

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

*It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers and sisters.*

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*The light to enlighten the gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

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

*My eyes have seen your salvation.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord- observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord- and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

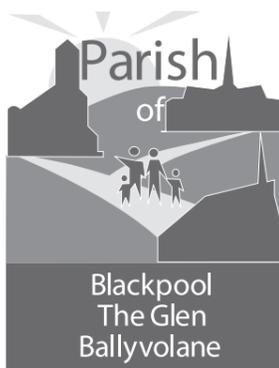
'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel'.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



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

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## The Presentation of the Lord

### FIRST READING

#### A reading from the prophet Malachi.

*The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter the temple.*

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears?

For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

*The Word of the Lord*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.*

1. O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

2. Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

3. O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

4. Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory. **R.**

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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: €1,600  
 Blackpool: €1,125  
 The Glen: €506  
 Ballyvolane: €940

*Sincere thanks for your generous support.*

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Lourdes Invalid Fund.

**WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
 Ellen (Eileen) Harrington

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Celebrant's Introduction:* The Father sent his Son to share in our humanity so that we might share in his divinity, and so we make our prayers in confidence.

*Intercessions:*

1. Jesus was revealed as the glory of his people and the light of the nations. May the Church, his body, be steadfast and courageous in proclaiming him in our day.  
**Lord, hear us.....**
2. For all religious sisters, brothers and religious priests: God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's kingdom as sisters, brothers and religious priests. We ask your blessing on all the religious from our diocese who will gather in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne on this Sunday to celebrate the gift of consecrated life.  
**Lord, hear us.....**
3. God our Father, you have generously blessed us with an abundance of gifts in this, your world. Help us to share in that generosity by living in a

# Feast of St. Blaise

## FEBRUARY 3: PATRON OF THROAT ILLNESSES

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Very few facts are known about Saint Blaise. We believe he was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred under the reign

of Licinius in the early fourth century.

The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tell us that he was born in to a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a

pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor.

Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies.

**Blessing of throats will take place after the 9.45am Mass in Blackpool and the 10.15am Mass in The Cathedral on Monday 3rd February, the Feast of St Blaise.**

## Shine a Light on Climate Justice Eco Congregation Ireland

Eco Congregation Ireland is an All Ireland Interdenominational Initiative that supports the work of churches of all denominations throughout Ireland to celebrate and care for the gift of God's creation. Inspired by Pope Francis environmental encyclical Laudato Si, The Blackpool Parish Assembly has formed its own Climate Justice sub-committee to work together with Eco Congregation Ireland to care for God's creation.

We welcome The Eco congregation Climate Justice Candle to the Parishes of The Cathedral, Blackpool, The Glen, Ballyvolane and Sunday's Well this weekend and next weekend. This candle has been travelling around the country and we hope that by its presence here in our churches it will help us to reflect on the beauty of God's world and to consider what practical steps can be taken to prevent further damage to the environment, to pray for our wounded planet and for people in the developing world already affected by climate change and for future generations.

way that ensures that your gifts will continue to be available for future generations.

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

4. God, creator of the galaxies and of the tiniest seeds, sometimes we are overwhelmed by the immensity of the task of changing the habits and practices of the world so as to counter climate change. May we remember that the tallest oak grew from a small acorn and that every small change each of us makes has its own effect, and that together all our efforts can produce the change we seek.  
**Lord, hear us.....**
5. We pray for the elderly, that like Simeon and Anna, they may be consoled by the contemplation of Christ, and give encouragement and strength to the young.  
**Lord, hear us.....**

*Celebrant:* Father, we thank you for revealing your Son to us. May our faith deepen as we make these prayers. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Over the next few weeks we hope to update you on the work undertaken already and on our plans for the future.

## A Prayer for Our Environment from Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe, And in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.  
Amen

**CATHEDRAL**

**Saturday 1st February 5pm (Vigil):**  
 Eileen Walsh R.I.P.  
 Casey and Roe Family R.I.P.  
 Breda Marshall R.I.P.

**Sunday 2nd February 11.30am:**  
 Nora Murphy R.I.P. Anniversary  
 Sheila O'Donovan (Nee Rubby) Anniversary Mass  
 Michael and Kathleen Cullinane  
 Hannah (Nan) Twohig Months Mind

**Sunday 2nd February 4pm:**  
 Day of Prayer for Religious Bishop Fintan Gavin

**Monday 3rd February 10.15a.m:**  
 Missa Pro Populo

**Tuesday 4th February 10.15a.m:**  
 Maura Collins R.I.P.

**Wednesday 5th February 10.15a.m:**  
 Shared Mass

**Thursday 6th February 10.15a.m:**  
 Pat O'Rourke R.I.P.

**Friday 7th February 10.15a.m:**  
 Golden Book of Remembrance

**NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT**

**Sunday 2nd February 9a.m.**  
 Sr Grace Feast Day

**CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

**Saturday 1st February 6pm (Vigil)**  
 Cáit Cotter 9th Anniversary RIP  
 Johnny Barrett Birthday Remembrance  
 Jeremiah and Sheila Cronin RIP

**Sunday 2nd February 12noon**  
 Jeremiah Ahern RIP  
 Intentions  
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**Monday 3rd February 9.45am**  
 Jim Mc Sweeney RIP

**Wednesday 5th February 9.45am**  
 Tom and Kearney Intentions

**Friday 7th February 9am**  
 Shared Mass

**ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE**

**Saturday 1st February 6pm (Vigil)**  
 Richard O'Mahony R.I.P.

John Phelan R.I.P.  
 Richard O'Mahony RIP  
 Richard Mary Breda Hourigan RIP  
 Pat Finerty Recently Deceased  
 Holy souls

**Sunday 2nd February 11am**  
 John and Kathleen Wiseman RIP  
 Margaret O'Driscoll RIP  
 Donors intentions

**Tuesday 4th February 9am**  
 Marian Cummins Recently Deceased

**Thursday 6th February 9am**  
 Ned and Mary Hayes R.I.P.

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

**Sunday 2nd February 10am**  
 Mulcahy Family RIP  
 Mary O'Callaghan RIP

**Monday 3rd February 10am**  
 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

**Friday 7th February 9.45am**  
 No Intention

**Saturday 8th February 9.45am**  
 Special Intentions

**MONTHLY MEETING FOR BLACKPOOL/THE GLEN/ BALLYVOLANE PARISH ASSEMBLY** meeting will be held on **Monday 3rd February at 7:30pm** at the Cathedral Visitor Centre.

**DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF THE DIVINE MERCY**

will take place at the chapel of the North Presentation convent Gerald Griffin St. on Friday next, **February 7th**, commencing at 7pm with recitation of the Rosary followed by celebration of Mass, Benediction, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and blessing with relic of St. Faustina.

**GATHERING OF RELIGIOUS WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

Over 200 religious, sisters, brothers and clergy from throughout the diocese will join in a celebration of consecrated life in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne on this Sunday **February 2nd at 4pm** at the invitation of Bishop Fintan. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also the day chosen by Pope Saint John Paul for the celebration of consecrated life. Music will be performed by the Presentation Secondary School Choir, Ballyphehane. **There will be no 5.30pm Mass on Sunday evening.**

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

**Sunday 2nd February** is World Day for Consecrated Life. This Sunday Bishop Fintan Gavin will lead a gathering of the religious of the Diocese of Cork and Ross in a special ceremony at 4pm. All are welcome to this special event. There will be no 5.30pm Mass on Sunday evening.

**Confiteor**

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

**Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**The Mystery of faith**

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
2. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
3. Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from light True God from true God begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified. Who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.