

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

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves'. But he replied, 'Scripture says: 'Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'.

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: 'He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone'.

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test'.

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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



March 01 2020
First Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The creation and sin of our first parents.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned:
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **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: € 1,897
 Blackpool: € 1,039
 The Glen: € 488
 Ballyvolane: € 957

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Bishops Commission.

Sincere thanks for your generous support.

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Beatrice Daly
 Donal (Donie) O'Connell



Mothers Day Cards

on sale in the four Churches of the Parish and the Cathedral Visitor Centre.

LENT

At Easter we will celebrate the resurrection, the most important feast in the Christian calendar. Now we begin Lent as a time to ready ourselves for that great feast. We are invited to let God find us where we are. God has the same question to ask each of us: "Where are you?" During this Lent we can make time

to look at where we are in our lives and discover God's presence anew. We are challenged to make time to listen to his word. We are invited to let him get close to who we are and how we are.

Traditionally Lent is a time when we give up some things or take up some things. Whatever we do, it would be a good idea to allow the word of God to get close. The word comes to

question who we are; it comes to support the kind of people we could be. We could make a little time – five or ten minutes each day – to let the word form us as it formed Jesus. Let it influence what we do and say. Let the word of God find us so that we can emerge from our hiding places into the peace of God's presence.

MASS IN BLACKPOOL CHURCH
 on *Wednesday 4th March 2020 will be at 9am.*
 Confirmations for Gaelscoil Pheig Sayers will take place at 10.30am on that day.

THE BLACKPOOL/THE GLEN/BALLYVOLANE PARISH ASSEMBLY
 meeting will take place on *Monday 2nd March at 7:30pm* at the Cathedral Visitor Centre.

THE CATHEDRAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
 will take place on *Thursday 5th March at 11am* at the Cathedral Presbytery.

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS.
 We are a mixed voice choir.
 Rehearsals *Tuesday night 7.30pm-9pm at the Visitor Centre.* If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 021 4304325 or come along on Tuesday evening. *All are welcome.*

CHOIR VISIT
 Cork Garda Male Voice Choir, conductor Marjorie Moran, to sing at *12 noon mass in Blackpool on Sunday 8th March.*

PASTORAL TEAM FOR FUNERALS
 A number of parishes in the diocese have Pastoral Teams for Funerals in place. The role and work of the Pastoral Team is to be there with a family to guide and advise them as they plan the funeral of their loved one. Above all, they will be there to reassure the bereaved family, to help in making the funeral more personal, meaningful and prayerful as well as leading some of the prayers, beginning in the funeral home, like the Rosary and on occasions, the removal prayers.

Pastoral Teams for Funerals will not replace the priest. He will continue his ministry with the bereaved, celebrate the funeral Mass and graveside prayers. The Pastoral Team will work alongside him as we all strive to minister the love, mercy, consolation and compassion of Christ to all who suffer such loss.

It is our plan to have a Pastoral Team for Funerals in these parishes in the not too distant future. If you like to be part of a Pastoral Team for Funerals, please make contact with any member of the Parish Assembly or with any of the priests.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
 To celebrate International Women's Day The Blackpool Over 60's club are holding a *coffee morning in the Community Centre on Friday 6th March at 12.30pm.*
 Come along and enjoy the event. Local women of fascinating interest will speak on the day.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES
 are available at the back of the church.

NOTICE:

Those who have flu are under no obligation to go to Mass. If you have the flu, please stay at home, rest, stay well hydrated and, if necessary, seek your doctor's help. Mass is available via the internet as well as many parishes and via television and radio. Sign of Peace: Due to the number of colds and flu around, we would kindly remind our parishioners that during the sign of peace it is fine to simply smile, wave, or bow to convey Christ's peace to them.

RITE OF ELECTION FOR CATECHUMENS:
 This *Saturday 29th February at the 5:00pm Mass* in the Cathedral Bishop Fintan Gavin will preside at the Rite of Election for catechumens from across the diocese. We welcome Yvette, Rahul and Christopher from here in the Cathedral parish; Remy from Ss Peter and Paul's; Ivana and Paulo from Bandon and Katerina from Bantry with their sponsors, family members and the parishioners who are accompanying them on the journey of Christian Initiation as they prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in their parishes.

