

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Hebrews.

Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

You too must stand ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

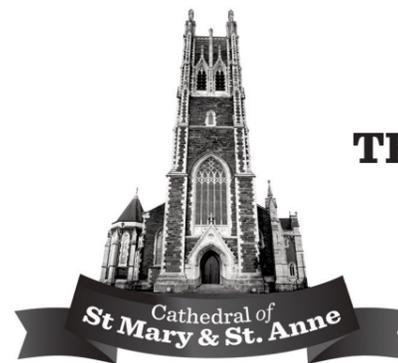
'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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



August 11 2019

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

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Fri: 8.30am-3.30pm

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Ellen Boylan
Bernadette Higgins
Val O'Connor

Last weeks' Offertory Collection from the four churches of the parishes came to:

Cathedral: €1,015
Blackpool: €920
The Glen: €481
Ballyvolane: €944

Sincere thanks for your generous support.

The second collection next weekend is for the Maintenance / Building Fund.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE PARISHES OF THE CATHEDRAL, BLACKPOOL, THE GLEN, BALLYVOLANE AND SUNDAY'S WELL

We are a welcoming Catholic Faith Community respecting the uniqueness and the value of each person. Inspired by the Gospel and through our worship and service in our parishes, we strive always to give witness to our faith in an open, caring and compassionate way.

THE FAITH TO DARE

In today's second reading we heard Abraham described as a man "who was already as good as dead". He is an old man and his wife has passed childbearing years a long time ago. For these two nomadic pensioners, the prospect of having their own children and their own land seems highly unlikely. But their faith in God enables them to believe in what they cannot see, to build up a vision of what the future will be like. They act on that vision of faith and they are rewarded with a son. They set out for their promised land, without knowing where they are going. Their map is their faith in God.

When Abraham and Sarah reach their promised land, they live there as strangers, not with the rights of citizens who belong there. They believe that their descendants will enjoy being citizens of the land. But Abraham looks even beyond that as he looks out of his tent: he looks to another city where the founder and the architect and the builder will be God. Abraham's faith enables him to

see these things not as part of his experience now, but "in the far distance ". As Tennessee Williams noted: "Time is the longest distance between two places." Abraham looks to another time and to a place in which he can settle as a true homeland. In that homeland, he will share the address of God.

Abraham's deep faith in God enabled him to dare. Wherever he went he took his treasure with him; his treasure was part of him; he could not be separated from it even in time of trial. Abraham's real treasure was his faith in God, and his heart was in the same place as his treasure. That is something which Jesus hopes will be true of his own disciples. Jesus says that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". But the question that asks to be answered is: what is our real treasure?

So, what is in our treasure boxes? What do we value most in our lives? If we were all to list honestly what we really

value then we would be giving ourselves away. Jesus does not say, "Where your heart is, there will be your treasure also." He makes a much more practical suggestion: he knows that if you want to know what is in people's heart you first find out what is in treasure boxes! See what people put their trust in and then you know the condition of their heart!

The Gospel asks us: is our treasure the treasure that will not fail us? The kind of treasure Jesus talks about is the kind that cannot be stolen or destroyed. If we were all being burgled at the moment, would we still have our treasure?

Abraham risked everything, but his risk was funded from his treasure – his faith in God. Jesus risked everything, but his risk was funded from his treasure – his great love of the Father. Is our treasure rich enough to fund the risks the Gospel asks us to take?

LEGION OF MARY PUBLIC RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

The following are the grottos and areas where members of the Legion will be reciting the Rosary for the month of August you are very welcome to join us.

