

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy.

There should be prayers offered for everyone to God who wants everyone to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, Alleluia. Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.’ Then the steward said to himself, ‘Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.’

Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ‘One hundred measures of oil’ was the reply. The steward said, ‘Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty’. To another he said, ‘And you, sir, how much do you owe?’ ‘One hundred measures of wheat’ was the reply. The steward said, ‘Here, take your bond and write eighty’.

‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.’

‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?’

‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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



September 22 2019

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Amos.

Against those who 'buy up the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?’

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done’

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **R.**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

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To act Smartly

The point is made by another country prophet who was born in the same region as Amos. A man who has the same frankness in speech, the same preference for the poor, and the same message: "You cannot be the slave both of God and of money." Jesus expressed his belief that people who cannot be trusted to deal with money can hardly be trusted with the genuine riches of the kingdom of God. The danger is that they will begin to twist their religious beliefs around their money belts.

Jesus tells an unusual parable which appears to support dishonesty. A steward who manages his master's estates is accused of wasting his employer's goods; he is dismissed, but before he goes he must submit his final account. This gives the steward time to plan his future. He is about to join the ranks of the

unemployed and he wonders how he will survive. He doesn't waste much time looking at digging and begging as job-creation schemes. Instead, he calls in all those who owe his master and deals with them one by one. A smart operator, he knows the value of secrecy. He gives them an offer they can't refuse by reducing their debts; by the time he is finished, a number of merchants owe him for his inventive arithmetic!

Now, his job prospects look healthy; his future is looking good.

In a time of crisis the steward takes firm and immediate action to ensure his own future. He is praised not for his dishonesty, but for his resourcefulness in coping with an emergency with such speed. If a dishonest man can use his employer's money to ensure there will be people to welcome him when he's out of a

job, how much more should honest people use their money in such a way that they will be welcomed into the kingdom of God. This is not to argue that people can buy themselves into the kingdom; it is to acknowledge that if the use of money is unrelated to the values of the kingdom then usually people get hurt. And the people who usually get hurt most are the poor.

Whenever God speaks to us, a reminder about the poor and the needy is never far away. Amos and Jesus both voice God's concern by reminders of social justice and personal responsibility. The worship of God has to influence the way we behave; our dealings with each other indicate our worthiness of the kingdom. It's all tied together. If money talks, it should talk in the accent of the kingdom.

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-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm

Last weeks' Offertory Collection from the four churches of the parishes came to:
Cathedral: €1,460
Blackpool: €790
The Glen: €438
Ballyvolane: €655
Sincere thanks for your generous support.

Last weeks' Renovation/Maintenance Collection from the four churches of the parish came to:
Cathedral: €860
Blackpool: €650
The Glen: €578
Ballyvolane: €435
Sincere thanks for your generous support.

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Claire Mulcahy
Noreen Stafford
Sam Wright
Maura Twomey
Mary Horgan

GOUGANE SUNDAY 2019
Sunday, September 29th, 2019
Rosary: 2.30pm
Mass: 3pm
Celebrant: Most Rev Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross.
Preacher: Very Reverend Anthony O'Mahony, PP Uibh Laoire.

CELEBRATING 120 YEARS

Cork PTAA Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Venerable Matt Tablot, **October 6th 2019, Mass at 3pm:** Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott St. Lower, Dublin 1
Coach Departs from Carrigaline Church, 9.30am, Togher Church 9.50 & City Hall 10.10.
Coach and Evening Meal: €50
To reserve your seat or for further information. Please contact Sorcha 086 3642619 or Aislinn 087 79699488. *Everyone is welcome.*

INVITATION

Do you feel drawn to deepening your prayer life or praying differently? If yes, you are warmly welcome to come to an introduction to Centering Prayer.
Venue Blackpool Community Centre (ops Parish Church - Bus 203/215/207a)
Date Saturday 28th Sept 2019. Time 10am - 1pm
Presenters: Assumption Sisters Mary B O'Sullivan 087-6836840. Aine Ashe 087-6719970.

OPEN EVENING

St Vincent's Secondary School, St Mary's Road, Cork City. **Monday 23rd September 6-7.30pm.**
Incoming First Year Pupils 2020/2021. *All Welcome.*

THE SMA NATIONAL NOVENA in honour of St Thérèse will begin on **Monday 23rd September 2019** at the African Missions Church, Blackrock Road, Cork and will end on **Tuesday 1st October, 2019.**
The Novena will be celebrated each evening at 7.30pm (except on Saturday 28th September when it will be at 7.00pm).
For further information please contact: SMA Blackrock Road at 021 4292871.

