

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philomon.**

*Have him back, not as a slave anymore but as a dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean . He was of no use to you before, but he will be useful to you now, as he has been to me. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, Alleluia. I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

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

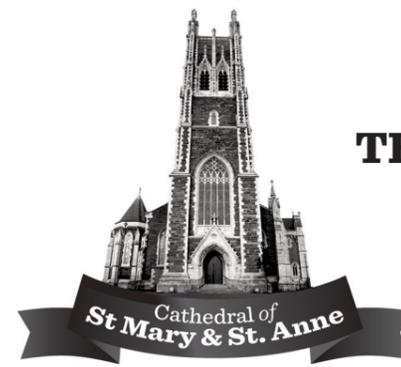
*None of you can be my disciple unless you give up all your possessions.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them.

If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple.

Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “ Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish”. Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



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



September 08 2019

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the Book of Wisdom**

*Who can divine the will of God?*

‘What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.’

*This is the word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***R: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.***

**1.** You turn men back into dust  
and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

**2.** You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

**3.** Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

**4.** In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

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

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Sunday 11am to 12noon

Cathedral: 021 4304325  
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Office Hours:  
Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm

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

Dymphna Ormond  
Jimmy Horgan  
Anne Turtle  
Paul (Thomas) Jordan  
Margaret (Margie)  
Kelleher

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

Cathedral: €1,445  
Blackpool: €1,000  
The Glen: €533  
Ballyvolane: €769

*Sincere thanks for your  
generous support.*

There will be a second  
collection next weekend  
14th/15th September in aid of  
Maintenance/Building Fund.

# FIGURING THINGS OUT

"Whatever you say, say nothing" was a piece of wisdom that Irish poet Seamus Heaney learned from his mother. But that advice doesn't make for writing poetry and the son had to shelve its claim on him. Heaney has reflected on his relationship with his father, a farmer, a farmer close to the land, a quiet man who had reason to believe that language was a kind of betrayal. In his writing Heaney tries to figure out his father whose inwardness and reserve are a constant challenge to a son who wants to fathom him and get close to him. As he writes in his poem "Follower":

I wanted to grow up and plough,  
To close one eye, stiffen my arm.  
All I ever did was follow  
In his broad shadow round the farm.

I was a nuisance, tripping, falling,  
Yapping always. But today  
It is my father who keeps stumbling  
Behind me, and will not go away.

The son starts out trying to follow in his father's footsteps but he discovers later that their skills are different; the son's new produce is poems, not potatoes. There doesn't appear to be much common ground there; but even though their skills divide them, their roots keep them attached. Perhaps it is true to say that no matter how close people may be, everyone still has a lot of figuring out to do!

Much of our lives involves figuring out what is within our reach and what we ourselves can realistically achieve. Jesus knows that his disciples must prefer following him to following in their fathers' footsteps. He calls them away from the primacy of the family because discipleship means a new and all-consuming loyalty. It means following in the "broad shadow" of a master who makes his way of love with a cross on his back. Nobody can do that casually.

**GLEN ROVERS SOCIAL INITIATIVE**

*We're Back!*

Full activities of the above group will resume from  
**Wednesday 11th September 2019** at the Bingo  
Hall. Bowling Monday's at 2pm from  
Wednesday 11th September.

Tai Chi Tuesdays at 10am from 17th September.  
Choir Thursdays at 7.30pm from 19th September  
New Members are welcome.

Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat.

Contact: Dave Turnbull 087 6636511

**IRISH HEART FOUNDATION**

*Heart Failure Information & Support Group*

Date: **Wednesday 11th September 2019**

Time: 7.30p.m. – 9p.m.

Venue: Ennismore Retreat & Conference Centre,  
Montenotte, Cork

All welcome. For further information and bookings  
phone or email Lucinda McNerney.

lmcnerney@irishheart.ie

Phone: 087 7781561

**SOME CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL COURSES AND EVENTS FOR ADULTS IN BLACKPOOL (CORCAIGH)**

**September-October 2019**

"Blackpool Library Adult Creative Writing Circle". First and Third Tuesday  
of month at 10.30 A.M.

Venue: Blackpool Library, Red Forge Road

Dates: 3 September, 17 September, 1 October, 15 October

Admission free

**AN CÚRSA GAELIGE: - "IRISH FOR THE RUSTY" (ADULTS)**

A mixture of lesson and conversation circle with tae/café agus cúpla  
amhrán on second and fourth Thursday of month.

