

# The Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar

## Parish Newsletter

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### Message for Easter from Fr Paul

#### *Easter Alleluia!*

As followers of Christ celebrating the Resurrection, we extend to you Easter Greetings

All around us we see signs of a new vitality. We see the daffodils and cherry blossom. The trees and bushes are shaking off the grungy grey of winter and sporting vibrant colour.

During Lent, many have made sacrifices, and extended generous support to agencies like Trócaire, Oxfam, and the Simon Community, facilitating real change in the lives of many vulnerable people. A big thank you to them all.

At the moment, many of us are aware of a 'longing' for something better. We are longing for an end to the Covid 19 restrictions, longing to get back to playing sports, longing to hug our loved ones, and longing to get back to work and travel.

There is a pervasive longing.

Unlike desire, the fulfilment of a longing cannot be self-generated. It has to come as GIFT. The fulfilment of a longing depends on the actions of others.

May the risen Christ equip us with the gift of the Spirit, so that working together, we become agents of encouragement to one another. As we crack open our Easter egg, may the crust of cynicism and self-absorption shatter. The Covid pandemic has revealed for all to see a great stream of kindness and care to which we can all contribute.

So many signs of risen life have surfaced. *Alleluia!*

### *Regina Coeli*

(replaces the Angelus from Holy Saturday to Pentecost)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. *Alleluia.*  
For He, whom thou was worthy to bear. *Alleluia.*  
Has risen as He promised. *Alleluia.*  
Pray for us to God. *Alleluia.*  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. *Alleluia.*  
Because the Lord is truly risen, *Alleluia.*

#### *Let us pray*

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life  
Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen

## Our fragility leads on to resurrection

Michael Commane

During a number of my years working in the press office of Concern Worldwide Paul was my boss.

Both of us no longer work with Concern but we have stayed in touch.

Paul contacted me in February to tell me his mother had died. She had been in a nursing home in Cork since 2017.

Patricia O'Mahony was the noble age of 91 when the cruel hand of Covid took her life.

Every Saturday 'The Irish Times' dedicates a page to a selected number of people who have died from Covid.

Naturally, I was attracted to the page when I saw the piece on Mrs O'Mahony. Instantly I spotted the similarity between her and Paul. He was certainly his mother's son. Having spent five years in Cork City, I was familiar with many of the places associated with Mrs O'Mahony's life.

I moved on to read the life-stories of the other six people on the page.

There was Nancy Vereker from Dominic's Place in Waterford. And that interested me because she must have lived close to the Dominican priory and church in the city. Being a Dominican I was wondering did any of my fellow Dominicans know her, her husband or any of her seven children.

There was the story of Finbarr O'Shea. With a name like that he had to have been from Cork. He was an avid Cork City Football Club supporter. Indeed, he travelled all over Europe watching them play. RTE broadcaster John Creedon said he was a 'sweetheart of a man' who always had a smile on his face.

Paul McDermott was a GP in Rathfarnham. His nickname was 'Polish' and his brother said of him that everyone had a funny story about him. His filter didn't work 100 per cent and one would not know what he was going to say next.

Reading about their lives it kept crossing my mind of the importance, the uniqueness of the individual person and then the circle of friends and acquaintances we know during our lifetime. We may well feel secure and grounded but come to think about it we hang in there under the most fragile of circumstances and what seems so certain and fixed is all held together by the tiniest of threads.

Is everything to do with our lives pure randomness or is there a grand plan? Who knows? We believe in the risen Lord. In faith, we hope in our resurrection.

I wish you all a holy and happy Easter.

### Collections on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**First Collection** €345  
**Second Collection** €220

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month. If you would like to contribute during the current lockdown, please use the envelopes at the back of the church, the **DONATE** button at [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie), or the new 'Tap and Pay' facility at the back of the church. *Thank you*

**We extend our sincere sympathy  
to the family and friends of  
Vincent Traynor  
Whose funeral took place in  
Three Patrons this week.  
May he rest in peace**



### The Liturgies for Easter

will be shared between the parishes of  
Three Patrons and Beechwood  
and will be available on the webcams at  
[rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie) and [beechwoodparish.com](http://beechwoodparish.com)

#### Three Patrons

#### Beechwood

**Easter Sunday** 10.00am; 12noon; 6.00pm. 9.00am; 10.45am

**Easter Monday** 10.00am

**We wish you all a very happy Easter –  
and stay safe everybody**

**Tap and Donate** In these days of Covid restrictions we encourage parishioners to support the parish and local clergy by donating using the online facility on our website and the 'tap and go' machine in the church

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

### Trocaire Boxes

We will not have our usual collection of Trócaire boxes this year on Good Friday, so if you could drop your boxes into the safe at the back of the church, we will arrange to have them delivered to Trócaire. *Thank you*

### Divine Mercy Sunday

will be held this year via the parish webcam on  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.

There will be Mass, Benediction, Chaplet, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, and Blessing with Relic of St. Faustina.

Please join us on the webcam at [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie)

### Easter Garden

Please visit, and bring your children  
to see our Easter garden.

It is situated on the left-hand aisle,  
and it is a beautifully, quiet place for reflection during these  
difficult times.

