

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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They began their accusation by saying, ‘We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of the tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king’. Pilate put to him this question, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ ‘It is you who say it’ he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, ‘I find no case against this man.’ But they persisted, ‘He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.’ When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod’s jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. ‘You brought this man before me’ he said ‘as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.’ But as one man they howled, ‘Away with him! Give us Barabbas!’ (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, ‘Crucify him! Crucify him!’ And for the third time he spoke to them, ‘Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go’ But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, “Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!” Then they will begin to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”; to the hills, “Cover us”. For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?’ Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.’ Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. ‘He saved others,’ they said ‘let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.’ The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ Above him there was an inscription: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. ‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’ he said. ‘You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,’ he said ‘remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise you,’ he replied ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’

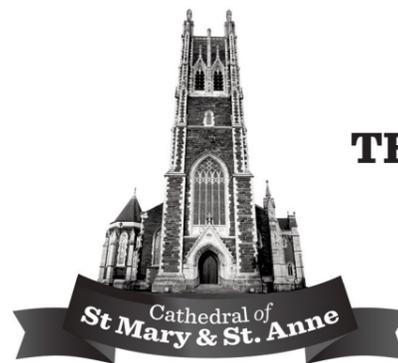
It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit’ With these words he breathed his last.

(All Kneel and pause a moment)

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, ‘This was a great and good man.’ And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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



April 14 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I did not cover my face against insult - I know I shall not be shamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple’s tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
‘He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.’ **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
‘You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel’s sons.’ **R.**

SECOND READING

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

He humbled himself but God raised him high.

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

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OUR NEW BISHOP

On Monday morning Pope Francis announced the appointment of Dublin priest, Fr Fintan Gavin, as Bishop John Buckley's successor in the Diocese of Cork & Ross.

Fr Gavin is currently Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Dublin and a highly regarded canon lawyer.

Announcing the news in the Cathedral of Saint Mary & Saint Anne in Cork City, the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, described it as "very special in the life of the people of God in Cork and Ross".

Fr Gavin has worked closely with young adults through gospel choirs, World Youth Day and the 'Second Chance Saturday' initiative which encouraged those who had drifted from the Church to give their faith a second chance, reaching out through street ministry and offering social time and hospitality.

Recently he worked on the development of the Gospel Choir of Our Lady of Victories Parish in Ballymun in Dublin, which along with a young adult group, animates a Mass for young people in the parish every Sunday evening.

He has also led groups of young people to International World Youth Days in Madrid, Rio de Janeiro and Krakow.

Fr Gavin has served as a chaplain to the Dublin Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes each year during Easter Week, involving travelling with a group of children with special needs and their helper volunteers, collaborating with leaders who plan, fundraise and train together as helpers.

Bishop-elect Gavin was a priest-teacher at St Thomas' Community College, Bray, Co Wicklow (1991-1994); Chaplain at St Gerard's Junior and Senior School, Bray, Co Wicklow (1991-1994); Parish Chaplain, Holy Redeemer Parish, Bray, Co Wicklow (1991-1994); Priest-teacher, Killinarden Community School, Tallaght, Dublin (1994-1996); Parish Chaplain, Parish of the Sacred Heart, Killinarden, Tallaght (1994-1996).

Up to today's appointment, Bishop-elect Gavin was in addition to being Chancellor in the Archdiocese of Dublin and parish chaplain in Ballymun and the parish grouping of Iona Road, Drumcondra, Glasnevin and Ballygall, also chaplain to the Italian-speaking community in Dublin and chaplain.

He is fluent in Italian and Spanish and enjoys keeping fit, walking, cooking - especially vegetarian, and gardening.

Bishop-elect Gavin was born in Dublin on 1 January 1966 and baptised in St Andrew's Parish, Westland Row, Dublin, on 5 January 1966.

He is the second eldest of seven brothers and sisters. His family roots are in Marino, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, on the Northside of Dublin.

He played hurling and football with Saint Vincent's GAA Club, Marino, and was a member of Marino Athletic Club.

He was ordained to serve as a priest of the Archdiocese by the Bishop Éamonn Walsh, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, and was appointed to the Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Church, Marino, Dublin, on 7 June 1991.

Bishop John Buckley, has been serving the diocese for more than 20 years. He submitted a letter of resignation to the Pope in 2014, having reached the age at which serving diocesan bishops are required to do so by Church law, but was happy to remain in the role until such time as a replacement was named.

The bishop, originally from Inchigeela, was ordained in 1965 and taught at St Finbarr's College, Farranferris, until he became the college president in 1975. He worked for a year as parish priest of Turner's Cross Parish in Cork City before he was ordained Titular Bishop of Leptis Magna and Auxiliary Bishop of Cork and Ross in 1984.

He became the diocesan administrator following the death of Bishop Michael Murphy in October 1996 and was appointed as the third bishop of the 1958-formed Diocese of Cork and Ross in December 1997.

There is great affection in the city and across the diocese for Bishop Buckley, who is known for his frequent hospital visits.

