

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven.

In the spirit, he took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The Holy Spirit, will remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give,

this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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



May 26 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved'. This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

*1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth.
and all nations learn your saving help. R.*

*2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. R.*

*3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. R.*

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

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

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:
James (Jimmy) Nodwell
James O'Sullivan

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

Cathedral: €1,386
Blackpool: €850
The Glen: €651
Ballyvolane: €702

Sincere thanks for your generous support.

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

Cathedral: €1360
Blackpool: €770
The Glen: €548
Ballyvolane: €587

The Second Collection this weekend is for World Meeting for Families.

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.

Absence and loss

The prospect of saying farewell to some people can become the only pleasure of a long, boring evening. Saying farewell to those we love, on the other hand, is often postponed for as long as possible. It's a fact of life that in the presence of some people our whole life is enhanced, while in the presence of others we pray for wings! When the time comes to let go of those we love, we always find it difficult. That is all the more true when someone we love is dying. We mourn for the dying and we wonder how we will cope in a future without them. We hope they will stay on because we are afraid that our world will collapse around us. Like Dylan Thomas pleading with his father.

And you, my father, there on the sad height,
Curse, bless, me now with your fierce tears I pray.
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

In today's Gospel Jesus is aware of the deep anxiety of his own disciples as they face the reality of his final departure. They are who they are because of him. Without him who will they be? Jesus prepares them for the day of his going, as the liturgy prepares us for the feast of the Ascension which we celebrate next week. Before he returns to his Father, Jesus counsels his disciples not to be afraid. Go he must. But in his last will and testament he leaves them more than his absence: he leaves them his word and his peace and the promise of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will help them in the future to be his apostles.

We should take heart from the conflict of the early Church because we know from experience that there will always be some confusion and disagreement in our complex community. Not everything is heavenly clear, and that is because we are here on earth! And that is why we need the Spirit. In the lives of all of us we have to work through confusion and aim for peace. The Church we belong to continues to grow and has to face new questions honestly in the light of the Spirit.

We are neither alone nor helpless. We have the word of God and the presence of the Spirit to help us do what the Church must always do: face the real confusion and aim

for peace. It will not be until the heavenly Jerusalem that we will know total peace. Meanwhile we face the real world with confidence because we have great gifts in our community: the word of God, the presence of the Spirit, and leaders who still argue for the freedom of the Gospel.

94TH CORK EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION Sunday 23rd June 2019



2.30 p.m. - Participants start assembling at North Cathedral

3.00 p.m. - Procession leaves North Cathedral

2.45 p.m. - Religious Ceremony begins in Daunt's Square

Master of Ceremonies: Rev. Fr. Tomás Walsh SMA P.P., Gurrabraher.

Choir of the Church of the Incarnation, Frankfield

Director: Mr. Seán O'Neill

Organist: Ms. Jean Downey

Guest Soloist: Ms. Jessica O'Connell, Our Lady Crowned, Mayfield

To Facilitate the Sick and Housebound:

Entire Daunt's Square ceremony will be broadcast live on the Internet, on www.corkcity.ie/tv from 2.45pm - by kind permission of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council.

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.**

Ordination of Bishop Elect Fr Fintan Gavin



As you are aware our new Bishop will be ordained in the Cathedral on Sunday 30th June. Each parish in the diocese has been allocated seven invitations to the ordination ceremony. If you are interested in attending the ceremony please write your name and contact details on the available slips of paper and place them in the box near the altar. Please write your own name and not anybody else's. Any person under 18 years of age must indicate their age. Names will be drawn out in the first week of June and anyone that is successful will be notified.

CATHEDRAL
Sat. 25th May 5pm (Vigil)
Eileen Walsh
Frank Quinlan R.I.P.
Donors Intentions

Sun. 26th May 11.30am.
Sean Glavin 5th Anniversary
Vincent Twomey
James and Mary Flavin Get Well

Sun. 26th May 5.30p.m.
Mary Halliden Recently Deceased
Agnes Murphy 1st Anniversary Mass
Oliver O'Brien Get Well

Mon. 27th May 10.15a.m
St Assumpta Walsh Recently Deceased

Tues. 28th May 10.15a.m.
Catherine and Thomas Coughlan R.I.P.

