

SECOND READING

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

God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You have learnt how it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisses, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



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



February 16 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.	For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; He is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, He has given no one permission to sin.
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The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: They are happy who follow God's law!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**

3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R.**

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

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

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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

Cathedral: 021 4304325
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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: €1,630
 Blackpool: €1,064
 The Glen: €676
 Ballyvolane: €903

Last weeks' Lourdes Invalid Fund from the four churches of the parish came to:

Cathedral: €1,061
 Blackpool: €700
 The Glen: €480
 Ballyvolane: €525

Sincere thanks for your generous support.

The second Collection this weekend is for the Maintenance/Renovation Fund

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 takes place in the Cathedral during the Vigil Mass at 5pm on Saturday 15th February.

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.

*Dates for your Diary***CONFIRMATIONS:**

Church of the Annunciation, Blackpool
Gaelscoil Pheig Sayers: Wednesday 4th March
Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne

North Pres. Primary & Blarney Street C.B.S.:
 Thursday 26th April

North Mon & St. Vincent's Primary School:
 Monday 27th April

St Oliver's Church, Ballyvolane
Scoil Oibheir: Wednesday 22nd April

St Brendan's, The Glen
St Mark's & St. Brendan's: Tuesday 19th May.

MASS FOR THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY IN CORK

St Martin's Chapel in
 St Mary's Church,
 Popes Quay, T23 X365

Sunday 23rd February 2020 3:30pm

For further information contact:
 087 652 4721

ALL WELCOME

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY

Monthly meeting on **Thursday 20th February** at 10.30am in Blackpool Community Centre.
 New members welcome.

BLACKPOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE SPRING COURSE

We are delighted to offer the following course:
Mindfulness Starting **Monday 17th February 2020**
 2pm - 4pm

For more information contact Reception at 021-4501787 or email blackpoolcc@gmail.com.

THE CATHEDRAL, BLACKPOOL, THE GLEN, BALLYVOLANE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME
7th September, 2020 for 4 nights flying from Dublin with Aer Lingus at 15.55pm

Hotel il Cantico a 3 star hotel located within walking distance of St.Peter's Basilica.

Daily Breakfast at the hotel included Coach for transfers and tours Accompanied by Spiritual Director Full religious programme with daily mass / Guided visit of St. Peter's Basilica and Square

Visit to Historical centre of Rome to include the Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona and much more.

€699 per person with a supplement of €140 for single room occupancy

For more information and booking forms please contact

Breda Barry - Tel: 086 4083742

Coach to Dublin Airport will be organised once numbers have been finalised. Cost to be advised

Matthew the Scribe

Any new movement or community which emerges from an older tradition has to face the problems of its own identity and direction.

How different is it from the old community? How similar? One of the problems which the early Church had to face was its relationship with Judaism. Jesus was a Jew and his early followers were all Jews: they upheld the Law of Moses and they honoured the traditions of their own people. But there is also discontinuity with that tradition when it comes to healing on the Sabbath attitudes to Samaritans, and fasting.

Today Matthew asserts that Jesus' authority is greater than the authority of Moses. Jesus' demands are more radical; his vision sharper; his expectations greater. Moses made concessions because of the hardness of people's hearts; Jesus has hope that people's heart condition has improved since then.

When we see our own record of doing good against the demands of Jesus in the Gospel, we can all come away feeling helpless. Our own efforts look so shabby against the clear unambiguous demands of the larger vision. But Matthew is not writing his Gospel to grind his readers into the dirt or the vision or make them feel helpless. He is calling the community of believers to face the vision of Jesus with a willing heart and a ready spirit. None of us can do this alone. That is why we are here, gathered in community, to pray that God will fund our efforts to bring that vision down to earth.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lent begins on Wednesday, 28th February 2020. There will be Mass and distribution of ashes in:

St Mary's and St Anne's Cathedral: 10.15am
Church of the Annunciation Blackpool: 9.45am

Mothers Day Cards

on sale in all churches of the Parish from this weekend.

**CATHEDRAL**

Sat. 15th February 5pm (Vigil)
 Eileen Walsh R.I.P
 Kathleen & David Walsh Anniv R.I.P
 Bridget, Denis & John McCarthy R.I.P.

Sun. 16th February 11.30am.
 John & Anthony O'Shea R.I.P.
 Elizabeth Long 1st Anniversary
 Karen Mitchell R.I.P

Sun 16th February 5.30pm
 Alan Collins R.I.P. 4th Anniv
 Stephen & Jeremiah O'Callaghan R.I.P.
 Jeremy & Mary Murphy Anniversary Mass

Mon. 17th February 10.15a.m
 Missa Pro Populo

Tues. 18th February 10.15a.m.
 Maura Collins R.I.P

Wed. 19th February 10.15a.m.
 Shared Mass

Thurs 20th February 10.15a.m.
 John Scanlon R.I.P

Fri. 21st September 10.15a.m.
 Golden Book of Remembrance

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sun. 16th February 9a.m.
 Nora & Christy Lyons R.I.P.

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Sat 15th February 6pm:
 Linda Wallace Recently Deceased RIP
 Catherine and Michael O' Connor RIP
 Tom Cuffe Recently Deceased RIP
 Michael Field Months Mind

Sun 16th February 12 noon:
 Rory Curtin 2nd Anniv RIP
 John Stanton RIP
 Josephine Corkery RIP

Mon 17th February 9.45am:
 Intentions

Wed 19th February 9.45am:
 Laura Moss Recently Deceased RIP

Fri 2st February 9am:
 Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Sat 15th February 6pm:
 Dessie Donnelly Months Mind

Seamus and Margaret O' Brien Anniv RIP
 Michael Bride Moloney RIP
 Eileen O' Reilly and Family Intention

Sun 16th February 11am:
 Pat Collins First Anniv RIP
 Margaret Kelleher Anniv RIP

Tues 18th February 9am:
 Frank Furlong Recently Deceased RIP

Thurs 20th February 9am:
 Paddy Burke RIP

ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH THE GLEN

Sun. 16th February 10am.
 Ellen And Gerald Flaherty RIP
 Margaret Murray 2nd Anniv RIP

Mon. 17th February 10a.m
 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri. 21st February 9.45am
 Special Intention

Sat. 22nd 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: Confident in St Paul's assurance that God has prepared wonderful things for those who love him, let us now make our prayers.

Intercessions:

1. Let us pray for the Church's ministry of teaching the faith. May God enlighten our Pope, Francis and our bishop, Fintan Gavin, so that they may proclaim the Faith with all its blessings and all its righteous demands. **Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.**
2. We pray for those who see our Catholic faith as an obstacle to truth and a hindrance to social progress. May they desire the truth, find it, and live by it. **Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.**
3. Having heard the words of Christ the teacher in the Gospel, we ask that our hearts and minds may be open to his truth and his guidance. **Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.**
4. We pray for those who serve in our armed forces, especially the men and women who serve overseas on peacekeeping missions. May the Lord watch over them and their families. **Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Father, we ask that by your grace our response to the promptings of your Spirit may grow ever more generous. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Patrick (Pat) Cotter
 Maeve Murphy

MASS IN THE NORTH CATHEDRAL ON TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY WILL BE AT 9.30AM INSTEAD OF THE USUAL 10.15AM.