

SECOND READING
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book, and send it to the seven churches of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
*Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'*

GOSPEL
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Eight days later, Jesus came.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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



April 28 2019
Second Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end,'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant us success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
Is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
The Lord God is our light. **R.**

2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

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WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Kathleen Donovan

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION

A sincere thank you from the Priests of the Parish for your generosity in the Easter Weekend collection.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please hand in your Trócaire Boxes as soon as possible.

The **BALLINCROKIG/DUBLIN PIKE STATION MASS** will be held in the home of Margaret and Martin Fleming, 9 Ardagh Heights on **Thursday 9th May at 8pm.**

KILLEENS MASS AREA:

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on **April 28th** in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen. The day commences at 2pm and includes the Rosary, 7 priests hearing confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Stations of the Cross, and a talk by Bernadette Goulding. Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm.

Seeing and believing: THOMAS

In coming to believe in the risen Jesus the disciples experience a profound change: they become spirited followers of their Lord. They have seen the Lord, they have met him, they have eaten with him. They can testify to others from the authority of their own experience. As John says: "What we have seen and heard we are telling you so that you too may be in union with us, as we are in union with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3). The apostles have a unique place in the Church: they experienced Jesus at first hand and were authorised to be his witnesses. And as we heard in the first reading they led many people to believe in the Lord through the power of their witness.

But what about all those people who never met Jesus or heard him or touched him? And we are numbered among them. Can we believe without seeing the Lord for ourselves? And that is why the story of Thomas is so important, because it tells us that it is possible to believe in Christ without having seen him. "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe" is the teaching of the Gospel. The beatitude is for all of us who live in the absence of the physical Jesus but who believe in him as our Lord. And it is in the Lord that we have our identity as his followers and follow his direction in our lives. Like the apostles, because we believe in him, we know now who we are and what we must do.

65th Cork International Choral Festival



CHURCH CHOIR INTERCHANGE

This morning to sing at our **11.30am Mass** in the Cathedral of St Mary & St Anne we welcome the Descent of the Holy Spirit Church Choir.

The Cathedral of St Mary & St Anne Choir will sing in the Church of the Incarnation, Frankfield at the **11.30am Mass.**

As part of the Choral Festival Church Choir Interchange the Choir from St Joseph's SMA Church Wilton will sing at the **12noon Mass on Sunday 28th April** in the Church of the Annunciation Blackpool and Blackpool Church Choir will sing at the **6pm Mass on Saturday 27th April** in St Joseph's SMA Church Wilton.

SACRED TRAIL

On **Sunday 5th May at 11.30am Mass** in the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne we will be welcoming **DOMINANTA CHOIR, POLAND,** who will be taking part in the Cork International Choral Festival.

On **Sunday 5th May at 12noon Mass** in the Church of the Annunciation, Blackpool we will be welcoming **BELLA VOCE-LUND STUDENTSÅNGERSKOR, SWEDEN,** who will be taking part in the Cork International Choral Festival.

"Walk and Connect group to meet on Monday 10.30am at Blackpool Community Centre to plan and organise a local walking group – all welcome to join – it is hoped both fast and slow walker groups to meet weekly."

Please contact: 0873479549.

CATHEDRAL
Sat. 27th April 5pm (Vigil)
Eileen Walsh R.I.P.
Jeremiah & Nonie Deasy R.I.P. Anniversary
Pat Murphy R.I.P. Anniversary

Sun. 28th April 11.30am.
Hannah O'Mahony R.I.P. 4th Anniversary
Michael Goulding
Noreen McSweeney 10th Anniversary

Sun. 28th April 5.30p.m.
Sheila McCarthy R.I.P.
May O'Callaghan Recently Deceased
Janette Patterson Recently Deceased

Mon. 29th April 10.15a.m
Seamus Cramer R.I.P.

Tues. 30th April 10.15a.m.
Maura & Michael O'Connell R.I.P. Anniversary

Wed. 1st May 10.15a.m.
Shared Mass

Thurs. 2nd May 10.15a.m.
Jim Sullivan R.I.P. Anniversary

Fri. 3rd May 10.15a.m.
Golden Book of Remembrance

Sat. 4th May 10.15a.m.
Special Intentions

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sun. 28th April 10a.m.
Sr Josephine Feast Day
Maura O'Sullivan R.I.P.

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Sat 27th Apr 6pm:
James and Kitty Fitzgerald RIP
Noreen Leahy Birthday Remembrance
Nora Moore RIP

Sun 28th Apr 12 noon:
Sean and Marie O'Sullivan RIP
Lily Leahy RIP
Con McCarthy Recently Deceased

Mon 29th Apr 9.45am:
Denis and Peggy Mc Sweeney RIP

Tues 30th Apr 9.45am:

Kathleen O'Shea Dineen Recently Deceased

Wed 1st May 9.45am:
John Murphy RIP

Thurs 2nd May 9.45am:
Jerry Cronin 1st Anniversary RIP

Fri 3rd May 9am:
Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Sat 27th Apr 6pm:
Frank and Breda O' Neill RIP
Ellen Carroll RIP
Colin Kelleher RIP

Sun 28th Apr 11am:
Teddy Kelleher RIP
John O'Sullivan RIP
Nellie Fitzgerald Recently Deceased

Mon 29th Apr 9am:
No Intention

Tues 30th Apr 9am:
Eileen Wren RIP

Wed 1st May 9am:
Kathleen and Denis Linehan RIP

Thurs 2nd May 9am:
Jack Costello RIP

ST. BRENDAN'S, THE GLEN

Sun 28th Apr 10am:
Christopher and Ann Farrall RIP
William Cotter RIP

Mon 29th Apr 10am.
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tues 30th Apr 10am.
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thurs 2nd May 11am:
No Intention

Fri 3rd May 9.45am:
No Intention

Sat 4th May 9.45am:
Easter Novena.

Dates for your Diary

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

St Brendan's Church, The Glen:

St. Mark's & St Brendan's: Saturday 11th May

St Oliver's Church, Ballyoolane:

Scoil Oibhéir: 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

THE BLACKPOOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

will be having its last talk of the season on **Tuesday the 30th April at 7.30pm** at the Blackpool Community Centre with noted local historian Ronnie Herlihy presenting a rich and detail history of the Imperial Hotel and its 200 years of service to the city. We will complete the night with our AGM accompanied by refreshments. Looking forward to seeing all our members and newcomers as well.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

North Pres Convent, **Friday 3rd May 7pm.** All Welcome.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant's Introduction: Let us, with St Thomas, leave our doubts aside, as we now turn to our merciful Lord in prayer.

Intercessions:

1. We pray that the hope of Easter may extend to all Christians, and that we may become ever better able to bring that hope to others.

Lord, hear us.....

2. We pray that the peace of Easter may inspire those in public office to seek peace, justice and the common good.

Lord, hear us.....

3. We pray that the promise of Easter may bring light to those whose lives are marked by despair, hurt or bitterness.

Lord, hear us.....

4. We pray that the joy of Easter may be evident wherever Christians gather: in our homes, our schools and our places of work and recreation.

Lord, hear us.....

Celebrant: Father, may our celebration of these Easter mysteries help us on our pilgrimage. By your mercy, may we come to share in the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.