



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



January 05 2020  
**2nd Sunday after Christmas**

**FIRST READING**

**A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.**

*The wisdom of God has pitched her tent among the chosen people.*

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; 'Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.

He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance.' From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain. I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion.

In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority. I have taken root in a privileged people in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.***

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
 Zion, praise your God.

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
 He has blessed the children within you.  
**R.**

He established peace on your borders,  
 He feeds you with finest wheat.  
 He sends our his word to the earth  
 And swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
 To Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
 He has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.**

*He determined that we should become his adopted sons through Jesus.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, thorough Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

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

*The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

In the beginning was the Word: and Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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# Journeying in hope

When the wise men leave their gifts with the Christ-child they take away a treasure that surpasses anything they brought themselves. They take away the gift of knowing who Jesus is; they are enriched by their encounter with him; they can enrich others with the truth of their own experience. They are a summary of all those who journey in hope to Jesus and find in him their heart's desire. The wise men do not stay in Judaea; they do not build a monument to mark the place of discovery. They return to their own country: faith in Jesus is not limited to any geographical boundary, but is a gift to be shared with others.

Our presence here numbers us among those who seek the face of the living God. We come here each week to celebrate our faith in Jesus as our Lord. At the end of each Eucharist we are "sent" to share with others what we have experienced here. We do not have to tramp the world like Babushka seeking the Christ-child. We find Christ here in the word and in the breaking of the bread and in the midst of the community. Let us celebrate the presence of the Lord here and enrich the lives of others with the light that has been revealed to us.

## Happy New Year 2020

Every parish is a kind of family – an extended family. Together united in faith, hope and love, groups of followers of Jesus Christ gather in mutual support to live a Christian life. Together they worship God; especially at Mass. Together they share their faith with their children and others. Such it is, or should be, in every Parish.

At the start of 2020, we take the opportunity to thank God that in our parishes of the Cathedral, Blackpool, The Glen, Ballyvolane and Sunday's Well there are so many families and individuals who live the faith they profess. In our parish there are many people whose special contribution

to parish life is essential and immense. Through their often-unnoticed work, the parishes run smoothly and parish life is enriched.

Today we offer our SPECIAL THANKS to all involved.

The priests of the parishes thank you for the welcome you give us on a daily basis and for your support in the Parish Dues, the Christmas and Easter Collections. It is very much appreciated.

*We wish you a Happy and a Peaceful New Year.*

### MONDAY 6TH JANUARY IS A FEAST DAY AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass times are:

CATHEDRAL	BLACKPOOL	THE GLEN	BALLYVOLANE
10.15am	12noon & 6pm	10.00am	11.00am

## Thank You

Sincere Thank You for your generosity in the Christmas Day Collection for the Priests of the Parishes. It was very much appreciated.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Celebrant's Introduction:* Gathered together in and by Christ, the incarnate Son of God, let us now pray to our Father with confidence. Amen.

#### Intercessions:

- Let us ask the Father that through the ministry of the Church, the world may come to know the Christ whom He has sent, and that knowing him, we might have peace.  
**Lord, hear us.....**
- On this first Sunday of the New Year, let us pray for those who serve us in public office. May they be men and women of integrity, courage and compassion, who tirelessly pursue authentic human and spiritual values.  
**Lord, hear us.....**
- May God bless the efforts of catechists and preachers: may their words and their witness enlighten the eyes of people's minds and turn very many people towards Christ.  
**Lord, hear us.....**
- For priests who, in the words of the first reading, minister before God in the holy tabernacle. May they find peace in their calling and courage in the challenges they face.  
**Lord, hear us.....**

*Celebrant:* We, your privileged people, give you thanks and praise, Lord, as we make these and the unspoken prayers of our hearts. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### 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.

#### CATHEDRAL

Sat. 4th Jan 5pm (Vigil)

Eileen Walsh R.I.P

Casey & Roe Family R.I.P.

Mrs Margaret (Peggy) Johnson R.I.P.

Sun. 5th Jan 11.30am.

Peg Griffin Recently Deceased

Denis Strappe R.I.P. Recently Deceased

Anthony Brodie (R.I.P)

Sun. 5th Jan 5.30p.m.

Michael Behan 1st Anniversary

Pres Sisters Intentions

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Mon. 6th Jan 10.15a.m.

Missa Pro Populo

Tues. 7th Jan 10.15a.m.

Eileen Walsh (Birthday Remembrance)

Wed. 8th Jan 10.15a.m.

Shared Mass

Thurs. 9th 10.15a.m.

Maura Collins

Fri. 10th Jan 10.15a.m.

Golden Book of Remembrance Mass

#### NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Sun. 5th Jan 9a.m.

Sr Agnes Manley Recently Deceased

#### CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Sat 4th Jan 6pm:

Mary O'Donnell 1st Anniversary

Nell and Laurence O'Connell R.I.P.

Peggy McCarthy R.I.P.

Sun 5th Jan 12noon:

Tom Osborne Recently Deceased R.I.P.

Mary O'Sullivan R.I.P.

Tommy Sheehan R.I.P.

Ellen Naughton 9th Anniversary R.I.P.

Mon 6th Jan 9.45am:

Harry McCarthy 3rd Anniversary R.I.P.

Wed 8th Jan 9.45am:

Jim and Mary Kelleher R.I.P.

Fri 10th Jan 9am:

Shared Mass

#### ST OLIVER'S, BALLYVOLANE

Sat 4th Jan 6pm:

Seamus O'Sullivan & Family

Chrissy O'Connell R.I.P.

Daniel & Mary Goulding R.I.P.

Sun 5th Jan 11am:

Sheelagh O'Riordan 1st Anniversary

Breda Marshall Recently Deceased

Anne Gillen R.I.P.

Tues 7th Jan 9am:

Terry Kelly R.I.P.

Thurs 9th Jan 9am:

Tom O'Callaghan

#### ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH THE GLEN

Sun 5th Jan 10am:

Seamus O'Leary

Special Intention

Mon 6th Jan 10am:

Liturgy of the Word and Holy

Communion

Fri 10th Jan 9.45am:

John Lehane R.I.P.

Sat 11th Jan 9.45am

Special Intention