

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Corinthians.**

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When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great ‘fear and trembling’ and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

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

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.

In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



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



February 09 2020  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.**

*Then will your light shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, ‘I am here’. If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

*The Word of the Lord*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

**1.** He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

**2.** The just man will never waver:

he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

**3.** With a steadfast heart he will not fear;

open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

**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

Cathedral: 021 4304325  
 Sacristy: 021 4210717

**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: € 1070  
 Blackpool: € 1065  
 The Glen: € 623  
 Ballyvolane: € 897

*Sincere thanks for your generous support.*

The second collection this weekend will be in aid of the Lourdes Invalid Fund.

**WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
 Mary O'Keeffe  
 Denis Mullane  
 Jerry O'Sullivan  
 Michael Higginston

**YOUNG ADULTS 18-15** are invited to join the **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** as helpers to the sick and disabled.

The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Fintan Gavin and will travel from Cork from **12th to 17th June 2020**. As a young adult helper you will be assisting with the sick in the hospital in the wards, kitchen or dining room, pushing wheelchairs to and from liturgies and Mass, participating yourself in all the Masses and ceremonies of the pilgrimage, accompanying the sick and disabled in social time. If you are interested please contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474 for more details and booking form.

**BLACKPOOL OVER 60'S CLUB**

Next meeting **Tuesday 11th February 2-4pm**. All welcome.

**DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE MARKED BY BISHOP WITH HUNDREDS OF RELIGIOUS**

Over 200 religious sisters, brothers and priests answered the bishop's invitation to a prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork, on Sunday to coincide with the worldwide Day for Consecrated Life.

Bishop Gavin blessed candles at the special prayer service and each community was invited to bring one back to their homes. The candles were lit from the Paschal Candle by students from local schools.

The singing at the Cathedral was led by the Choir of Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane, and the bishop asked religious to witness their faith especially to young people today.

After the liturgy, Bishop Fintan greeted all those present and refreshments were enjoyed in the Visitor Centre of the Cathedral.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS IN THE CATHEDRAL PARISH**

We are delighted that this year we are preparing with three adults in our parish for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist - which they will receive at the Easter Vigil. In this period of preparation we begin by sharing with them in the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens which will take place in the Cathedral during the Vigil Mass at **5pm on Saturday 15th February**. Please come and join in this short ceremony as we offer our prayers and support to Yvette, Rathuil and Christopher as they take this step on the journey to becoming Catholics in our parish community.

**HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE AND PRIESTHOOD**  
**Wednesday 19th February from 2:30pm to 3:30pm** hosted by the Daughters of Charity at their convent on Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny (next to Church) – all are welcome to join in prayer followed by tea/coffee.

**INTRODUCTION TO ECO-CONGREGATION**

The Parish Assembly in Mahon invite you to an introductory talk by Rev. Elaine Murray, Church of Ireland, Carrigaline and Monkstown about her experience of being part of Eco-Congregation Ireland and to consider how we ourselves in our homes and parishes care for "the earth: our common home" in this time of many environmental challenges for God's creation – **Monday 17th February 7:30pm** in the meeting room of Holy Cross Church, Mahon.

**UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE JUSTICE GROUP**

The Climate Justice group has completed an environmental check up provided to us by Eco Congregation Ireland. This check up helped us to identify our areas of strength and affirm the environmental good practice in our parishes and it also made us aware of the areas that we need to prioritise and work on in the future. The check up was divided into four key areas -Spiritual, Practical, Community and Global. It is available to view on the news sections of [blackpoolparish.com](http://blackpoolparish.com) and [corkcathedral.ie](http://corkcathedral.ie).

Keep an eye on the newsletter, websites and Facebook pages over the next few weeks because we will be keeping you updated about our activities and our future plans. If anyone in the parish is interested in helping out with this initiative please hand your name and contact details into the parish offices.

Last weekend the Climate Justice Candle visited The Cathedral and Blackpool Church. This weekend we welcome the candle to the 6.00pm Mass in Ballyvolane and the 10.00am Mass in the Glen. After it's visit to us, we will then pass the candle onto The Shandon Eco Congregation in St Ann's Shandon with whom we have developed strong links.

