

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, I answered him, ‘You can tell me, my lord.’ Then he said, ‘These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God’s throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.’

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

Jesus said:

‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

Newsletter



May 12 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

We must turn to the pagans.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. ‘We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

“I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.”

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

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Jesus, the Shepherd

Long before the chosen people settled as farmers, they had wandered from place to place living in tents and leading their animals from one pastureland to another. At the time of Christ, the shepherd was still an important worker, but he was not looked on with great confidence. The old rivalry between the nomads roaming with their flocks and the settled tillers of the soil was still alive. Because of the roving nature of their job they could not honour the demands of the ceremonial law and so were regarded as religious outcasts; and because they were seen as untrustworthy, they were disqualified from appearing as legal witnesses.

The popular, romantic image of the shepherd that many of us have is a world away from the reality. It does not include living on the fringes of civilisation, the harshness and danger of the wilds, the smell of the unwashed, the large loneliness, and the sheer difference of a life which communed more with sheep than with people. The shepherd had a place in the folklore of the Israelite people but he had no place of importance in their society at the time of Jesus. Shepherds, donkey-drivers and pedlars were all at the bottom of the social scale.

So when Jesus speaks of himself as the shepherd he is clearly allying himself with the vagabonds of society. Elsewhere he says: "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Matthew 8:20). He is the wandering prophet who has been rejected by his own settlement in Nazareth. He keeps moving, always having another address in mind, and he shakes a lot of dust from his feet. He never lingers on even when the people's hospitality is generous. He will not be tied down – except when he is taken to Calvary.

As the shepherd he is always going ahead of his flock seeking out new pastures. He takes on the risks and dangers of the calling, knowing that there will be a few wolves on the uplands with marvellous woollen outfits and make-up to outsmart anyone but a shepherd with an acute sense of smell especially for the phoney. The authority figures – all of whom are settlers – regard him with undisguised hatred. They will eventually ensure, just as at the beginning, that he is taken into the killing fields and murdered. They will tie him down at last. But he does not settle into death, and the tomb is a temporary stop.

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

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Sr Assumpta Walsh
Catherine Barger
Helen O'Donovan
Robert McCarthy
Graham Moloney

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

Cathedral: €1,435
Blackpool: €1,082
The Glen: €481
Ballyvolane: €877

Sincere thanks for your generous support.

The second collection this weekend is for the Parish Pastoral Services.

The second collection next weekend is for the Maintenance / Renovation Fund.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE PARISHES OF THE CATHEDRAL, BLACKPOOL, THE GLEN, BALLYVOLANE AND SUNDAY'S WELL

We are a welcoming Catholic Faith Community respecting the uniqueness and the value of each person. Inspired by the Gospel and through our worship and service in our parishes, we strive always to give witness to our faith in an open, caring and compassionate way.

Dates for your Diary

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Church of the Annunciation, Blackpool

Gaelscoil Pheig Sayers: Sat. 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 Annual Remembrance Mass

for our Departed Faithful

will be held at

St Catherine's

Cemetery, Kilcully

on Wednesday 29th

May 2019

at 7.30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Girls and Boys of Scoil Oilibhéir, who made their **1st Holy Communion** on Saturday 11th May in St. Oliver's Church, Ballyvolane and also the Girls and Boys of St Brendan's and St Mark's Schools, who made their 1st Holy Communion on Saturday 11th May in St. Brendan's Church, The Glen.

MOUNT CARA

is a twenty-five bedded facility located on the Northside of Cork City, adjacent to the North Monastery School and situated on the grounds of the "Old Bishops Palace".

Mount Cara offers Respite, Convalescence and Continuing Care.

To check for availability and further information please contact Eilís Brennan (Person-in-charge) (021) 4395737.

BLACKPOOL FATIMA APOSTOLATE

Triduum in honour of Our Lady of Fatima **Monday 13th May to Wednesday 15th May.** Church of the Annunciation Blackpool.

Rosary at 9.25am, Mass at 9.45am including Fatima Prayers. *All Welcome.*

NORTH CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION in honour of our Lady of Fatima will take place on **Sunday May 12th 2019 at 4.00pm** from McSwiney's Villas Grotto to the Cathedral. Triduum on **Mon 13th, Tue 14th, Wed 15th May 2019** at 10.15a.m. each morning. All are welcome.

