

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Colossians.**

*All things were created through Christ and for him.*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, Alleluia. The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

*Who is my neighbour?*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, ‘Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? What do you read there?’ He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself’. ‘You have answered right,’ said Jesus ‘do this and life is yours.’

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said “and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.” Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands` hands?’ ‘The one who took pity on him’ he replied. Jesus said to him, ‘Go, and do the same yourself.’

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



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

*Newsletter*



July 14 2019

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## FIRST READING

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

*The Word is very near to you for your observance.*

Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and if you return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

‘For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’

*This is the word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.**

**1.** This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.

**2.** As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God’s name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

**3.** The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**

**4.** For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**

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

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Tues to Fri: 9am-12noon  
Sunday 11am to 12noon

Cathedral: 021 4304325  
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**Cathedral Parish  
Office Hours:**

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

**WE REMEMBER  
AND PRAY FOR  
THOSE RECENTLY  
DECEASED:**

Baby Santina Cawley

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

Cathedral: €1,390  
Blackpool: €962  
The Glen: €444  
Ballyvolane: €856

*Sincere thanks for your  
generous support.*

The Peter Pence Collection  
for the weekend of June  
29th/30th from the  
Cathedral came to €585.

*Sincere thanks for your  
generous support.*

The Second Collection this  
weekend is for the  
Diocesan Quarterly.

**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.

# Extending the Boundaries of Compassion

In the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus faces the old antagonism between his own people and the Samaritans. As John says in his Gospel: "Jews... do not associate with Samaritans" (4:9). The Samaritans were despised as the mixed race descendants of northern Jews who had intermarried with foreign settlers. That racial difference made for religious difference, and when the southern Jews returned from exile in 520 BC they refused to allow the Samaritans to help them rebuild the Temple. In response the Samaritans established their rival priesthood and temple. The breach was soon complete. Each group's loyalty to its own tradition served to nourish its hostility towards the other group.

The Jewish lawyer's question, "Who is my neighbour?" gives Jesus the opportunity to confront this old hostility. For the traditional Jew, to love one's neighbour was understood as loving someone who belonged to the Jewish community. A neighbour was someone within the boundaries of your own racial and religious circle. To love outsiders while rejecting their beliefs was totally alien to their tradition.

Jesus' story tells of three travellers on the same road who see the same naked and wounded man by the roadside. The question is: how are they going to react to what they see? Will their seeing oblige them to act? Two Jewish officials, a priest and a Levite, continue their journey as if the purpose of living is to hurry on. At this point in the story, the hearers who thought of their community as priests, Levites and Israelites – like many Christians think of the Church in terms of bishops, priest and lay people – were probably expecting the hero to be an Israelite. But the shock to the system is that the hero is a despised Samaritan, the one who is publicly cursed in synagogues. The one whose evidence is not acceptable in a court of law.

**Blackpool Fatima Apostolate  
Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Abbey  
Sunday 1st September 2019**

Cost €43 (including dinner at Cahir House Hotel).

Non - refundable deposit €10.

Bus leaves 11 O'clock sharp from

Blackpool Church Watercourse Rd side.

Enquiries to 021-4393852 or 021-4397073.



He is the one Jesus holds up as the neighbour in the kingdom of God. He is the one who went beyond the limits of religion to extend the boundary of compassion.

In the parable Jesus questions his own people's attitude to the Samaritans. When someone says to him, "Yes, but we have our own way of doing things here", Jesus' response is to question that way. In the parable he is questioning an attitude that has been taken for granted for hundreds of years, one which is enshrined in tradition and law. And Jesus is challenging the lawyer to be disloyal to that tradition. If your religious tradition invites you to despise other people, then you must be disloyal to your tradition. If loving your neighbour means being disloyal to your tradition, then disloyalty itself becomes a virtue. The ultimate loyalty is love.

We know from experience the weight of inherited hostility. We know that to help some people is not only an act of love but an act of defiance against the bigotry that passes for religion. Jesus tells us that as his disciples we must be disloyal to those who would educate our hate. If religion needs hate to nurture it, who needs that kind of religion? The Gospel comes to challenge our hate and to promote our love. And that challenge is always to extend the boundaries of our love to include our traditional enemies. If the Gospel does not liberate, then Christ died in vain. He died so that everyone could have life in his name.

**CATHEDRAL**

Sat. 13th July 5pm (Vigil)

Eileen Walsh R.I.P.

Joe McNamara Months Mind

Michael Spillane R.I.P.

Sun. 14th July 11.30am.

Sinead Lowndes Special Intentions

Sr Frances, Poor Clare Convent

Sun 14th July 5.30pm

Michelle Cronin Special Intentions

Olive Canavan Special Intentions

Mon. 15th July 10.15a.m

Brendan Lynch R.I.P. 9th Anniversary

Tues. 16th July 10.15a.m.

Sean Cronin R.I.P. 20th Anniversary

Wed. 17th July 10.15a.m.

Shared Mass

Thurs. 18th July 10.15a.m.

Larry Betts R.I.P. Anniversary

Fri. 19th July 10.15a.m.

Golden Book of Remembrance

Sat. 20th July 10.15a.m.

Special Intentions

**NORTH PRESENTATION****CONVENT**

Sun. 14th July 10a.m.

Sr Assumpta Walshe R.I.P.

**CHURCH OF THE  
ANNUNCIATION**

Sat 13th July 6pm:

Peggy Mackey RIP

Cora Burke 2nd Anniversary RIP

Sun 14th July 11am:

Bridie Harrington RIP

Mon 15th July 9.45am:

Mary Robinson RIP

Tues 16th July 9.45am:

Donor's Intentions

Wed 17th July 9.45am:

Sean Cronin 20th Anniversary RIP

Thurs 18th July 9.45am:

Cora Burke 2nd Anniversary RIP

Fri 19th July 9am:

Shared Mass

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

Sat 13th July 6pm:

Michael Bracken RIP

Sun 14th July 11am:

Special Intention

Mon 15th July 9am:

Joseph O'Riordan RIP

Tues 16th July 9am:

Michael Moynihan RIP

Wed 17th July 9am:

Denis and Ellen Mc Kieran RIP

Thurs 18th July 9am:

Frances Ahern RIP

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

Sunday 14th July 10am:

Angela Williamson RIP

Kitty O'Callaghan RIP

Fri 19th July 9.45am:

No intention

Sat 20th July 9.45am:

Special Intention

**ST JOSEPH'S  
YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY  
Monthly meeting *Thursday*  
18th July at 10.30am in  
Blackpool Community Centre.  
*New members very 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.corkcathedral.ie](http://www.corkcathedral.ie)
2. Click on *Livestream*

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

1. Log into [www.blackpoolparish.com](http://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:* Let us bring the world's needs to the power of God, as we confidently pray.

*Intercessions:*

1 For those who lead and guide us in our faith. May they do so by their words, their courage, and their example.

**Lord, hear us.....**

2. We pray for those who misunderstand, misrepresent or caricature the Church and the Catholic faith. May they come to the truth, and may believers be wise to all errors.

**Lord, hear us.....**

3. We pray for the victims of crime and injustice, that they may find justice, compassion and healing.

**Lord, hear us.....**

4. We pray for those who are taking holidays at this time, that they may be restored in body, mind and spirit.

**Lord, hear us.....**

*Celebrant:* Blessed your people, Lord, with ever deeper faith, hope and charity, as we make our prayers in confidence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.