

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
*Glory and praise to you, O Christ !
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world;
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
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GOSPEL
A reading from the Gospel according to John.
A spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water'.

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life'.

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband'. He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know:
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything'. 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, "Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.



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



March 15 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING
A reading from the Book of Exodus.
Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!'

The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
R: O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me,
though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans.
The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

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: €1400
 Blackpool: €957
 The Glen: €510
 Ballyvolane: €770
 Donation €500

The Second Collection Bishops Commission:

Cathedral: €847
 Blackpool: €680
 The Glen: €319
 Ballyvolane: €554

This weekend's second collection is for Maintenance Fund.

Sincere thanks for your generous support.

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ita Ward (nee Murray)
 Kathleen (Ka) Lynch
 Jeremiah (Jerry) Caulfield
 Caroline Mc Carthy

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

are available at the back of the church.

Mothers Day Cards

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

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down,
 Christ when I sit down,
 Christ when I arise,
 Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.

PRAYER FOR OUR PROTECTION

We ask for prayers for those affected by the Coronavirus. Placing all our trust in the Lord, and asking Our Lady to intercede for us, we invite everyone to pray these prayers:

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.

Masses for St. Patrick's Day

CATHEDRAL	BLACKPOOL	THE GLEN	BALLYVOLANE
Monday 16th: Vigil 5pm	Monday 16th: Vigil 6pm	St. Patrick's Day: 10am	Monday 16th: Vigil 6pm
Tuesday 17th March: 11am	Tuesday 17th March: 12noon		Tuesday 17th March: 11am

TAX BACK 2019:

We are grateful for the support we received during 2019 for the effort people made in supporting the Tax Back program. We will now be processing our request for the funds and we remind people who participated that we will only receive funding in their name if that person has met the stipulated amount of €250 donations to the church for the full calendar year.

Sometimes people might be at €220 or €240 and after all the effort we are not in a position to gain from their effort. If a person is unsure of their status they can contact Trish Harrington in Blackpool Parish Office regarding this tax back scheme telephone 021 4300518.

WINTER FLU GUIDANCE:

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 in 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 one another to convey Christ's peace to them.

SPRING DUES ENVELOPES:

Spring dues envelopes are now available. Please take one and return before Easter Sunday. Your contributions are always appreciated by the priests of the Parish whose income comes from these dues.

STATION MASS:

If anyone is interested in hosting a station mass in the areas of Ballincroig/Dublin Pike, Killeens and Kilcully, please contact one of the priests of the parish.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

this weekend the 3rd Sunday of Lent, we will celebrate the scrutiny rites with our Elect – Yvette, Rahul and Christopher – at the 5pm Vigil Mass here in the Cathedral as they continue their preparation towards receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, at the Easter Vigil. We ask you to continue to pray for them over these weeks of Lent.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY. MONTHLY meeting on *Thursday 19th March at 10.30am* in Blacpool Community Centre.

EASTER NOVENA MASS CARDS on sale in the four Churches of the Parish and the Cathedral Visitor Centre.

CATHEDRAL

Saturday 14th March 5pm (Vigil)
 Eileen Walsh RIP
 Denis O'Regan 13th Anniv RIP
 Seamas Cramer 1st Anniv RIP
 John Heaphy (Months Mind)

Sunday 15th March 11.30am.
 Patrick Egan RIP

Sr Rose Cashman (Recently Deceased)
 Timothy, Ellen and Cornelius O'Halloran (RIP Anniv)

Sunday 15th March 5.30p.m.
 Joe Higgins RIP
 Christy O'Callaghan RIP
 Tony Bickerstaffe Anniv

Monday 16th March 10.15a.m.
 Missa Pro Populo

Monday 16th March 5pm Vigil
 Eily Noonan RIP
 Betty Reid RIP

Catherine and Thomas Coughlan RIP Anniv

Tuesday 17th March 11.00 a.m.
 No Intention

Wednesday 18th March 10.15a.m.
 Shared Mass

Thursday 19th March 10.15a.m.
 Maura Collins RIP

Friday 20th March 10.15a.m.
 Golden Book of Remembrance Mass

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sunday 15th March 9a.m.
 Mary and Rosarie Comber (Intentions)

Tuesday 17th March 9 a.m.
 Catherine O'Brien RIP

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday 14th March 6pm:
 Lily Leahy RIP
 Ger Manning RIP
 Thanksgiving

Sunday 15th March 12 noon:
 Noel Kickham RIP
 Eleanor O'Riordan RIP

Monday 16th March 9.45am
 Nora Jones RIP

Monday 16th March 6pm Vigil
 Donal and Maureen O'Connor RIP
 Sr Brigid Shannon RIP

Tuesday 17th March 12.00 noon
 Mary Maher Recently Deceased
 Mary and William Dunlea
 Bill and Susan O'Callaghan RIP

Wednesday 18th March 9.45.am:
 Rita Canty RIP

Friday 20th March 9am:
 Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Saturday 14th March 6pm:
 Jack Wallace RIP
 Mary Murray RIP
 Eileen Butler and Sheila Gould RIP

Sunday 15th March 11am:
 Rita Cotter 1st Anniv RIP
 Elizabeth Carbonnell RIP
 Nora and James Barry RIP

Monday 16th March 6pm Vigil:
 Chris and Thomas Kiely RIP

Tuesday 17th March 11am:
 John and May Murphy RIP

Thursday 19th March 9am:
 Joe O'Sullivan RIP

ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH THE GLEN

Sunday 14th March 10am:
 Michael O'Driscoll RIP
 Ann Horgan RIP

Monday 16th March 10am:
 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 17th March 10am
 No Intention

Friday 20th March 9.45am:
 No Intention

Saturday 21st March 9.45am:
 Ann Horgan RIP

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant's Introduction: Mindful of God's mercy to St. Paul, and to the Samaritan woman, let us raise our hearts and minds in prayer for our needs and the needs of the world.

Intercessions:

- For the Church, that she may be inspired and guided by Jesus' tremendous respect for the woman at the well and that her compassion for the outcast may win many people to Christ. **Lord, hear us.** Lord, graciously hear us.
- For all who are weighed down by sin-whether their own sins or sins that have been committed against them. May they find full freedom in the knowledge of Christ's mercy, and may they be able to reflect that same mercy to others. **Lord, hear us.** Lord, graciously hear us.
- The Israelites in the desert were tormented by thirst. May those who thirst for meaning, for kindness and for understanding not find Christ's disciples lacking in wisdom and compassion. **Lord, hear us.** Lord, graciously hear us.
- For all the deceased, that they may be released from the bonds of their sins and raised up by Christ's mercy and power. **Lord, hear us.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant: Help us, Lord, during this season of Lent, to grow in faith, hope and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

- We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
- When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
- 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.