

**SECOND READING**  
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.**

*Christ is the Saviour of all people.*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.*

*and all mankind shall see the salvation of God*

*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL**

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

*Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:*

*Prepare a way for the Lord,*

*make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father", because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



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



December 08 2019  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**FIRST READING**

**A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.**

*He judges the wretched with integrity.*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.***

**1.** O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

**2.** In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

**3.** For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

**4.** May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **R.**

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**SACRISTY / OFFICE HOURS:**

Blackpool: 021 4300518  
 Tuesday 10am to 12 noon  
 Wednesday 9am to 12 noon  
 Thursday 11am to 1 2noon  
 Friday 9am to 10.30am  
 Sunday 11am to 12 noon

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**Cathedral Parish Office Hours:**

Monday: 8.30am – 4pm  
 Tuesday: 8.30am – 4.30pm  
 Wednesday: 8.30am – 4.30pm  
 Thursday: 8.30am – 4pm  
 Friday: 8.30am to 4.30pm

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

Cathedral: €1,250  
 Blackpool: €1,136  
 The Glen: €532  
 Ballyvolane: €1,047

*Sincere thanks for your generous support.*

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

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

Pakie O'Mahony  
 Bob Healy  
 James McSweeney  
 Frank Cummins

**GOLDEN BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE NORTH CATHEDRAL**

A Golden Book of Remembrance is now open at the North Cathedral. Mass will be offered once a week for all Deceased or Living Intentions of those included. For more information please contact the Parish Office at: 021-4304325.

# Bambinelli Sunday



Pope John Paul II instituted the celebration of Bambinelli Sunday on the Third Sunday of Advent, or Gaudete Sunday. The Pope invited the children of Rome to assemble in St Peter's Square bringing the little statue of the Baby Jesus from their nativity set at home. Pope John Paul II blessed the little figurines and gave instructions for the Baby to be placed under the Christmas tree at home until Christmas day, where he would then be placed in the manger – marking the arrival of Christ.

*Take home, with great care, the little statue of the Infant Jesus, also as a sign of the Pope's love for you and your families. Put it in your Crib with intense faith, with that faith wherewith the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God, laid the new-born Jesus in the manger (cf. Lk 2:7).*

Invite your father, your mother, your brothers and sisters, the whole of your family, to gather round the Crib in these days of the Christmas Novena, to recite together the prayers learned on your mother's lap, to sing the sweet carols, so charged with human and Christian sentiment.

May the Infant Jesus, present in the Crib of your home, be the concrete sign of a limpid and sincere faith, which will enlighten, guide and direct your life and that of your dear ones.

The tradition continues to this day in Rome and is now celebrated by parishes across the world. Many homes in our parish still give a central place to the crib among their Christmas preparations. On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday the 14th and 15th of December we invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your home to mass and they will be blessed by the celebrant.

**AUTUMN DUES ENVELOPES**

available in all Churches of the Parish at your convenience please return to the Sacristy's or boxes in Churches provided.

**REVIEW OF SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS**

The Diocese of Cork and Ross has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI) to conduct a review of safeguarding practice. This review will take place from January 20th – 23rd 2020.

If you have any views about Safeguarding in Cork and Ross, we invite you to come forward to Ms. Cleo Yates, Director of Safeguarding, Diocesan Offices, Diocese of Cork and Ross, Redemption Road Cork (021 4301717) or to the NBSCCCI (01-5053124).

If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern, please contact Ms. Cleo Yates, An Garda Síochána or TUSLA.

**BLACKPOOL OVER 60'S CLUB**

Next meeting Tuesday *10th December at Blackpool Community Centre 2-4.30pm.* All Welcome.

**THE SCOIL OILIBHÉIR CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT**

will take place in St. Oliver's Church on *Tuesday 10th of December at 7.00 pm.*

Mayfield Brass Band, The School Choir and Band, 2nd Class. Nativity Play, Ms. Barry Murphy's 4th Class, St. Oliver's Folk Group and Scoil Oilibhéir Staff Choir will take part.

**THE LAST HISTORY TALK OF 2019**

will take place on *Wed. 11th Dec. at 7.30* in Coffa House.

**CATHEDRAL**

Saturday 7th December 5pm (Vigil):

Eileen Walsh Anniversary Mass  
 Jack & Annie O'Leary R.I.P.  
 Andrew & Julia Hull R.I.P. Anniversary  
 Maureen Barry Months Mind

Sunday 8th December 11.30am:

Eileen Walsh R.I.P.  
 Ted Murphy 1st Anniversary  
 Annie & Paddy Conroy Anniversaries

Sunday 8th December 5.30pm:

Abina O'Driscoll R.I.P. 1st Anniversary  
 Peggy Johnson R.I.P.  
 Ber McDonnell R.I.P.