Tuesday 13th, August,

Redemption Rd, near Neptune at 7.30pm

Thursday 22nd, August,
Lower Eason's Hill at 7.30pm

Thursday 29th, August,
Wolfe Tone St (Tarry Patch) at 7.30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS:

Thursday 22nd August from 2:30pm to 3:30pm hosted by the Sisters of Charity, Saint Vincent's Convent, Cork – all are welcome to join in prayer followed by tea/coffee.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Thursday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption and a Holy Day of obligation. Mass times are:

Cathedral: Wednesday Vigil 5pm & Thursday 10.15am

Blackpool: Wednesday Vigil 6pm Thursday 12noon

Ballyvolane: Wednesday Vigil 6pm Thursday 11am

The Glen: Thursday 10am

Blackpool Fatima Apostolate Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Abbey
Sunday 1st September 2019

Cost €43 (including dinner at Cahir House Hotel). Non - refundable deposit €10.
Bus leaves 11 O'clock sharp from Blackpool Church Watercourse Rd side.
Enquiries to 021-4393852 or 021-4397073.

CATHEDRAL

Sat. 10th August 5pm (Vigil)

Eileen Walsh R.I.P

Laurence (Larry) King

Joan Buckley Anniversary

Claire O'Driscoll, Toy Shop, Shandon St.,

Month's Mind

Sun. 11th August 11.30am.

Michael Spillane Months Mind

Seanie Fielding 1st Anniversary

John & Julia Healy and James & Nora Mahony

R.I.P.

Sun 11th August 5.30pm

Terry McCarthy

Mon. 12th August 10.15a.m

Marian Brady Happy Birthday.

Tues. 13th August 10.15a.m.

Richard O'Connor R.I.P. and the Twomey

Family

Wed. 14th August 10.15a.m.

Shared Mass

Wed. 14th August 5pm

No Intention

Thurs 15th August 10.15a.m.

Michael and Rose Casey R.I.P.

Fri. 16th August 10.15a.m.

Golden Book of Remembrance

Sat. 17th August 10.15a.m.

Special Intentions

NORTH PRESENTATION

CONVENT

Sun. 11th August 10a.m.

Sr Assumpta R.I.P.

CHURCH OF THE

ANNUNCIATION

Sat 10th August 6pm

Billy Newman Recently Deceased RIP

Sun 11th August 12 noon:

Jack O' Donoghue 5th Anniversary

Rita Buckley RIP

Mon 12th August 9.45am

Ellen Nellie Noonan Recently Deceased RIP

Tues 13th August 9.45am

Intentions

Wed 14th August 9.45am:

Holy Souls

Wed 14th August Vigil 6pm:

No Intention

Thurs 15th August 12noon:

Special Intention

Fri 16th August 9am:

Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Sat 10th August 6pm

Kitty Burke Rec Dec RIP

Sun 11th August 11am

Denis O'Leary RIP

John Twomey RIP

Mon 12th August 9am:

Jack And Joan Costello RIP

Tues 13th August 9am:

No Intention

Wed 14th August 9am:

No Intention

Wed 14th August Vigil 6pm

Little Sister of the Assumption Intentions

Thurs: 15th Aug 11am

Sean and Billy Lee RIP

ST. BRENDAN'S, THE GLEN

Sun 11th August 10am:

Rita and John Buckley RIP

Thurs 15th Aug 10am:

Our Lady's Intentions

Fri 16th Aug 9.45am:

People of the Parish

Sat 17th Aug 9.45am:

Jeremiah Foley RIP

ANNUAL DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary Shrine, Lee Road

On Thursday 15th August

Chief Celebrant: Bishop Fintan Gavin

Join in reciting the Rosary at 6.30pm at Our Lady's Hospital gate and follow the fifteen Mysteries until Mass begins at the Shrine, Lee Road at 7.30pm.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant's Introduction: Let us glorify our Lord as we raise our hearts in prayer and offer him our needs.

Intercessions:

1. We pray for the environmentalists, recyclers, farmers, gardeners and fishermen. May they be supported in their sustainable efforts to preserve the earth for future generations.

Lord, hear us.....

2. We pray that God may raise up more and more people of integrity to serve in public office.

Lord, hear us.....

3. May the Holy Spirit guide scientists and medical researchers; may their work bring healing and wholeness, rather than any disregard for human life.

Lord, hear us.....

4. We thank God for the beauty of nature. May those who live in large towns and cities find opportunities to enjoy it during these weeks of summer.

Lord, hear us.....

Celebrant: We pray and thank you, Lord, for your abundant goodness and great mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.