

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

**Cork Cathedral Family of Parishes**

**Lotto**

**Lotto Numbers: 05, 16, 23      Bonus: 01**

**Jackpot: No winner**

**Consolation prize: 1 winner**

This week's Jackpot is **€20,000**  
 Consolation Jackpot **€400**

We remember and pray for our  
Recently Deceased

*Mary O'Mahony*

*Died on 28<sup>th</sup> March and who's funeral Mass was at St Finbarr's South Church at 10am on 31<sup>st</sup> March and was buried at St Catherine's Cemetery Kilcully*

*Margaret O'Leary*

*Died on 28<sup>th</sup> March and who's funeral Mass was at St Oliver's Church Ballyvolane at 11am on 31<sup>st</sup> March and was buried at Rathcooney Cemetery*

*Michael Crean*

*Died on 25<sup>th</sup> March and who's funeral Mass was at the Cathedral at 10am on 28<sup>th</sup> March and was buried at St Catherine's Cemetery Kilcully*

*Danny Buckley*

*Died on 30<sup>th</sup> March and who's funeral ceremony was at Church of the Annunciation Blackpool on 4<sup>th</sup> April*

**Collections Taken Last Weekend**

**Offertory**

- Cathedral €1,342
- South Parish €610
- St Patrick's/Holy Family €845
- Ss Peter & Paul's €1,839
- Blackpool /The Glen /Ballyvolane €2,142

**Diocesan Quarterly**

- Cathedral €605
- South Parish €460
- St Patrick's/Holy Family €550
- Ss Peter & Paul's €830
- Blackpool /The Glen /Ballyvolane €1,310

The collection taken up this weekend is for the priests of the parishes. The priests thank you for your generosity.

**Bank Holiday Easter Monday**

There will be only two Masses in the Family of Parishes on Easter Monday Bank Holiday 6<sup>th</sup> April. These will be:

- **Cathedral 10:00am**
- **South Parish 10:00am**

**Young Adult Mass**  
 Ss. Peter and Paul's, Cork City

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**  
 Second Sunday of Every Month  
 Animated by young adults with music, serving and hospitality - all are welcome!

youthministry@corkandross.org

**Spring Dues Envelopes** are now available in all churches in the Family of Parishes

**Trocaire Boxes** can be returned to any of the 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**

+Canon John O'Donovan, Fr Seán Crowley, Fr. Shinu Varghese, Fr Jilson Kokkandathail, Fr. Marius O'Reilly |

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# Easter Sunday

When we celebrate Easter we hold holy the memory of God's great act in raising Jesus from the dead. We believe that God's graciousness will be extended to ourselves and that our own death will not be the final word. Our faith educates our hope that we will participate in Jesus' resurrection on the last day. But a question raises itself: is our faith in the resurrection limited to remembering Jesus' resurrection and hoping of our own on the last day? What happens between times? What about today?

When we look at our world today we have to go close our eyes and ears not to see and hear how suffering and violence continue to disfigure so many people here today who can feel their wounds.

What does the resurrection of Jesus say to all this today? The challenge of Easter today is to understand the history of human suffering in the light of Jesus' resurrection. This means that we have to take God's part in protesting against the violence and the suffering that are accepted so readily as inevitable. As Christians we have to make our protest against death in the midst of life.

Death is not just a fate that we meet at the end of life. We see death all around us in the midst of life. This point was made movingly by the German theologian Jurgen Moltmann in an Easter sermon when he said: Death is an evil power now, in life's very midst. It is the economic people who are oppressed; the social death of the handicapped; the noisy death that strikes through bombs and torture, and the soundless death of the apathetic soul.

To accept this litany of death as inevitable is to empty the resurrections of its power for today. A resurrection faith faces the cross and protests against the finality of that violence. It educates us to see as God sees; to act as so many of God's chosen do act today when with enormous courage they refuse to genuflect to the powers of darkness that use suffering and death as their tools to keep power.

The resurrection of Jesus is a proclamation that this outcast from Galilee is the beloved of God who cannot be held in the keep of death because someone else takes action. Jesus did not raise himself; he was raised by all those who want that miracle repeated in the midst of life. They believe that God's work continues - not least because they believe Jesus' words: "I am the resurrection and the life".

We can all catch something of the reality of the resurrection when we experience new life in the midst of hopelessness. We see it in hospital wards, when tired nurses hug people back from death. We see it in the men and women who risk their lives protesting against the mindless violence inflicted on their fellow human beings. We can see it in the beloved disciples who see in the dark what no one else sees. For all this we rejoice. It is Easter in our midst; it is the refusal to accept that anyone should be left for dead.

*The Priests of the Parishes would like to wish everyone a Holy and Happy Easter*



## Reflection

*Christ has risen, and death has lost its power. At Emmaus Café, we rejoice like the disciples on the road, discovering God's presence in unexpected moments, sharing hope and life with one another. "He is not here; he has risen." (Luke 24:6)*



## Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 12th April 2026 in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen, Cork. The day commences at 2pm and includes the Rosary, several Priests hearing confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Stations of the Cross. Mass is celebrated at 3.30pm.

### Office Hours in the Family of Parishes

**Cathedral Parish Office**  
Monday to Thursday  
8:30am-4pm  
Friday 8:30am-2pm

**St Finbarr's South Parish Office**  
Monday  
9am-11am  
Genealogy Enquiries  
Monday 9:30am-11am

**St Patrick's Parish Office**  
Monday to Thursday  
9am-12pm  
Friday 9am-10:30am

**Ss Peter & Paul's Parish Office**  
Monday to Friday  
8:30am-3:30pm

