

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*  
*I will leave this place and go to my father and say:*  
*‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.*  
*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

**GOSPEL**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**  
*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners, meanwhile, were all seeking his company to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them. So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

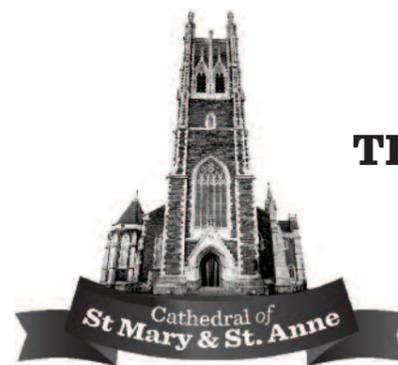
‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

The father said,

“My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice,  
because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



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



March 31 2019  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
*Happy Mother's Day*

**FIRST READING**

**A reading from the Book of Joshua.**

*The People of God kept the Passover on their entry into the promised land.*

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you’.

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**1.** I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

**2.** Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

**3.** Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

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

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

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

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**SACRISTY /**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Blackpool: 021 4300518  
Tues to Fri: 9am-12noon  
Sunday 11am to 12noon

Cathedral: 021 4304325  
Sacristy: 021 4210717

**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: €1,395  
Blackpool: €1,020  
The Glen: €540  
Ballyvolane: €761

*Sincere thanks for your generous support.*

Last weeks'

Maintenance/Renovation Fund Collection from the four churches of the parishes came to:

Cathedral: €955  
Blackpool: €685  
The Glen: €354  
Ballyvolane: €706

*Sincere thanks for your generous support.*

**LAETARE SUNDAY**

*Celebration of Confirmation*

**On Monday 1st April in the Cathedral the young people from 6th Class North Pres and Scoil Cholmcille, Blarney Street CBS will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

Just as bodies and minds grow, Catholics believe that the soul also needs to grow in the life of grace. The sacrament of Confirmation builds on the sacraments of Baptism, Penance and Holy Communion completing the process of initiation into the Catholic community.

Confirmation establishes young adults as full-fledged members of the faith. This sacrament is called Confirmation because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. During the Baptism of these young people, their parents and godparents made promises to renounce Satan and believe in God and the Church on their behalf. At Confirmation, the young people now renew those same promises, this time speaking for themselves.

During the Confirmation ceremony, the focus is on the Holy Spirit, who confirmed the apostles on Pentecost and gave them courage to practice their faith. As Catholics, we believe that the same Holy Spirit confirms us during the Sacrament of Confirmation and gives us the same gifts. Traditionally, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe in

God's presence.

"In Confirmation, Jesus fills us with his Spirit and makes us sharers in his own life and mission. It is a further spiritual anointing that completes the grace of Baptism and leads us to the Eucharist. The Church prays that we too may receive the gifts and fruits of the Spirit that enable us to help the body of Christ to grow. The gift of the Holy Spirit, received in the sacrament, enables us in turn to become a gift for others within the communion of the Church. May we who have received this sacrament open our hearts each day to the liberating breath of the Holy Spirit and fan into a flame the gifts we have received for the good of one another, the whole Church and the world in which we live." – POPE FRANCIS

For the boys and girls who will be confirmed on Monday 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 Bishop Patrick Harrington, SMA, who will officiate at the Confirmation ceremony in the Cathedral which will begin at 10.30a.m.**

There will be no 10.15am Mass in the Cathedral on Monday on account of the Confirmation at 10.30am.

**CATHEDRAL**  
Sat. 30th March 5pm (Vigil)  
Mother's Day Intentions  
Eileen Walsh R.I.P.  
Sean McCarthy R.I.P.  
Jimmy Hull 2nd Anniversary and  
Sadie Hull

Sun. 31st March 11.30am.  
Mother's Day Intentions  
Kathleen Manley Anniversary  
Mary Breda O'Connor R.I.P. 1st  
Anniversary  
Eileen Sheffron R.I.P. Anniversary

Sun. 31st March 5.30p.m.  
Mother's Day Intentions  
Florence Neenan R.I.P.  
Sheila O'Sullivan R.I.P. 3rd  
Anniversary  
Eileen Kiely R.I.P 1st Anniversary

Mon. 1st April 10.30a.m  
Confirmation at 10.30am

Tues. 2nd April 10.15a.m.  
Joan Buckley Birthday Remembrance

Wed. 3rd April 10.15a.m.  
Shared Mass

Thurs. 4th April 10.15a.m.  
George Wheatley R.I.P.

Fri. 5th April 10.15a.m.  
Golden Book of Remembrance Mass

Sat. 6th April 10.15a.m.  
Special Intention

**NORTH PRESENTATION**  
**CONVENT**

Sun. 31st March 10a.m.  
Mothers Day Intentions  
May Kiely Anniversary R.I.P.