Monday 9th December 10.15a.m:

Eileen Walsh Anniversary

Tuesday 10th December 10.15a.m:

John O'Donovan Intention

Wednesday 11th December

10.15a.m:

Shared Mass

Thursday 12th December

10.15a.m:

Special Intention

Friday 13th December 10.15a.m:

Golden Book of Remembrance

**NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT**

Sunday 8th December 9a.m.

Louis & May Corrigan R.I.P.

**CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

Saturday 7th December 6pm:

Paul O'Brien RIP

Simon Downey RIP

Danny and Hannah Moynihan RIP and  
 Maura Moynihan 1st Anniversary RIP

Sunday 8th December 12 noon:

Garrett Moore R.I.P.

Patrick Kelleher 1st Anniversary RIP  
 John Riordan Recently Deceased RIP

Monday 9th December 9.45am:

Harry McCarthy RIP

Wednesday 11th December

9.45am:

Karen Symth RIP

Friday 13th December 9am:

Shared Mass

**ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE**

Saturday 7th Dec 6pm:

Aidan O' Driscoll and Martin O'Driscoll RIP

Tadhg Stout 4th Anniversary RIP

Sean O' Callaghan 9th Anniversary RIP  
 Donal O' Keeffe Birthday Remembrance

Sunday 8th December 11am:

Sylvia Brosnan 1st Anniversary RIP

Thomas and Chris Keily RIP  
 Josephine O'Driscoll RIP

Tuesday 10th December 9am:

Tim O' Leary Recently Deceased RIP

Thursday 12th Dec 9am:

Mary and Jack Murphy RIP

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

Sunday 8th December 10am:

John and Margaret Murphy RIP

Bill Murphy RIP

Michael and Mary Naughton RIP

Anthony Hurley Month's Mind

Monday 9th December 10am:

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Friday 13th December 9.45am:

Paul Moore RIP

Saturday 14th December 9.45am:

Special Intentions

## Christmas Mass Schedule

CATHEDRAL	BLACKPOOL	THE GLEN	BALLYVOLANE
Christmas Eve Night: 5.00pm & 9.00pm Christmas Day: 11.30am	Christmas Eve Night 6.00pm & 9.00pm	Christmas Eve Night 7.00pm	Christmas Eve Night 7.30pm Only
NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT Christmas Day: 10am	Christmas Day 9.00am & 12noon	Christmas Day 10.00am	Christmas Day 11.00am

*Prayer for the lighting of the Second Advent Candle*

Lord God, you choose John the Baptist to prepare your people for the coming of the Saviour. He greeted Jesus, the Lamb of God, and showed the world it's Redeemer. As we prepare for Christmas, help us to straighten our lives. With your grace, may we renew our hearts, overcome our sins and give greater welcome to Jesus, who is among us. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

**CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL**

*A brilliant occasion*

Congratulations and thanks to the Junior Cork Youth Orchestra, the Dundanion Singers and the Cathedral Choir who all gave a fantastic performance on Sunday last. Thanks to all in the Parish who helped out on the day. Many thanks again to our sponsors for their generous support:

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**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Celebrant's Introduction:* Let us pray to our Father, asking him to help us make the very most of this sacred time of Advent.

*Intercessions:*

- That this season of preparation for Christ's coming may truly be a season of renewal for disciples everywhere. May Christians of all traditions be united in their longing for Christ.  
*Lord, hear us.....*
- We pray that believers may not be diverted from the true meaning of Advent and Christmas by secular or commercial imitations. May this be a season of giving more so than a season of acquiring.  
*Lord, hear us.....*
- We pray for those who struggle with depression or sadness at this time of year. May they find friendship, support and kindness.  
*Lord, hear us.....*
- We pray for children who look forward to Christmas with great excitement. May the adults in their lives help them to understand the full meaning of Advent and Christmas.  
*Lord, hear us.....*

*Celebrant:* Father, as we journey through this season of Advent, may we open our hearts to your word and to your presence in our brothers and sisters. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Christmas Novena Mass Cards



Christmas Novena Mass Cards available in **all Churches of the Parishes** and also in the **Cathedral & Blackpool Parish Offices** and **Blackpool Post Office** at the cost of €2 per card.