

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. James

You must do what the word tells you.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father, is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

By his own choice the Father made us his children by the message of the truth, so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he created. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading of the holy Gospel according to Mark

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

“This people honour me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.”

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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Parish Newsletter

30th August 2009

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We gather today to give thanks to the Lord who gives us life!



FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as nay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

He who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent;

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**



Parish News

NOVENA ~ OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART ~ begins on Monday 31st August to Tues. 8th September, 10:00am and 8:00pm daily. Preached by Fr. Tom Mulcahy, MSC. Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork.

THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Will be recited by the members of the Legion of Mary every Sunday after 11am Mass in St. Oliver's Church. All are very welcome to join in prayer.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS IN BLACKPOOL CHURCH

Friday next, September 4th is the First Friday and Mass will be celebrated at 9am followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 4pm.

A Rosary of Intercession for Priests will be recited on the hour during the day.

First Saturday Devotions in

Saturday next, September 5th is the First Friday and the Rosary will be recited at 9.45am followed by the Liturgy and Fatima Prayers.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS AT ST. BRENDAN'S, THE GLEN

Saturday next, September 5th is the First Saturday and devotions in St. Brendan's Church will begin with recitation of the Fatima Prayers at 9.45am followed by Mass at 10am.

Recitation of the Rosary and Miraculous Medal novena prayers will take place immediately after Mass.

ADORE!

The youth are the future of the Church, and they will gather in Cork City to ADORE! Live the faith with 3 days of prayer and fellowship.

Experience the new evangelization through inspirational talks and witnessing, live music, meeting new friends and workshops.

Ultimately, encounter Christ in the Eucharist through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Holy Hours of Adoration. Be fearless apostles of the Eucharist!

Who: young Adults 18-35 years

What: 3-day Eucharistic Youth Conference

Where: Presentation Brothers College, Mardyke, Cork

When: September 11-13, 2009

Cost: FREE Registration, Accommodation & Snacks (donations accepted)

ST. FINBARRS PIPE BAND, CORK CITY, won the All-Ireland Pipe Band Championships in Grade 3, in Lisburn Co. Down on the 4th July 09, under the

leadership of Pipe Major Derek Buckley and Drum Sergeant John Murphy. The band also won the "Best Pipe Corp" prize and got 2nd in Drumming on the day. In taking 1st place, the band beat the current British, Scottish and European Champions. This has been the pinnacle of their success to date following their success in achieving,

- 1st Place at the Munster Pipe Band Championships;
- 1st Place at the South of Ireland Pipe Band Championships;
- 5th Prize at the British Pipe Band Championships.

The "Barrs" competed against 30 other bands in their grade at the World Pipe Band Championships held in Glasgow on the 15th August and were placed 7th. Well done to all those involved!

BUS OUTING TO THE BURREN

For the 'over 58's' in the area....

Date: 12th Sept. 2009, Saturday

Departs: St. Oliver's Church at 08.45am sharp. Cost: €50

Included in the price: Bus fare, Visit the Burren Centre in Kilfenora, Visit the Cliffs of Moher and its Centre, 3 course evening meal in the Auburn Lodge Hotel in Ennis.

Contact: Noreen on 021-4628131

ADULT MORNING CLASSES IN DEERPARK C.B.S., St. Patrick's Road, Cork.

Subjects include: Computers / Payroll / Accounts No Fees ~ Fetac Level 5 Qualification ~ Mornings only. For further details contact Michael at 086-4022900

LOURDES

Cork & Ross Week-end Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2009. 2nd - 4th October ~ 2 nights ~ Full Board Accommodation

Booking forms now available from Joe Walsh Tours 117 Patrick St Cork Tel. 021-4277959 or 021-4277120 Pilgrimage Director: Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan

BLACKPOOL OVER 60'S CLUB

Next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 1st, 2pm - 4.30pm at Blackpool Community Centre. A very warm welcome to all our new members!

Bookings open for **BLACKPOOL PTAA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JULY 2010.** Enquiries & bookings can be made at Blackpool Community Centre on Mondays 7pm to 8pm.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant's Introduction:

The Lord is full of love to all who call; let us present our needs to that same Lord with confidence.

Intercessions:

1. We pray for the Church; That it may continue to lead people to life.

Lord, graciously hear us.....

2. For those who make laws in the land; that they may legislate justly and not place unfair burdens on people.

Lord, graciously hear us.....

3. For those whose duty it is to uphold the law; that they may be governed by the principles of justice and fairness.

Lord, graciously hear us.....

4. We pray that we may become more and more a community that actively cares for and protects the most vulnerable members of our society.

Lord, graciously hear us.....

5. For those who are sick, especially the terminally ill; that they may receive peace and consolation in their illness.

Lord, graciously hear us.....

6. For those who have died; that they may be received into the heavenly kingdom.

Lord, graciously hear us.....

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, Lord of life, you give us everything that is good. Grant us what we need today. We make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

Bring Your Skills to the Developing World!

Since 1960, Viatores Christi has aimed to respond to needs overseas and at home by giving people an opportunity to share their lives and skills with those in need. People from all backgrounds and professions join Viatores Christi - people who want to challenge themselves to make a difference in the world, however big or small.

If you want to explore such a challenge, we offer a part time training programme to prepare you for working in a new environment and facilitate you in finding a suitable project. As a sending organisation we produce a contract to which we, you and your host organisation are party. We support you with transport and accommodation as well as providing subsistence allowance.

Viatores Christi lay missionary development workers are assigned to projects which deal with a range of social and justice issues throughout the world including AIDS/HIV projects, displaced peoples, healthcare, intellectual disability, education and indigenous peoples. We need people from all disciplines - from teachers to electricians, doctors to administrators, farmers to childcare workers.

If you are interested in leaning more, please come along to our information and recruitment session in Cork on Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm in the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, Cork.

For further information and/or to book your place for this information session, please contact Colette Rooney at Colette@viatoreschristi.com or Tel. 01-8689986 or log on to www.viatoreschristi.com Viatores Christi - Travellers for Christ - 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin7.

WE REMEMBER & PRAY FOR
THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED FROM OUR PARISH:

Michael McDonagh

Blackpool / the Glen / Ballyvolane Parish Assembly
IN REMEMBRANCE
Mass for our Departed Faithful
At St. Catherine's Cemetery, Kilmully
on Wednesday 2nd September 2009 at 7pm

Dear departed loved one,
we want you to know that we
haven't forgotten you.
We remember you, and your memory
most definitely brings life to us today.
May it also assure us of life for you,
that eternal life Christ came on
earth to give to us.

JOURNEYING
HOME TO GOD

Submissions for Newsletter: To be in St. Oliver's, parish office, by 10am on Wednesdays. You may email to bgandb@eircom.net, by same deadline.

PARISH OFFICES OPENING HOURS:

Blackpool:
Mon-Thurs: 9am-12:00pm
021 4300518
St. Oliver's:
Mon-Thurs 10am-12:00pm
021 422 1977
St. Brendan's:
Tues & Weds 10.30am-1pm
see other numbers

Last weeks' offertory collections from the three churches of the parish came to €3,463.00. Thank you for your continued support.