

**CORK CATHEDRAL FAMILY OF PARISHES**  
**South Parish - St Patrick's - Ss Peter & Paul's**  
**Blackpool – The Glen – Ballyvolane - Sunday's Well**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas**

*Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord*

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Mass Times**

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| <b>Cathedral</b>             | 10:00am |
| <b>South Parish</b>          | 10:00am |
| <b>St Patrick's</b>          | 10:00am |
| <b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b> | 12:30pm |
| <b>Blackpool</b>             | 12 noon |
| <b>The Glen</b>              | 10:00am |
| <b>Ballyvolane</b>           | 11:00am |

## We the Seekers

In a sense the wise men are the ancestors of all of us who seek. We are all seekers: we seek for love, for acceptance, and for understanding. And we know that the journey towards wholeness and holiness is a journey without end. We do not have stars in the sky to guide us; but even the wise men had to stop being stargazers and consult the scriptures to find out where Jesus was. We don't have stars to guide us, but we do have scriptures and each other in our journey to God.

The scriptures and the star led the wise men from the east to Bethlehem – which literally means “House of Bread”. That is where our journey has taken us today, here in the house of bread.

We come here to this place as seekers hoping to find Jesus again in the word of the scriptures and in the breaking of bread. We believe that the scriptures will lead us to Him again, and that we can commune with Him in the breaking of the bread. In the word and in the sacrament we meet Jesus again. And we meet Him in each other, in our frailty and brokenness. The Lord is present in each of us here.

We are all the hiding place of God. Let us pray that the Lord will show Himself through us to all peoples.

### Christmas Offerings/Autumn Dues

Envelopes are available in all churches in the Family of Parishes

**CORK CATHEDRAL FAMILY OF PARISHES South Parish/Ss Peter & Paul's/St. Patrick's/Blackpool/Glen/Ballyvolane/Sunday's Well**

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We remember and pray for our  
*Recently Deceased*

Thomas Singleton – *Cathedral*  
Phil Singleton – *Cathedral*  
Elizabeth (Betty) Walsh – *Cathedral*  
Tony Chambers – *Cathedral*  
Kathleen Quiligan – *Blackpool*  
Tinny Murphy – *The Glen*  
Brendan O'Driscoll – *The Glen*

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### *Our Prayer From the Boat*

Loving God, at baptism you have gifted us with a call to serve you and all people in all we do.

We ask you, Lord, to bless the people of Cork and Ross during this time of prayer and listening.

May we be attentive to the promptings of your Holy Spirit.

Open our eyes to see where you wish us to go in our faith communities and families of parishes.

Open our ears to hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leading us.

Open our hearts to follow you with joy and childlike trust.

Open our minds to new possibilities and ways of being your Church.

Fill us with hope and humility as we build the Kingdom of God together in our diocese at this time.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

### Cork Cathedral Family of Parishes

#### Lotto

The next lotto draw will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

The current jackpot is now €12,600.

Consolation Jackpot €475

### **Priests of the Parishes**

#### **Emergency Number**

**086 4570292**

# *Embracing the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope in Our Diocese*

As we prepare to embark on the Jubilee Year of 2025, proclaimed by Pope Francis with the theme "**Pilgrims of Hope**," I write to share with you its significance, opportunities for grace, and plans for our Diocese of Cork and Ross.

## **What is the Jubilee Year?**

A Jubilee Year is a special time of grace and spiritual renewal, rooted in the tradition of the Church and celebrated every 25 years. It is a time for pilgrimage, prayer, reconciliation, and hope. The Holy Father has called us to become "Pilgrims of Hope," journeying together in faith as witnesses of God's steadfast love in a world longing for healing and peace.

## **The Launch of the Jubilee Year: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

We will formally launch the Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Cork and Ross, with Mass in **St. Mary and St. Anne's Cathedral at 11:30am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. I invite all parishes to join in prayer and celebration on this day, marking the beginning of this sacred year.

## **Integration with the Year of Prayer, Listening, and Discernment:**

In our diocese, the Jubilee Year will be deeply integrated into the ongoing **Year of Prayer, Listening, and Discernment**. The theme "**Pilgrims of Hope**" resonates strongly with our collective discernment, as we continue listening to the Spirit, fostering hope for the future of our diocese, and renewing our commitment to mission.

## **Key Events for the Jubilee Year:**

- **Local Pilgrimage to Gougane Barra:** A diocesan pilgrimage to Gougane Barra will be organised as a local expression of our journey as Pilgrims of Hope. More details will follow early in the year.
- **Jubilee of Young People (July-August 2025, Rome):** I encourage parishes to support and accompany young people who may wish to take part in this international celebration of faith and hope with Pope Francis.
- **Parish and Family Pilgrimages:** Parishes are encouraged to explore local opportunities for pilgrimage and prayerful gatherings, fostering unity and renewal.

## **The Gift of Plenary Indulgence:**

The Jubilee Year also brings the grace of a **plenary indulgence** for the faithful. In his Apostolic Bull *Spes Non Confundit*, Pope Francis outlined the conditions for receiving this grace:

1. **Sacramental Confession** (a state of grace, within a reasonable timeframe).
2. **Reception of the Holy Eucharist.**
3. **Prayer for the Intentions of the Holy Father** (e.g., the Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be).
4. Performing a **work of pilgrimage** or charity, such as visiting a designated holy site, participating in liturgical celebrations, or serving those in need.

These conditions invite us to renew our hearts and minds through God's mercy, making the Jubilee a profound opportunity for spiritual growth and reconciliation.

## **Looking Ahead Together:**

The Jubilee Year is a gift and a call for all of us—clergy, religious, and laity—to journey in hope. I encourage each parish to begin considering how this theme of hope can be woven into liturgies, pilgrimages, catechesis, and pastoral initiatives throughout 2025.

Let us pray that this Jubilee will strengthen our faith, renew our communities, and inspire us to be true Pilgrims of Hope, bringing the light of Christ into the world.

With every blessing and assurance of my prayers,

Yours sincerely in Christ

✠ Fintan Gavin

Bishop of Cork and Ross

## **Celebrating Altar Servers**

Altar servers are a really important ministry in each of our Parishes. Since Covid some Parishes have struggled to reengage Altar Servers. The Office for Mission and Ministry and the Coordinator for Youth Ministry are looking at ways of supporting Parishes to develop or introduce Altar Servers. A first step is to gather with all of our Altar Servers and those priests and adult volunteers who look after them to celebrate Altar Serving in a fun atmosphere and to look at how we can together develop this ministry. We are gathering on **Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 2.30pm to 4.00pm** (venue to be confirmed).

## **Come and Discover Alpha**

Would your Parish or Family of Parishes like to find out more about Alpha? We are hosting a 'Come and Discover Alpha' day from 10am to 4pm in the **Visitor Centre of the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm**. In the morning, you will have the opportunity to experience a full Alpha session, and we will be offering workshops in the afternoon on how to run Alpha. Registration is essential: <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry>