**SHANDON AREA HISTORY GROUP**

On **Wed. 12th Feb.** historian Gerry White will talk about Cork's former Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney. Everyone is welcome to come along to Coffa House on Church St. at **7.30 p.m.**

**BLACKPOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE SPRING COURSES**

We are delighted to offer the following courses:  
**IT Devices** starting **Friday 14th February 2020** 10am - 12noon  
**Computers** Starting **Friday 14th February 2020** 11am - 1pm  
**Mindfulness** Starting **Monday 17th February 2020** 2pm - 4pm  
 All Courses are free of charge. For more information contact Reception at 021-4501787 or email [blackpoolcc@gmail.com](mailto:blackpoolcc@gmail.com).

**WORLD DAY OF SICK**

In his message for the 28th World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis is urging the human warmth and personalised approach of Christ, the Good Samaritan, in healthcare professionals, workers and volunteers.

The Catholic Church marks the annual day on 11 February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest," taken from Matthew's Gospel (11:28).

**FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

**Tuesday 11th February**  
 Blessing and Anointing of the Sick will take place during the following Masses on **Tuesday 11th February**.  
**Cathedral:** 10.15am Mass  
**St. Oliver's:** 9am Mass

**CATHEDRAL**

**Sat. 8th February 5pm (Vigil)**  
 Eileen Walsh R.I.P  
 Eileen Twomey R.I.P  
 Margaret Coade 1st Anniv R.I.P  
 Tim Sexton Months Mind

**Sun. 9th February 11.30am.**  
 John O'Shea R.I.P Anniv  
 Kathy and Jimmy Ahern R.I.P 20th & 50th Anniv  
 John Phelan R.I.P

**Sun 9th February 5.30pm**  
 Martin Dorney Recently Deceased  
 Jane O'Donovan Intentions  
 John O'Leary 3rd Anniv R.I.P

**Mon. 10th February 10.15a.m**  
 Missa Pro Populo

**Tues. 11th February 10.15a.m.**  
 Maura Collins R.I.P

**Wed. 12th February 10.15a.m.**  
 Shared Mass

**Thurs 13th February 10.15a.m.**  
 Eamer Coughlan R.I.P

**Fri. 13th September 10.15a.m.**  
 Golden Book of Remembrance

**NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT**

**Sun. 9th February 9a.m.**  
 Sr De Lourdes Feast Day

**CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

**Sat 8th February 6pm:**  
 Sean and Kathleen Twomey Intentions  
 Ned Hopkins Intentions  
 Seamus and Bernie O'Reilly Intentions

**Sun 9th February 12 noon:**  
 Kathleen Hegarty Recently Deceased  
 Connie Lynch Recently Deceased  
 Ann Humphreys RIP

**Mon 10th February 9.45am:**  
 Ann and Sean Whelan Intentions

**Wed 12th February 9.45am:**  
 Harriett Chambers Recently Deceased

**Fri 14th February 9am:**  
 Shared Mass

**ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE**

**Sat 8th February 6pm:**  
 Maura Mc Namara Months Mind  
 Thomas Mc Namara RIP

Paddy Mulcahy RIP  
 James and Hannah Keane RIP  
 Alan O'Connor RIP

**Sun 9th February 11am:**  
 John and Rose McIlhenny RIP  
 Margaret O'Longaigh 20th Anniv  
 Brian O'Longaigh 32nd Anniv  
 Maureen Hunt Recently Deceased  
 Paul Noonan Recently Deceased  
 Peggy Power Recently Deceased

**Tues 11th February 9am:**  
 Intention

**Thurs 13th February 9am:**  
 Peggy Moynihan Recently Deceased

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

**Sun. 9th February 10am.**  
 Fr Christy Harrington RIP

**Mon. 10th February 10a.m**  
 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

**Fri. 14th February 9.45am**  
 Special Intention

**Sat. 15th February 9.45am**  
 Special Intention

**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.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Celebrant's Introduction:* The Gospel makes it clear that God expects things of us. Let open our hearts in prayer, and in a spirit of willingness to serve God in faith, hope and love.

**Intercessions:**

1. May God, in his great mercy, light up the darkness experienced by many of his people, and help them in turn to be bearers of his light to others.  
**Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.**
2. That proper concern for the good of the environment may not degenerate into a paralysing moral panic, and that people of goodwill may work together to preserve the health of our planet.  
**Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.**
3. May our parish community be a place where God is known and loved, where consciences are formed according to the gospel, where children are brought up in the faith and where the vulnerable are cared for.  
**Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.**
4. We thank God for the lives of those whom we have loved and lost. May they, and all the departed, share in light of heaven.  
**Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Celebrant:* Bless your people Lord, we pray, as we make these and the unspoken prayers of our hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.