10.15a.m.
Ciara O'Flynn 11th Anniversary

Fri. 29th March 10.15a.m.
Golden Book of Remembrance Mass

Sat. 30th March 10.15a.m.
Special Intention

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sun. 24th March 10a.m.
Attracta & Teddy O'Neill and Family

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Sat 23rd March 6pm:
Rose McCarthy RIP
Andrew and Breda O'Mahony RIP
Fr Fergal Shannon RIP

Sunday 24th March 12noon:
Norman Callnan Recently Deceased
Michael O'Reilly Recently Deceased
Dan Harris 15th Anniversary RIP

Monday 25th March 9.45am:
Cathy O'Sullivan First Anniversary
RIP

Tuesday 26th March 9.45am:
Tom and Bridge O'Mahony RIP

Wednesday 27th March 9.45am:
Catherine and Timothy O'Sullivan RIP

Thurs 28th March 9.45am:
Kathleen O'Connell RIP

Friday 29th March 9am:
Shared Mass.

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Saturday 23rd March 6pm:
Harry McCarthy RIP
Norma Kearney RIP
Michael McCarthy RIP

Sunday 24th March 11am:
Michael Goulding RIP
Nora and James Barry RIP
Helen McDonagh Get Well

Monday 25th March 9am:
Brandan Twyford RIP

Tuesday 26th March 9am:
Michael Goulding RIP

Wednesday 27th March 9am:
Dave Walsh Recently Deceased

Thursday 28th March 9am:
Patrick O'Sullivan RIP

ST. BRENDAN'S, THE GLEN

Sunday 24th March 10am:
Nancy Kennedy Recently Deceased RIP
Sean O'Dwyer Anniversary RIP

Mon 25th March 10am
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tues 26th March 10am
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thursday 28th March
No Mass in St Brendan's (because of Confirmation in St Oliver's)

Friday 29th March 9.45am:
No Intention

Saturday 30th March 9.45am:
Special Intention

Lenten Reflection

This Lent there will be four sessions of "Lenten Reflections" which will take place in the Visitors Centre in the North Cathedral. This is open to everyone in our Pastoral area.

These Reflection sessions will be held on the Dates listed below, you can come to one, two, three, or all four Lenten reflection sessions, the choice is yours:

- Monday 25th March, at 7.30-8.30 pm**
- Monday 01st April, at 7.30-8.30 pm.**
- Monday 08th April, at 7.30-8.30 pm**
- Monday 15th April, at 7.30-8.30 pm (Holy Week)**

All Welcome

AFTERNOON CONCERT

featuring the Blackpool Parish Choir, Cork Garda Male Voice Choir and Sinéad Ní Mhurchú (soprano). **Sunday 7 April at 3pm**, Church of the Annunciation, Blackpool. Retiring collection for charity.

THE KILCULLY STATION MASS

will be held in the home of Tony and Mary O'Sullivan on **Friday 5th April at 8pm.**

KILLEENS, & BALLINCROKIG/DUBLIN PIKE STATION MASS AREAS:

If some family would like to host the Spring Station Mass for the Killeens & Ballincrokig/Dublin Pike areas, would they please contact one of the Priests of the Parish. Telephone numbers are listed on this newsletter.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Wednesdays 10am until Friday 9pm. Located in the Dominican Pastoral Centre at the corner of Popes Quay. Everyone welcome. Contact: Carmel 086 1011121, Dolores 086 8329472, Chris 087 1332079, Jim 087 2446534. Looking for people to do one hour.

THE SPRING DUES ENVELOPES

are available in the four Churches of the Parishes.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES are available at the back of the church.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant's Introduction: Having heard God's sobering and challenging word, let us now turn in prayer to him who gives us the strength to put those words into practice.

Intercessions:

1. Lent is the season of preparation for baptism, or for preparing to renew our baptismal vows at Easter. May all the baptised throughout the world be authentic witnesses to Good News of Jesus Christ. **Lord, hear us.....**
2. We pray for those who seek renewal in civic and cultural life, that they may be guided by authentic human values. **Lord, hear us.....**
3. We pray for those whose freedom is compromised by patterns of sin or addiction, that with God's help they may come to the freedom God intends for his children. **Lord, hear us.....**
4. We pray for the children of our communities, especially those preparing for sacraments. May they grow strong in faith and may they not lack good example from those who are older. **Lord, hear us.....**

Celebrant: Walk with us, we pray, O Lord, as we make this Lenten pilgrimage. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.