**CHURCH OF THE**  
**ANNUNCIATION**

Sat 30th Mar 6pm:  
Mother's Day Intentions  
Celine Desmond First Anniversary RIP  
Jimmy Moore RIP  
O'Brien and Kenny Family RIP

Sun 31st Mar 12noon:  
Mother's Day Intentions  
Jimmy Moore Birthday Remembrance  
and Garrett Moore. RIP  
Jerry Cronin 2nd Anniversary RIP  
Nora Whelan Recently Deceased

Mon 1st April 9.45am:  
Sean O'Sullivan RIP

Tues 2nd April 9.45am:  
Peter Dooley Recently Deceased RIP

Wed 3rd April 9.45am:  
Stanley and Pat Jones and Pat  
Kelleher RIP

Thurs 4th April 9.45am:  
Billy O'Keeffe RIP

Fri 5th April 9.00am:  
Shared Mass

**ST OLIVER'S,**  
**BALLYVOLANE**

Sat 30th Mar 6pm:  
Mother's Day Intentions  
Sarah Jane O'Meara RIP  
Nyhan and Cotter Family RIP  
Etta Casey RIP

Sun 31st Mar 11am:  
Mother's Day Intentions  
Noelle O'Driscoll RIP  
Margaret Lynch Recently Deceased

Mon 1st April 9am:  
Ellen Fitzgerald RIP

Tues 2nd April 9am:  
No intention

Wed 3rd April 9am:  
Jack and Joanne Costello RIP

Thurs 4th April 9am:  
Special Intention

**ST. BRENDAN'S,**  
**THE GLEN**

Sun 31st March 10am:  
Mother's Day Intentions  
Mary O'Keeffe RIP

Mon 1st April 10am  
Liturgy of the Word and Holy  
Communion

Tues 2nd April 10am  
Liturgy of the Word and Holy  
Communion

Thurs 4th April 11am:  
No intention

Fri 5th April 9.45am:  
No intention

Sat 6th April 9.45am:  
Special Intention

**DEVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS**

will take place on **Friday next April 5th** at the North Presentation Convent Chapel, Gerald Griffin St. commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 7pm followed by celebration of Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Blessing with Relic of St. Faustina.

**THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BLACKPOOL / THE GLEN / BALLYVOLANE PARISH ASSEMBLY**

will be held in the Cathedral Visitors Centre on **Monday 1st April at 7.30pm.**

**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 & Ballincrokg/Dublin Pike areas, would they please contact one of the Priests of the Parish. Telephone numbers are listed on this newsletter.

**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.

**MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS**

are available in the four churches of the parishes.

**THE EASTER NOVENA MASS CARDS**

are available in the four churches of the parishes.

**LENTEN REFLECTION**

This Lent there will "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 or all three Lenten reflection sessions, the choice is yours.

**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

**THE SPRING DUES ENVELOPES**

are available in the four Churches of the Parishes.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Celebrant's Introduction:* The prodigal son resolved to go to his father. That is what we do now, as we pray: we go to our Father, confident of his love and providence.

*Intercessions:*

1. For the gift of joyful renewal throughout the Church. May God bring healing wherever the inheritance of faith has been squandered by indifference and sin. **Lord, hear us.....**
2. We pray for countries and cultures experiencing a famine of God's word. May they find the way back to authentic wisdom, and may their leaders see Christian faith as an ally in the pursuit of the common good. **Lord, hear us.....**
3. We pray for those who feel lost, confused, sad, bitter or disappointed. May God the Father embrace them in his love. **Lord, hear us.....**
4. We pray for families broken by resentment or hurt, that they may be blessed by the grace of reconciliation. **Lord, hear us.....**

*Celebrant:* Father, it is only right that we should celebrate and rejoice, because you invite us to the fullness of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Dates for your Diary*

*Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne:*

**North Pres. Primary & Blarney Street C.B.S.:** Mon 1st April  
**North Mon & St. Vincent's Primary School:** Wed 10th April

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:**

*St Brendan's Church, The Glen:* **St. Mark's & St Brendan's:** Saturday 11th May

*St Oliver's Church, Ballyvolane:* **Scoil Oibheir:** Saturday 11th May

*Church of the Annunciation, Blackpool:* **Gaelscoil Pheig Sayers:** Saturday 18th May

*Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne:*

**North Mon & St. Vincent's Primary School:** Sat 18th May  
**North Pres. Primary & Blarney Street C.B.S.:** Sat 25th May

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES**

are available at the back of the church.

**'Love no flood can quench, no torrents drown'**

*Song of Songs 8:7*

2.5 million people may have been affected by the devastating cyclone and floods that have hit southern Africa. Trócaire is responding on the ground with life-saving support and the Lenten campaign will help not only the people in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe but thousands of others facing hardship across the developing world.

**www.trocaire.org**

**BLACKPOOL GOES STRICTLY**



**BLACKPOOL YOUTH CLUB & PARISH**

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in aid of

**Blackpool Youth Club & St. Marks, St. Brendan's, Scoil Oilibhéir ASD Units (Autistic Spectrum Disorder)**

**ROCHESTOWN PARK HOTEL**

26th & 27th APRIL • 2019

Doors Open: 7.30pm Show Starts: 8.00pm

Tickets: €20 Available at local outlets.