JOE SHEEHAN COMMUNITY AWARD

Sponsored by Cathedral Credit Union Ltd
We are looking for nominations for the 2019 Award.

The person you nominate can be anybody generally accepted as a member of the North Cathedral, Middle Parish, Sacred Heart, Sundays Well and Blarney Street communities. We are looking for ordinary people who, by their voluntary efforts, have made a difference in either a community, sporting, educational or indeed any field of endeavour.

Do you know someone who has been working tirelessly in your local community, for the benefit of the community at large, without any public acknowledgement for their exceptional efforts over the years? Nomination Forms, which are available in the Credit Union office, must be returned to Cathedral Credit Union on or before 14th November 2019.
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CATHEDRAL

Sat. 21st September 5pm (Vigil)
Eileen Walsh R.I.P.
Patrick Riordan R.I.P.
Theresa Martin Months Mind

Sun. 22nd September 11.30am.
Gregory Mullan Months Mind
Lily, Thomas & Liam Arnold Anniversary
Julia & John O'Mahony R.I.P. Wedding Anniversary

Sun. 22nd September 5.30pm
James, Stella & John L Sullivan R.I.P.

Mon. 23rd September 10.15a.m.
Missa Pro Populo

Tues. 24th September 10.15a.m.
John & Dorothy Jennifer R.I.P.

Wed. 25th September 10.15a.m.
Shared Mass

Thurs 26th September 10.15a.m.
Jack Lehane

Fri. 27th September 10.15a.m.
Golden Book of Remembrance

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sun. 22nd September 9a.m.
John O'Sullivan and Michael & Nora Hegarty

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday 21st Sept 6pm:
Barrett Family RIP
Cora Dennehy RIP

Sunday 22nd Sept 12 noon
Tom Keohane First Anniversary RIP
Catherine Lowry
Donal Healy Recently Deceased RIP

Mon 23rd Sept 9.45am:
Ger Manning Birthday Remembrance

Wed 25th Sept 9.45am:
Dave Mackey 7th Anniversary RIP

Friday 27th Sept 9am:
Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Saturday 21st September 6pm:
Billy Walsh RIP

Tim Barry Recently Deceased RIP
Thanksgiving

Sunday 22nd September 11am:
Vincent Finlay Recently Deceased RIP
Michael Weldon 2nd Anniversary RIP
Phil Marah 2nd Anniversary RIP

Tuesday 24th Sept 9am:
No Intention

Thursday 26th Sept 9am:
Sr Patricia O'Regan RIP

ST. BRENDAN'S, THE GLEN

Sunday 22nd September 10am:
Bridget and Eimear Walsh RIP
Eugene O'Driscoll RIP

Mon. 23rd September 10.00a.m.
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tues. 24th September 10.00a.m.
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Friday 27th September 9.45am
Intention

Saturday 28th September 9.45am
Maura Sewell First Anniversary RIP

BLACKPOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE AUTUMN CLASSES

Classes include IT Devices Computers and Mindfulness.
For more information please contact Reception at 021-4501787 or email blackpoolcc@gmail.com.

BLACKPOOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We are having our first talk of the season next **Tuesday 24th at 7.30pm** in the Blackpool Community centre given by Diarmuid O'Donovan and it is on one of Ireland's best boxers, our own Pakey Mahony.

THE CATHEDRAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

are holding their meeting on **Tuesday 24th September at 7pm** in the Visitors Centre.

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**
2. Click on *Livestream*

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant's Introduction: Let us now, in our poverty, turn in prayer to God who is rich in all blessings.

Intercessions:

1. We pray for the Church, that in her ministry of evangelisation she may preach the need for social justice and respect for the most vulnerable.
Lord, hear us.....
2. We pray for those who commit the sin of racism and those who suffer its effects. May God help all believers to create a more compassionate society, and may Christians never fall into racist words, actions or attitudes.
Lord, hear us.....
3. May our parish community and our neighbourhoods be places of kindness, where we esteem each other, and show courtesy and compassion in our speaking and acting.
Lord, hear us.....
4. We pray for contemplatives, for men and women who spend their lives at work and prayer in monasteries or as hermits. We thank God for the power and the witness of their prayer, and ask him to bless them in their vocations.
Lord, hear us.....

Celebrant: Father, you look upon all your creatures with kindness, and so we make our prayers with complete confidence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.