Wed. 29th May 10.15a.m.
Shared Mass

Thurs. 30th May 10.15a.m.
Michael O'Connor R.I.P. 10th Anniversary

Fri. 31st May 10.15a.m.
Golden Book of Remembrance

Sat. 1st June 10.15a.m.
Special Intentions

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sun. 26th May 10a.m.
John Keane R.I.P.
Pat Kiely R.I.P.

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Sat 25th May 6pm:
Ted O'Connor 8th Anniversary RIP
Sr Finnuala RIP
Charlotte Barrett Intentions

Sun 26th May 12noon:
Rita Casey RIP
Jack Costello RIP
Killeen's Station Mass

Mon 27th May 9.45am:
Thomas and Mary Barry and Harry McCarthy RIP

Tues 28th May 9.45am:
Intentions

Wed 29th May 9.45am:
Donal O'Sullivan 13th Anniversary RIP

Thurs 30th May 9.45am:
Dermot O'Reilly Recently Deceased

Fri 31st May 9am:
Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Sat 25th May 6pm:
Margaret O'Brien Breda and Mary Hourigan RIP

Sun 26th May 11am:
Rose and Bertie Dorgan RIP

Mon 27th May 9am:
Special Intentions

Tues 28th May 9am:
Donie Donovan RIP

Wed 29th May 9am:
No Intention

Thurs 30th May 9am:
No Intention

ST. BRENDAN'S, THE GLEN

Sun 26th May 10am:
Seamus, George and James McCarthy RIP

Mon 27th May 10am:
Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 28th May 10am:
Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 30th May 11am:
Jim Lehane RIP

Fri 31st May 9.45am:
No Intention

Sat 1st June 9.45am:
Special Intentions.

NORTH PRES SODALITY

Meeting **May 30th May at 7.30pm.** All welcome. Confessions 7pm.

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE CATHEDRAL PARISH will take place in the Cathedral Visitor Centre on **Monday 27th May at 7pm.**

The SPRING DUES ENVELOPES

are available in the four Churches of the Parishes.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the Girls and Boys of North Pres. Primary & Blarney Street C.B.S Schools who made their **1st Holy Communion on Saturday 25th May** in the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne.

FUNDRAISER FOR DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND

last weekend raised €425. Many thanks for your contribution.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PIONEER MASS

The annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass will take place in the Church of Our Lady and St. John, Carrigaline, Co. Cork on **Friday June 7th at 7.30pm.** Any Pioneer qualifying for 10-year, Silver or Golden Jubilee pins and the new 60-year Diamond pin, please contact Aislinn 087 9699 488 or Barry 087 813 7990.

THE BLACKPOOL OVER 60'S CLUB

Next meeting **Tuesday 27th May 2019** at Blackpool Community Centre **2 - 4.30pm.** All Welcome.

WATCH and LISTEN LIVE on our websites

We are delighted to be able to share with you both daily and Sunday Mass from The Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne's, The Church of Annunciation, Blackpool, St Oliver's Ballyvolane and St Brendan's The Glen, through our web cameras.

In order to access **Mass in the Cathedral** please:

1. Log into www.mcnmedia.tv
2. Select Country which is *Republic of Ireland*
3. Select County which is *Cork*
4. Select *Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne, Cork*

For **Blackpool, The Glen and Ballyvolane:**

1. Log into www.blackpoolparish.com
2. Click on *Mass times*
3. Scroll down & find the church you wish to view & click on *Watch the Live Stream*

If you know of any housebound parishioners please let them know of this facility.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant's Introduction: In these Easter days we give thanks for the presence of the risen Lord amongst us and invite him into our lives that the will of the Father will be done in and through us.

Intercessions:

1. May the Holy Spirit come to us at this time. As the apostles looked for guidance through their difficulties and questions, so we turn to the Holy Spirit now. Bless all the efforts of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our bishops and priests and lead us into a Pentecost for our time.
Lord, hear us.....
2. We pray for God's people and the Church throughout the world: for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishop, John Buckley, Bishop Elect, Fr 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.....
3. We pray that we have a better understanding of our human frailties and our need for understanding, forgiveness and reconciliation. May our contemplation of God's mercy towards us lead us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are in most need.
Lord, hear us.....
4. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to make his home in us and remind us of all that Jesus has said, so that we can experience the peace and love of Christ.
Lord, hear us.....

Celebrant: Jesus, we stand in awe at the mystery of your death and Resurrection. We wonder at the depths of your love for us. May all peoples of the earth receive the good news of your Gospel. As your people, we ask this day for the power to live in the joy of your rising, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.