

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘The truth I have now come to realise’ he said ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

‘It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.’

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The heavens opened and the Father’s voice resounded:

‘This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him.’ Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. ‘It is I who need baptism from you’ he said ‘and yet you come to me!’ But Jesus replied, ‘Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands’. At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him’.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Newsletter



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The Baptism of the Lord

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: ‘Glory!’
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

2. The Lord’s voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **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: €1,695
 Blackpool: €1,118
 The Glen: €510
 Ballyvolane: €955

Sincere thanks for your generous support.

The Second Collection this weekend is for Maintenance/Renovation Fund.

The second Collection next weekend is for the Diocesan Quarterly.

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Derry Kenneally
 Gerald Ahern
 Martin Weldon
 Maura Murphy
 Denis Sharkey
 Nan Twohig
 Charlie Lucey
 Nuala Houlihan
 Michael O'Sullivan
 John Phelan
 Frank Wallace
 Jimmy O'Driscoll
 Maura O'Neill
 Catherine Barrett
 Maura McNamara

Funding others for change

The new beginnings that we make in our own lives may not mark the fulfilment of anyone's prophecy, but they probably mark the fulfilment of someone's hope. Sometimes we are so hesitant about making a new start that we end up in no-man's-land waiting for more weather reports. Every new beginning is a risk, and we undertake that risk sooner when we have people to underwrite our change. Sometimes we change only because we have someone who has lived out an ancient hope that our secret self can indeed grow strong and thrive. It's not a coincidence that Jesus only begins his big change when he is funded with the Father's love and support through his encounter

with John the Baptist.

People are reluctant to change when they see that people are indifferent about whether they change or not. John the Baptist gave Jesus support; we know that because we know it was after his time with John that Jesus changed from living as an artisan in a small town to taking to the road in pursuit of his mission. John is a very important figure for Jesus: he is the only religious leader that leaves a deep impression on Jesus. And the good news is that Jesus himself is the one who underwrites our changes, who cares deeply that we do change for the better. The cross stands as the eternal proof of that.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: will be hosted by the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph at the convent on Blackrock Road (opposite the SMA Church) on *Saturday 18th January from 2:30pm to 3:30pm*. All are welcome to join in prayer followed by refreshments.

THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BLACKPOOL/THE GLEN/BALLYVOLANE PARISH ASSEMBLY will take place on *Monday 20th January at 7:30pm* at the Cathedral Visitor Centre.

BLACKPOOL OVER 60'S CLUB
 Club re-opens after the Christmas break on *Tuesday 14th Jan 2020, 2 - 4.30pm*.
 Happy New Year to all our members.

MONTHLY MEETING OF ST JOSEPHS YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY
Thursday 16th January at 10.30am Blackpool Community Centre
 Thank you to our members for your support, we wish you a Happy New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the ladies of the **BLACKPOOL PARISH CHOIR** who managed to raise €454.75 for the charity Lisheen's House following their annual carolling at the GLOW Festival on the Grand Parade.

CATHEDRAL

Saturday 11th January 5pm (Vigil)
 Eileen Walsh R.I.P.
 Ann & Miah Heffernan R.I.P. Anniversary
 Emily Neenan Recently Deceased

Sunday 12th January 11.30am.
 William McLean R.I.P. 7th Anniversary
 Colman Hayes Recently Deceased
 Presentations Sisters Intentions
 Timmy Ryan R.I.P. 1st Anniversary

Sunday 12th January 5.30p.m.
 Mary, Charlie, Billy & Michael O'Donoghue R.I.P.
 Anniversary
 Michael Constant 1st Anniversary
 Sr Agnes Manley Recently Deceased

Monday 13th January 10.15a.m.
 Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday 14th January 10.15 a.m.
 Maura Collins R.I.P.

Wednesday 15th January 10.15a.m.
 Shared Mass

Thursday 16th January 10.15a.m.
 Norman Callinan 1st Anniversary

Friday 17th January 10.15a.m.
 Golden Book of Remembrance Mass

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sunday 12th January 9a.m.
 Sr Ita Feast Day

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday 11th January 6pm:
 Ann and Paddy McCarthy RIP
 George O'Sullivan RIP
 Sheila Walsh RIP

Sunday 12th January 12 noon:
 Noel and Mary Hackett RIP
 Mary and Joe Harte RIP
 Stephen Drake RIP

Monday 13th January 9.45am:
 Chrissie and Jerry O'Sullivan RIP

Wednesday 15th January 9.45am:
 Tom Osborne Recently Deceased RIP

Friday 17th January 9am:
 Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Saturday 11th January 6pm:
 Bridie Jeffrey Months Mind
 Micheal Buckley 3rd Anniversary RIP
 Richard O'Mahony RIP
 Thomas McNamara RIP

Sunday 12th January 11am:
 Jim Erangy RIP
 Jim Horgan First Anniversary RIP
 Jack and Joanne Costello R.I.P.

Tuesday 14th January 9am:
 Brendan O'Connor R.I.P. Recently Deceased

Thursday 16th January 9am:
 Bobby Healy R.I.P. Recently Deceased

ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH THE GLEN

Sunday 12th January 10am:
 Maureen & George Kenny and Sons R.I.P.
 Noel O'Connell R.I.P.

Monday 13th January 10am:
 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Friday 17th January 9.45am:
 Breda Marshall R.I.P. Recently Deceased

Saturday 18th January 9.45am
 Jim McSweeney Recently Deceased

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: Mindful that God has no favourites, and that each of us finds favour when we approach him with sincerity, let us now confidently raise our hearts in prayer.

Intercessions:

1. We pray for the Church, that her words and deeds may credibly point to Jesus, the Beloved Son, on whom God's favour rests.
Lord, hear us.....
2. We pray that all the baptised may take their proper place in society, as creators and transformers of culture, bringing God's righteousness into every aspect of life.
Lord, hear us.....
3. We pray for parents who present their children for baptism, that they may not do so out of mere formality or custom, but that they may leave no stone unturned in bringing their children up to know and love Christ the Beloved.
Lord, hear us.....
4. We pray for the sick, the housebound, and the vulnerable. May they encounter the goodness of Christ the Beloved in those who care for them.
Lord, hear us.....

Celebrant: In your kindness, Father, help us to grow ever stronger in living out our baptismal commitments, as we make these prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.