



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



December 29 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.

He who fears the Lord respects his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights in a mother over her sons.

Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength;

for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

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By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive around your table! **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Family life in the Lord.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this

that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive you children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

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

Take the child and his mother and escape into Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: *I called my son out of Egypt.*

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead'. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: *He will be called a Nazarene.*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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Family of all sorts

Fashions in clothes come and go. The long and the short, the tight and the loose, make their appearance with surprising variety. Sometimes, when we look at old family photographs, we smile at the styles and cuts; sometimes we see those styles re-emerge under different disguises. St Paul speaks to us today about the essential wardrobe for every Christian: "be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience... Over all these clothes ... put on love."

Whatever the fashion of the day might be, whatever the age group, Paul tell us the essential clothing for every Christian. Without love, no Christian is properly dressed. And today, as we celebrate the

feast of the Holy Family, we look with gratitude to our own families and to the family of believers. The family that needs the young, the middle-aged and the old.

In remembering the Holy Family, we look to our own family in gratitude for what we have received. The feast of the Holy Family we celebrate today is not an old one – it was introduced to the whole Church in 1921; but the Christian family has been celebrated by all who care to admit their indebtedness to it as the lively place where they were at home with God and an assortment of weird and wonderful relatives. In the Christian family we learn that God never comes alone – God is always accompanied by a legion of others

who, in their own shy and halting way, show us something of God's loving kindness. In the Christian family we can catch something of the God who accepts us as we are and who keeps on loving us stubbornly to the end.

None of our families is all holy – each is a mixture of all sorts of conflicts, compulsions and craziness that tests our love and forgiveness. But in the midst of all that, there is God. There is no other place to find God. It is the place where God found us.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant's Introduction: On this feast of the Holy Family, mindful that we are God's children, brothers and sisters of one another, let us confidently make our prayers.

Intercessions:

1. For the Church, the body of Christ, sanctified by God and scarred by the sinfulness of its members. May God grant it renewal during this holy season.

Lord, hear us.....

2. For the family, the domestic Church, that it may be protected in our laws and by our attitudes. May God's providence contain the efforts of those who would deconstruct the family as the privileged place for the rearing of children.

Lord, hear us.....

3. That families broken by addiction, crime or cruelty may know God's healing presence, and that St Joseph may intercede for all Christian fathers.

Lord, hear us.....

4. For the strengthening of marriage. May the Lord bless all married couples and all those preparing for marriage.

Lord, hear us.....

Celebrant: Bless us, our community and our families, heavenly Father, as we confidently make these and all our prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Mary & St Anne's Cathedral
Cathedral Street, Cork

Mass Celebration
Sunday 29th December
at 5.30pm



Featuring special guest choir
from Missouri, USA

Grand Choer de Sion
Notre Dame of Sion
High School for Girls
Elizabeth Fleeger Mulkey, Director

Please join us, everyone welcome.

CATHEDRAL

Sat. 28th December 5pm (Vigil)

Denis Goulding 1st Anniversary
Edward Desmond 1st Anniversary
Ellen Callanan 2nd Anniversary

Sun. 29th December 11.30am.

Eileen Walsh R.I.P
James and Annie Walsh R.I.P.
Nuala Thornhill

Sun. 29th December 5.30p.m.

Donie Leahy R.I.P. 4th Anniversary
Mary McAulliffe
Teresa, Shauna and Finbarr Mulcahy
R.I.P.

Mon. 30th December 10.15a.m.

John Scanlan R.I.P.

Tues. 31st December 10.15a.m.

Mary Swaine, and Ellen, Denis & John
O'Brien R.I.P.

Wed. 1st January 10.15a.m.

Shared Mass

Thurs. 2nd January 10.15a.m.

Marian O'Leary R.I.P. Birthday
Remembrance

Fri. 3rd January 10.15a.m.

Golden Book of Remembrance Mass

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sun. 29th December 9a.m.

Special Intention.

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday 28th December 6pm:

Thanksgiving
Philomena Leahy RIP Sheila Healy
RIP

Pat O'Connell RIP

Margaret Ring 1st Anniversary RIP

Sunday 29th December

12noon:

Frances Hallissey Recently Deceased
RIP

Lorna Kelly Recently Deceased RIP
Sam Wright Recently Deceased RIP

Monday 30th December 11am:

Sam Wright Recently Deceased RIP

Wednesday 1st January 11am:

Denis Goulding 1st Anniversary RIP

Friday 3rd January 9am:

Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Saturday 28th December 6pm:

Des Furlong and BR De Sales R.I.P.
Pauline Hegarty 1st Anniversary R.I.P.

Maureen and Billy Lehane special

Wedding Anniversary

Breda Ahern Recently Deceased

Sun 29th December 11am:

Ellen and Teddy Kelleher R.I.P.
Joan Daly R.I.P.

Breda Ahern Recently Deceased

Tues 31st December 11am:

Liam Feehily R.I.P.

Thurs 2nd January 9am:

No Intention

ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH THE GLEN

Sunday 29th January 10am:

Alice Stockley R.I.P. Anniversary
Tedna Buckley 8th Anniversary
Con Considine R.I.P.

Friday 3rd January 9.45am:

Eileen Whooley 3rd Anniversary

Saturday 4th January 9.45am:

Special Intention