Where: Blackpool Community Centre, 90 Great William O'Brien Street

Dates: 12 September, 26 September, 10 October, 24 October

Time: 10.30 A.M. – 12.00 Noon.

Admission free

**Cúinne na Gaeilge (advanced Irish Conversation)**

meet at Blackpool Library on the second Wednesday of the month.

Dates: 11 September, 9 October

Time: 11 A.M. – 12.15 P.M.

Admission free

**BLACKPOOL LIBRARY BOOK CLUB**

meets on the 2nd Tuesday of month at 2 P.M. All adults welcome.

Dates: 10 September, 8 October. Admission free

**CATHEDRAL**

Sat. 7th September 5pm (Vigil)

Eileen Walsh R.I.P

Biddy & John Cotter

Corneilus O'Driscoll R.I.P. 15th Anniversary

Sun. 8th September 11.30am.

Robert Barrett 1st Anniversary R.I.P.

Phil Austin 8th Anniversary R.I.P.

Daniel Twohig R.I.P. 2nd Anniversary

Sun 8th September 5.30pm

James & Eileen Maher R.I.P.

Mary Barry & Margaret Walsh

Dymphna Ormond R.I.P

Mon. 9th September 10.15a.m

Fr Mike Burke

Tues. 10th September 10.15a.m.

Missa Pro Pulo

Wed. 11th September 10.15a.m.

Shared Mass

Thurs 12th September 10.15a.m.

Rose O'Donovan (nee Casey) 2nd Anniversary

Fri. 13th September 10.15a.m.

Golden Book of Remembrance

**NORTH PRESENTATION  
CONVENT**

Sun. 8th September 9a.m.

No Intention

**CHURCH OF THE  
ANNUNCIATION**

Sat 7th September 6pm:

Nellie & Ted Mackey

Claire Kelleher RIP

Joanne Rodgers Intentions

Sun 8th September 12 noon:

Rita Drake 1st Anniversary

James Howard RIP

Joan Casey Recently deceased late of Killeens

Mon 9th September 9.45am:

Nora May O'Reilly Recently deceased

Wed 11th September 9.45am:

Alec Manning RIP

Fri 13th September 9am:

Shared Mass

**ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE**

Sat 7th September 6pm:

Eugene & Sarah Murphy RIP

Mary, Dan & Peter Kelleher RIP

Geraldine Dalton RIP

Sun 8th September 11am:

Delaney's Hurling & Football Club 70th  
Anniversary Mass for past and present members

John Crowley RIP

Donal O'Keefe Birthday Remembrance

Tues 10th September 9am:

Kathleen Gamble RIP

Thurs 12th September 9am:

Agnes Murray RIP

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

Sun. 8th September 10am.

Elsie Healy 3rd Anniv RIP

Thomas Goulding 35th Anniv RIP

Mon. 9th September 10a.m

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tues. 10th September 10a.m.

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri. 13th September 9.45am

No Intention

Sat. 14th September 9.45am

People of the Parish

**THE CATHEDRAL BRANCH OF THE LEGION OF MARY**

Our Annual Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at  
Knock, Co. Mayo will take place on

**Sunday 29th September 2019**

Price Per Person is €50 (incl. Bus, Breakfast, Evening meal). A  
limited number of seats are available. Deposit of €20 per person  
required. For details contact Bernard Spillane 086/1648372 or call  
to Fr. O'Leary's Boys club any Monday or Tuesday night between  
7.30pm to 8.30pm

**LITURGY OF THE WORD AND COMMUNION  
WILL RESUME ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS  
IN ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH, THE GLEN ON  
MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER.****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:* In his word, the Lord has spoken  
to us. Now, let us speak confidently to him, as we raise  
our hearts, our minds and our voices in prayer.

*Intercessions:*

1. We pray that the Church, like her Lord and Master,  
may be both gentle and frank in presenting the  
demands of the Gospel in her preaching and teaching.  
**Lord, hear us.....**

2. We pray for those who are caught up in slavery and  
human trafficking. May they find justice through the  
courageous efforts of those who advocate on their  
behalf.  
**Lord, hear us.....**

3. We pray for the children and young people who have  
recently begun a new year at school. May the Lord  
bless them, and may they grow in wisdom,  
knowledge and goodness.  
**Lord, hear us.....**

4. May each of us be willing to listen to what the Lord  
asks of us, and to put his word into practice, confident  
that the Lord's wisdom always surpasses our own.  
**Lord, hear us.....**

*Celebrant:* May we grow in our discipleship, Lord,  
through these prayers and through our participation in  
the Eucharist. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.