

SECOND READING

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

Make up the difference between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul,' 'I am for Apollos,' 'I am for Cephas,' 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

***Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!***

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.'

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message,

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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



January 26 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.

In days past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The Lord is my light and my help.

***1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? R.***

***2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. R.***

***3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! R.***

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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: €1,425
 Blackpool: €938
 The Glen: €459
 Ballyvolane: €937

Sincere thanks for your generous support.

Last weeks' Diocesan Quarterly Collection from the four churches of the parish came to:

Cathedral: €815
 Blackpool: €680
 The Glen: €429
 Ballyvolane: €675

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WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Timothy Murray
 Brian Austin
 Michael Field
 Noel Sewell

The first disciples

When Matthew writes of the call of the first disciples, there is no suggestion of any hesitation on the part of the four fishermen. Matthew does not tell us why they follow Jesus. His story is simple: Jesus calls them and they follow him. There is no hint about where they are going; there is no detailing of what discipleship will involve. Nothing is promised; nothing is signed. Matthew is clearly not interested in these questions: he is more concerned to show that the disciples are called by Jesus and how their discipleship requires the leaving of everything that occupied them until that moment.

Obviously things did not happen as abruptly as that. The disciples did not leave the security of their homes and jobs on the spur of the moment to follow a stranger they had never seen before. In their accounts Luke and John allow time for the disciples to find out about Jesus before they are called. The absence of any of this detail to Matthew points to the fact that he wants to focus on something more important: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. With John the Baptist now in prison, the great voice of the wilderness is silenced. It is time for Jesus to begin. Matthew shows that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah. Jesus is the great light that has dawned; he is the one who begins his mission in Galilee of the Gentiles, a mission to all peoples.

Matthew keeps the focus on Jesus and shows the authority of his word and the power of his healing. Discipleship is centred on Jesus. Because of who he is, others will change. Jesus alone is the source of discipleship. Without the person of Jesus, discipleship is meaningless.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020

Catholic Schools Week 2020 will run from Sunday January 26th to Sunday February 1st. During Catholic Schools Week we celebrate the unique contribution of Catholic Schools to our education system. The theme of this years celebrations comes from Pope Francis 'Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation'.

This special week gives everyone involved in Catholic education the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution that our Catholic Schools make to our society.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who work so hard in our schools -Principals, Teachers, School Staff, Parents, Pupils, Members of the Boards of Management & Parent Associations & all of those who give of their time in a voluntary capacity to help with the running of each school.

At the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2020 we remember them in our prayers and wish God's Blessing on them for the remainder of the school year.

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID 1ST FEBRUARY

Brigid and her mother were slaves in Ireland. As a young girl, one of Brigid's responsibilities was to care for the dairy farm on the property. After Brigid milked the cows, she gave the milk away to the poor. She gave the needy the eggs she collected from the hens and churned cream into butter to share with the hungry. When her master protested that she was giving away all his profits, Brigid reportedly replied, "Christ lives in every creature." She was telling her master that God wants us to share our blessings with others.

After many years, Brigid and her mother were given their freedom. Now Brigid had the time to devote herself entirely to serving God. Brigid established the first convent in Ireland. The convent educated women and trained them to recognize and respond to the needs of the poor. She taught her nuns this saying: "What is mine is theirs" to help them know that God calls us to share our blessings with others.

Brigid also founded the first double monastery in Ireland. It was a place of training and prayer for both monks and nuns. Because of her great charity and her work for the education of priests and nuns, the Church in Ireland experienced great growth.

We honour Brigid as the patron saint of scholars, people who devote themselves to studying a specific topic. Brigid's example encourages us to learn all we can about God and to deepen our love for the Lord through prayer.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sunday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

This feast is a remembrance of the Lord, Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations.

Any child will know that you should not light a candle to put it under a cover. You put it on a stand and so it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, our light must shine before people so that they will see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven. That is the Gospel truth. And that is the message from today's feast.

So, if you are taking a blessed candle home from Mass on February 2nd, you may like to use it at family religious events, at celebrations of birthdays and milestones and, of course, in the event of power failures! But you might use it occasionally at times of family prayer to remind us that the light of Christ has indeed come into the world and that it is up to us, like Simeon and Anna, to reflect that light in our lives.

Please bring candle or candles to be blessed for your home.

CATHEDRAL

Saturday 25th January 5pm (Vigil)
 Eileen Walsh R.I.P.
 Michael and Ellen Callanan R.I.P.
 Gretta Healy R.I.P. 7th Anniversary

Sunday 26th January 11.30am.
 Anne O'Keefe R.I.P.
 Nora McAuliffe 2nd Anniversary
 Frank Cummins Recently Deceased

Sunday 26th January 5.30p.m.
 May Corrigan R.I.P. 2nd Anniversary
 Lilly, Thomas and Liam Arnold R.I.P Anniversary
 Mamie and Eamon O'Sullivan Anniversary

Monday 27th January 10.15a.m.
 Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday 28th January 10.15 a.m.
 Maura Collins R.I.P.

Wednesday 29th January 10.15a.m.
 Shared Mass

Thursday 30th January 10.15a.m.
 Mae and John O'Keefe R.I.P.

Friday 31st January 10.15a.m.
 Golden Book of Remembrance Mass

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sunday 26th January 9a.m.
 Sr Angela Feast Day

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday 25th January 6pm:
 Jimmy Moore 6th Anniversary and his son Garrett RIP
 Joan and Charlie McCarthy RIP
 Bertie Cronin RIP

Sunday 26th January 12 noon:
 Ann Carroll Dawson RIP
 Susan O'Callaghan First Anniversary RIP
 Margaret Buckley First Anniversary RIP

Monday 27th January 9.45am:
 Nellie and John Riordan RIP

Wednesday 29th January 9.45am:
 Catherine and Joseph Leahy RIP

Friday 31st January 9am:
 Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Saturday 25th January 6pm:
 Michael Buckley R.I.P

John and Mary Horgan RIP
 Breda Kenny RIP
 Alan O'Connor RIP

Sunday 26th January 11am:
 Patrick O'Riordan RIP
 John Phelan Recently Deceased
 Jim Phelan RIP
 Wayne Dennehy RIP

Tuesday 28th January 9am:
 Joanne Costello RIP
 Thursday 30th January 9am:
 Jack Costello RIP

ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH THE GLEN

Sunday 26th January 10am:
 Patrick Kenneally 4th Anniversary RIP
 Elizabeth O'Driscoll RIP

Monday 27th January 10am:
 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Friday 31st January 9.45am:
 No Intention

Saturday 1st 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, the Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 born of the Father of all ages,
 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 he is worshipped and adored.
 He 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 for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant's Introduction: Grateful for the Gospel call to repent, let us turn to God our Father with the confidence of beloved children.

Intercessions:

1. For the Church, that in her ministry of preaching and teaching, she may not hesitate to urge people to repentance and conversion of life.
Lord, hear us.....
2. That those who see the Gospel imperative of repentance as a burden may come to realise the love of God, whose call to repentance is a call to experience mercy and new life.
Lord, hear us.....
3. For those who are imprisoned in addiction to alcohol, drugs, gambling or pornography, that they may seek and find the help they need, and that by God's grace, they may become free of their addictions.
Lord, hear us.....
4. For our parish community, that through our ongoing daily efforts, small though they may be, the light of Christ may shine in our neighbourhoods, our schools and our places of recreation.
Lord, hear us.....

Celebrant: Bless your people gathered in prayer, O Lord, as we renew our commitment to walk in the light of your Son, Jesus. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Sunday 2nd February is World Day for Consecrated Life. On that day Bishop Fintan Gavin will lead a gathering of the religious of the Diocese of Cork and Ross in a special ceremony at 4pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome to this special event. There will be no 5.30pm Mass on that Sunday evening.