The **MONTHLY MEETING FOR BLACKPOOL PARISH ASSEMBLY** will take place in the Cathedral Visitors Centre on **Monday 13th May at 7.30pm.**

THE ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION IN SCOIL OILIBHÉIR will take place on next **Monday 13th May at 12.00** in the school yard (weather permitting) or the church if it is wet, if anyone would like to join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL

There will be no **10.15am** mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 18th May.** First Holy Communion will take place at 10.30am on that day.

CATHEDRAL
Sat. 11th May 5pm (Vigil)
Eileen Walsh R.I.P.
Esther & Ned Cotter
John McCarthy Recently Deceased

Sun. 12th May 11.30am.
Tom Twomey Anniversary Mass
John & Anthony O'Shea R.I.P.
Michael Hurley R.I.P.
Larry Coade Months Mind

Sun. 12th May 5.30p.m.
David Murphy 3rd Anniversary R.I.P.
The Keane Family
Pat McAuliffe Recently Deceased

Mon. 13th May 10.15a.m
Derry Donovan R.I.P.

Tues. 14th May 10.15a.m.
Denis Goulding R.I.P.

Wed. 15th May 10.15a.m.
Shared Mass

Thurs. 16th May 10.15a.m.
Dave Cooley Get Well

Fri. 17th May 10.15a.m.
Golden Book of Remembrance

Sat. 18th May 10.30a.m.
First Holy Communion Mass

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sun. 12th May 10a.m.
Julia & Christopher O'Connor and grandson Stephen O'Connor Anniversary

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Sat 11th May 6pm:
Declan Ryan Recently Deceased
James Murray

Sun 12th May 12noon:
Josephine Howard RIP
Nuala and Teddy O'Halloran RIP
Angela Morey 2nd Anniversary R.I.P.

Mon 13th May 9.45am:
Novena to Our Lady of Fatima

Tues 14th May 9.45am:
Novena to Our Lady of Fatima

Wed 15th May 9.45am:
Novena to Our Lady of Fatima

Thurs 16th May 9.45am:
Adrian Jones RIP

Fri 17th May 9am:
Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Sat 11th May 6pm:
Nora McNamara R.I.P.
Liam McElhenny

Sun 12th May 11am:
Kathleen Brennan

Mon 12th May 9am
Michael and Mary Hayes R.I.P.

Tues 14th May 9am:
Special Intention

Wed 15th May 9am
No Intention

Thurs 16th May 9am
No Intention

ST. BRENDAN'S, THE GLEN
Sun 12th May 10am:
Michael and Margaret Hartnett R.I.P.

Mon 13th May 10am:
Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 14th May 10am:
Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 16th May 11am:
No Intention

Fri 17th May 9.45am:
Richard White Recently Deceased

Sat 18th May 9.45am:
Special Intention

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD – IS GOD CALLING YOU?

If you are interested in knowing more about being a priest in our diocese we have an open afternoon on **Sunday 12th May** from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane (located in the grounds of the Church) Eircode: T12 K798. If you wish to talk to someone about your vocation – contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021 4537474.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY

Monthly meeting on **Thursday 16th May** in Blackpool Community Centre at **10.30am.**

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



to **DOMINANTA CHOIR, POLAND**, who sang at the 11.30am Mass in the **Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne** and also **BELLA VOCE-LUND STUDENTSÅNGERSKOR, SWEDEN**, who sang at the 12noon Mass last Sunday in the **Church of the Annunciation, Blackpool.**



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant's Introduction: Conscious that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for the good of his people, let us pray that we too may be ever conscious of the needs of those around us and use our gifts to serve where we can.

Intercessions:

1. We pray for God's people and the Church throughout the world: for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishop, John Buckley, Bishop Elect, Fintan Gavin and for all ministers of the Gospel, that the love and compassion of Jesus the Good Shepherd will guide their actions.
Lord, hear us.....

2. We pray for those in positions of authority: that they may always govern wisely and fairly and give special consideration to the vulnerable in our society.
Lord, hear us.....

3. We pray for those who are sick, for the suffering, the homeless, or those struggling with any hardship, that they may find healing and comfort particularly through the care and love they receive from those who reach out.
Lord, hear us.....

4. We pray for our own community, that we may always proclaim the love of Christ in word and deed.
Lord, hear us.....

Celebrant: God of mercy, our Good Shepherd, let the light of your face and the tenderness of your heart rest upon the members of our parish community, on our families and all whom we meet. May those whom you have called to the Christian life, believe more faithfully in Your Son and the power of His Resurrection, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.