He is also passionate about sport and the important role it can play in the lives of young people, and is a well-known road bowling fan.

	CATHEDRAL	NORTH PRES	BLACKPOOL	THE GLEN	BALLYVOLANE
PALM SUNDAY 14th April	5pm Vigil: Blessing of Palms and Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday 11.30am: Blessing of Palms and Palm Sunday Mass 5.30pm: Blessing of Palms and Palm Sunday Mass Penitential Service after the 11.30am & 5.30pm Masses	10.00am Blessing of Palms and Palm Sunday Mass	6pm Vigil: Blessing of Palms and Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday 12noon: Blessing of Palms and Palm Sunday Mass Penitential Service after all Masses	10am: Blessing of Palms and Palm Sunday Mass	6pm Vigil: Blessing of Palms and Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday 11am: Blessing of Palms and Palm Sunday Mass Penitential Service after the 6pm Vigil Mass
Mon 15th April	10.15am Mass		9.45am Mass	10am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion	9am Mass
Tues. 16th April	10.15am Mass		9.45am Mass	10am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion	9am Mass
Wed. 17th April	10.15am Mass		9.45am Mass		9am Mass
Chrism Mass (only morning Mass) in the Cathedral at 10am. Everybody welcome.					
The Sacred Triduum HOLY THURSDAY 18th April	8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper Watch and pray until 10pm		6pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper Watch and pray until 8pm		
GOOD FRIDAY 19th April A day of Fast and Abstinence The Collection taken up today is for the Holy Places	12noon: Stations of the Cross 3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 7.30pm: Prayer around the Cross		12noon: Stations of the Cross	3pm: Stations of the Cross and Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion	11am: Stations of the Cross 6pm: Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
Holy Saturday 20th April	5pm: Easter Mass 8pm: Solemn Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection		6pm: Solemn Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection		6pm: Solemn Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection
Easter Sunday 21st April	11.30am: Easter Sunday Mass 5.30pm: Easter Sunday Mass	10.00am: Easter Sunday Mass	12noon: Easter Sunday Mass	10am: Easter Sunday Mass	11am: Easter Sunday Mass

CHRISM MASS, CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY AND ST. ANNE.

On **Holy Thursday morning, April 18th** the priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to priesthood and invite the people to pray for them at the Chrism Mass in The Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne at 10.00 am.

This is the only Mass celebrated in the diocese on this morning. Lay people from every parish are invited to show support for and solidarity with Bishop Buckley and the priests as he blesses the oils. The Holy Oils blessed at this Mass are brought back to the parishes for use during the coming year in the celebration of the sacraments in the parish. The Holy Chrism is used in Baptism, Confirmation, to bring support and comfort to the sick in their infirmity and to anoint the hands of priests and the heads of bishops at ordination.

All are welcome. Live Streaming Services is now available in The Cathedral, Blackpool, The Glen and Ballyvolane.

STATIONS IN ST OLIVER'S CHURCH Good Friday at 11:00 am.

Young people of the parish are invited to partake in the Stations at 11am in St Oliver's Church on **Good Friday April 19th**. First practice on **Monday, April 15th at 12:00 noon** in St Oliver's Church. Young people to be accompanied by an adult. *All welcome.*

THE SPRING DUES ENVELOPES are available in the four Churches of the Parishes.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant's Introduction: We are an Easter people, entering the final days of our Lenten journey. Let us now make our prayers with confidence.

Intercessions:

- Jesus longed to eat with his disciples. May the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, always be celebrated with dignity and grateful joy.
Lord, hear us.....
- We pray God's blessing on our Bishop-Elect Monsignor Fintan Gavin as he begins his ministry as Bishop of Cork and Ross.
Lord, hear us.....
- We thank God for the service, leadership and ministry of Bishop John Buckley to the Diocese of Cork and Ross over the years. We pray health and happiness for him in his well-earned retirement.
Lord, hear us.....
- Jesus said, 'Today, you will be with me in paradise.' May those words be heard by all the faithful departed.
Lord, hear us.....

Celebrant: Father, through the Passion of your beloved Son, may we be strengthened to live as light of the world and salt of the earth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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: €1,470
Blackpool: €890
The Glen: €490
Ballyvolane: €806

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

Cathedral: €1,021
Blackpool: €589
The Glen: €387
Ballyvolane: €609

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The second collection this weekend is for the Diocesan Quarterly.

The collection on Good Friday is for Holy Places.

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Larry Coade
Patrick Joseph Hennessy

THE EASTER NOVENA MASS CARDS are available in the four churches of the parishes.

KILLEENS STATION MASS AREA: If some family would like to host the Spring Station Mass for the Killeens areas, would they please contact one of the Priests of the Parish. Telephone numbers are listed on this newsletter.

BALLINCROKIG/DUBLIN PIKE STATION MASS will be held in the home of Martin & Margaret Flemming, Ardagh Heights at a date yet to be arranged.