CONFIRMATION
 On *Wednesday 4th March*, at Church of the Annunciation, Blackpool, Mons Aidan O'Driscoll will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to the boys and girls of Gael Scoil Pheig Sayers.

Candle of Atonement Prayer

Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd March, 7.00pm, First Confession
Scoil Oilibhéir School at St. Oliver's Church

Wednesday 4th March, 1pm, Service of Light
Blarney St CBS North Presentation Convent Chapel

Wednesday 4th March, 7.30pm, Service of Light
North Mon School at North Presentation Convent Chapel

Friday 6th March, Service of Light
St Marks School at St. Brendan's Church

Tuesday 24th March, 7.00pm, Service of Light
Scoil Oilibhéir at St. Oliver's Church

CATHEDRAL

Saturday 29th February 5pm (Vigil)
 Eileen Walsh R.I.P
 Dan McCarthy R.I.P.
 Margaret O'Connor 10th Anniversary

Sunday 1st March 11.30am.
 Josephine Prendergast R.I.P. 3rd Anniversary
 May O'Callaghan 1st Anniversary
 Mary and Daniel O'Shea R.I.P.

Sunday 1st March 5.30p.m.
 Alice Morley R.I.P. 7th Anniversary
 Joe and Maura Leahy Anniversary
 Marian O'Leary Anniversary Mass
 Brian Austin Months Mind

Monday 2nd March 10.15a.m.
 Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday 3rd March 10.15 a.m.
 Maura Collins R.I.P.

Wednesday 4th March 10.15a.m.
 Shared Mass

Thursday 5th March 10.15a.m.
 Jenny and Bill O'Keeffe R.I.P.

Friday 6th March 10.15a.m.
 Golden Book of Remembrance Mass

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sunday 1st March 9a.m.
 Sr M Agnes Manley R.I.P.

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday 29th February 6pm:
 Don Hurley RIP
 Josephine Corkery RIP
 Noel and Sheila Punch RIP

Sunday 1st March 12 noon:
 Mary O'Connor RIP
 Anna Higgins Recently Deceased RIP
 Finbarr O'Driscoll Intentions

Monday 2nd March 9.45am
 Sheila Cronin Recently Deceased RIP

Wednesday 4th March 9am:
 John O'Sullivan RIP

Friday 6th March 9am:
 Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Saturday 29th February 6pm:
 Richard and Ellen O'Riordan RIP
 Jack Minihane Recently Deceased RIP
 Michael Bracken Birthday Remembrance, John and Jim Lehane RIP

Sunday 1st March 11am:
 Gary O'Riordan RIP
 Sean Condon, Pat O'Riordan RIP
 Josephine O'Driscoll RIP
 Nuala Gregory RIP

Tuesday 3rd March 9am:
 Gary O'Brien Rec Dec RIP

Thursday 5th March 9am:
 No Intention

ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH THE GLEN

Sunday 1st March 10am:
 Ken McCarthy RIP

Monday 2nd March 10am:
 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Friday 6th March 9.45am:
 Jim Lehane RIP

Saturday 7th March 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.

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: As we celebrate the beginning of this sacred time of Lent, let us confidently open our hearts in prayer.

Intercessions:

1. May this season of Lent be a time of renewal for the Church throughout the world, as she accompanies Christ in his self-denial and in his determination to do the Father's will.
Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.
2. May Christians be wise to the voices that would instil disbelief and incredulity regarding the truth and goodness of our faith. May we persevere in heeding the voice of our Father, which we hear in his Word and celebrate in the sacraments.
Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.
3. May Lenten efforts and observances lead, for all those who undertake them, to concrete solidarity with those who are less fortunate.
Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.
4. We pray for those who suffer war and violence, for the victims of crime and natural disaster, for those who struggle with mental illness. May God bless the efforts of all who seek to bring comfort and relief to the suffering.
Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant: Grant, Lord, that we may grow in understanding and in charity, as we make these and all our prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen