



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

Newsletter



SECOND READING

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

***Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!***

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.’ John also declared, ‘I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.” Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

January 19 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant Israel in whom I shall be glorified’; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

‘It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice
and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust
and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands
written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **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: €1,625
 Blackpool: €933
 The Glen: €531
 Ballyvolane: €726

Sincere thanks for your generous support.

Last weeks' Maintenance/Renovation Fund Collection from the four churches of the parish came to:

Cathedral: €980
 Blackpool: €822
 The Glen: €372
 Ballyvolane: €637

Sincere thanks for your generous support.

The second Collection this weekend is for the Diocesan Quarterly Fund.

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Paddy Murphy
 James (Dessie) Donnelly

If the Baptist appears to speak negatively about himself it is for the purpose of directing attention to Jesus. John is not the centre of his ministry: when Jesus comes, the Baptist points his own disciples in the direction of Jesus, releasing them from their attachment to him. In the Gospel of John, the Baptist plays a unique role: he is the first Christian witness, the first person who leads others to Jesus whom he identifies as the Messiah. The relationship between the Baptist and Jesus in John's Gospel is summarised poetically by St Augustine:

*I listen; he is the one who speaks.
 I am enlightened; he is the light.
 I am the ear; he is the Word.*

We can see how the evangelist John defends the truth of the Christian Faith against the Baptist sect, those who believe that the Baptist was the Messiah. John the Baptist is a witness to the light; he is not the light. He is the first of many witnesses to Jesus; a host of

people who give testimony to the truth about Jesus. Later in the Gospel Jesus tells his own disciples that when they receive the Spirit of truth, "you too will be my witness"

And that charge is given to each to us. We have all been baptised in the Spirit; we have all been called to witness to Jesus. We are asked to point away from ourselves to Jesus; we are challenged to lead others to the person of Jesus. The best way to do that is through our own genuine attachment to the Lord. Many people need help to come to Jesus. None of us comes to him alone. If only we had the courage to speak about Jesus to each other. Most people are moved when others share with them what really matters in their lives. Perhaps we have lost the courage to say any more what matters to us; perhaps we doubt if anyone will care.

We should take courage to share what we believe.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

September 2020. Date to be confirmed. *Contact:* Breda Barry. *Tel:* 086 4083742.

MARY AIKENHEAD,

the first child of Dr David Aikenhead and Mary Stackpole was born on the 19th January 1787 in the Grand Parade in Cork. |

David, her father was Anglican and her mother was Catholic. As a very young child Mary because of poor health was fostered to John and Mary Rorke who lived in Eason's Hill and who were Catholic. Mary was cared for lovingly by the Rorkes and loved them as her second parents. She loved attending Mass with Mammy Rorke at the Bishop's Chapel which we know as the Cathedral today. At the age of six Mary returned to her family. Her love of God and the suffering poor grew as she herself grew into womanhood.

In 1815 Mary founded the Religious Sisters of Charity. She began by visiting the sick poor in their homes. As she became aware of the needs of the people she established schools, hospitals and orphanages. She also visited the prison. For the last 27 years of her life Mary was confined to her bed or a wheelchair. Her vision and energy were not weakened by this confinement, but distilled into a deeper vision of service. Mary died on 22nd July 1858. On hearing the news of her death, a poor farmer paid her this tribute: "*That matchless woman! In her, Ireland's poor have lost their best friend*". After her death, her vision '*to give to the poor what the rich can buy with money*' continued to grow and spread in Ireland, Australia, England, Scotland, Zambia, Malawi, California, Nigeria and Venezuela.

The process of Mary's canonisation began in 1908 when she was declared Servant of God. On the 18th March 2015, our Bi-Centenary year Pope Francis declared Mary Aikenhead 'Venerable' as it had been proven that she was a woman of heroic virtue.

The next stage of the journey to sainthood when Mary would be declared 'Blessed' requires a miracle, and so we continue to make her known and we pray for the healing of people through her intercession.

Today, while Sisters are fewer, Mary Aikenhead's vision continues to live on in the lives of those who become '*Friends of Mary Aikenhead*'. If anybody would like more information about the '*Friends of Mary Aikenhead*' Contact Breda Galvin on Mobile No. 087 9532991.

The **Mary Aikenhead Heritage Centre** is located at

Our Lady's Mount, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W. Phone No. 086 7247660.

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. All are welcome to this special event. There will be no 5.30pm Mass on that Sunday evening.

CATHEDRAL

Saturday 18th January 5pm (Vigil)

Eileen Walsh R.I.P.

John O'Brien Anniversary

Mickey & Maura O'Doherty Anniversaries

Martin Dorney Months Mind

Sunday 19th January 11.30am.

Emily Neenan R.I.P.

Thomas & Kathleen O'Connor R.I.P.

Dermot Carey R.I.P.

Sunday 19th January 5.30p.m.

Kelleher Family R.I.P.

Peggy Johnson R.I.P.

Kathleen O'Connell 1st Anniversary

Monday 20th January 10.15a.m.

Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday 21st January 10.15 a.m.

Maura Collins R.I.P.

Wednesday 22nd January 10.15a.m.

Shared Mass

Thursday 23rd January 10.15a.m.

Ellen O'Brien R.I.P.

Friday 24th January 10.15a.m.

Golden Book of Remembrance Mass

NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sunday 19th January 9a.m.

Sr Nellie Feast Day

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday 18th January 6pm:

Sarah Walsh Intentions

Joe Barrett 3rd Anniversary RIP

Noreen and Donie Lettice RIP

Sunday 19th January 12 noon:

Norman Callinan First Anniversary RIP

Sheila Cronin Recently Deceased RIP

Donal Lynch Recently Deceased RIP

Kevin Sheehan Recently Deceased RIP

Monday 20th January 9.45am:

Sheila Walsh Recently Deceased R.I.P.

Wednesday 22nd January 9.45am:

Sr Eilish Manley Recently Deceased RIP

Friday 24th January 9am:

Shared Mass

ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Saturday 18th January 6pm:

Bridie Jeffrey Months Mind

Liam McLauchlan First Anniversary RIP
 Trevor Anthony Hosford First Anniversary RIP
 Jerry Moloney Recently Deceased RIP
 and Chrissie Moloney RIP
 Fr Christy Harrington RIP

Sunday 19th January 11am:

John Feagan RIP

Anne and Timmy Crowley RIP

Mary Cooney RIP

Fr Christy Harrington

Tuesday 21st January 9am:

Tony Coughlan Recently Deceased RIP

Thursday 23rd January 9am:

Intentions

ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH THE GLEN

Sunday 19th January 10am:

Maurice, Ellen and Tim Corcoran RIP

Monday 20th January 10am:

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Friday 24th January 9.45am:

Margaret O'Keeffe

Saturday 25th January 9.45am

Special Intention

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.

CORK PENNY DINNERS FUNDRAISER:

Wellness and craft fair in aid of Cork Penny Dinners at The Metropole Hotel MacCurtain Street Cork city on Sunday the *26th of January from 12.00pm till 5.00pm.* On the day readings, massages, Kinesiology, reflexology and various treatments, hair styling, nail art, crystals, jewellery books, jams, hats and accessories and much more, music on the day. Admission €5. Kids go free.

All proceeds on the day go to Cork Penny Dinners, we are looking forward to see you there.

THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BLACKPOOL/THE GLEN/BALLYVOLANE PARISH ASSEMBLY

will take place on *Monday 20th January at 7:30pm* at the Cathedral Visitor Centre.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant's Introduction: In this gathering of grace and peace, let us confidently make our prayers to the Father of all graces.

Intercessions:

1. As we continue through this winter season, with its short days and long nights, we pray that the Church's ministry may bring the light of Christ to all men and women.
Lord, hear us.....
2. May God bless the efforts of all those in civic life who strive to bring Gospel values to bear on their public service.
Lord, hear us.....
3. In this liturgical period known as 'Ordinary Time' we ask for the grace to live our faith in the concrete, ordinary details of life.
Lord, hear us.....
4. For those who find it hard to forgive, on account of their temperament or the hurts they have experienced. By God's mercy, may they be freed of the burdens of anger, resentment and unforgiveness.
Lord, hear us.....

Celebrant: Help us, Father, to wait patiently on your goodness, confident that your providence is at work in all things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.