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**Mass Intentions:**



**Sunday 2/8**

12.00 noon Mary Smith (BI)  
Maureen Stanford (BI)

**Monday 3/8**

11.00am Special Intention  
Special Intention (cancer illness)

**Tuesday 4/8**

11.00am Special Intention  
Miriam Lawlor (R/D)

**Wednesday 5/8**

11.00am Special Intention for Bridie  
Richard Garrachy Snr &  
Richard Garracy Jnr.

**Friday 7/8** Altar List of the Dead  
Pat McKenna (R/D)

11.00am

**Saturday 8/8**

11.00am Danny O’Kane (A)

Condolences to the family of Thomas (Timmy) O’Callaghan whose funeral took place in Our Lady of Dolours this week.

**Contributing to the Parish:** We are very grateful to parishioners who have either posted **contributions to the parish** or deposited them in the safe at the back of the church over the past couple of weeks. Those who still have contributions at home can drop them in anytime in the coming days. Alternatively you can send in a monthly or quarterly cheque for the equivalent amount. If you click on the ‘**Donate**’ button on the front page of our parish website, it will open up a number of options enabling you to donate online to the particular collection(s) you would like to support. It is an easy and safe method of contributing and enables the parish to keep a record of your donation. We appreciate your continued generous support.

Please ensure if possible, to write your donation **envelope number** on all envelopes including those for first and second collections, in order to keep our records up to date.

Parishioners who would like to contribute to the work of our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** local conference may leave an offering in an envelope marked SVP and place it in the safe at the back of the church. We will ensure that it gets to them quickly.

A **weekly Zoom meeting** to look at the Scripture readings for the following Sunday takes place each Thursday evening at 7.30pm. Contact the parish office or Fr. Richard ([richardesheehy@gmail.com](mailto:richardesheehy@gmail.com)) for the meeting ID number and password.

**Kay Moran and family** would like to thank all our neighbours and friends who supported them at the time of Tommy’s death on the 1st March 2020. Thank you to those who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, letters and flowers, and those who called to the house and attended the funeral. Your support was very much appreciated. Mass will be offered for your intentions on **Sunday 9th August at 12.00pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church.**

Our congratulations to the children who will receive the **Sacrament of Baptism** in our church this Sunday!

**Mass in Our Lady Of Dolours Church**

With increasing numbers attending Mass in recent weeks, we have divided the church into two separate ‘pods’. In keeping with government regulations, each pod must be four metres apart, can accommodate no more than fifty people, and must have its own separate entrance and exit. There can be no movement of people from one pod to the other.

The following measures remain in place for the safety of everyone:

\* Parishioners may only enter by **one** of the two main doors at the front of the church. If you enter by the main door on the left, you will be accommodated in the left hand section of the church; whereas if you enter via the door on the right, you will be seated in the right hand section of the church. We ask parishioners to form a queue along the wheelchair ramp outside the church, so that stewards can count the number of people as they enter.

\* Every second pew has been cordoned off and only one person or couple may sit at either end of the available pews. For the first few Sundays at least parishioners will be seated as they arrive by stewards rather than choosing their own seat. Where possible we invite individuals to fill up the green chairs first, so that the pews can be reserved for couples or families who can sit together. This allows us accommodate more parishioners.

\* Parishioners are encouraged to provide and wear their own face mask to Mass and to sanitise their hands immediately on entering the church. The location of the hand sanitisers are clearly indicated. Please read and follow the directions on all the signs.

\* Parishioners are asked not to approach the altar to receive Holy Communion. Instead the celebrant or minister of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion to you. Those who wish to receive are asked to remain standing and to stretch out their arm fully in order to receive Communion from the priest/ minister’s equally outstretched hand. Those who would prefer not to receive are invited to sit down.

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\*There is no expectation on any parishioner at a vulnerable age or with an underlying health condition to attend Sunday Mass. You may prefer to follow the Mass on the webcam from at home. Parishioners who are free during the week are strongly encouraged to attend Mass on a weekday (except Thursday) rather than on Sunday, so that those who are only free to attend on Sundays may do so.

\* For the time being there will be **two** Sunday Masses only, at **12 noon** and **6.30pm**. The church needs to be cleaned and disinfected after each Mass and before the next one.

\* **We would really appreciate extra volunteers to assist with the stewarding at Mass** on Sunday, so that it is not left to the same few people each week. If you are willing to volunteer, please talk to Michael Mahon or anyone you see with a steward’s badge at Mass any Sunday. Many thanks in anticipation. Mass will continue to be streamed via the webcam facility which can be accessed via the parish website ([www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)) at 12 noon and 6.30pm each Sunday and 11.00am weekdays. From the parish website, parishioners can directly access our Facebook page where a ‘*thought for the day*’ based on the daily readings is put up each day.

The parish secretary can be contacted during normal office hours by telephone (01/8379445) or email ([ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com)). If parishioners need to see the priest after weekday Mass or get a Mass card signed, the priest or sacristan will come out to the church to see them. In the interest of the health and safety of all, we ask parishioners not to come into the sacristy before or after Mass.

The church will remain open each weekday after Mass until 2.00pm (Mon-Sat) and for a short time after 12 noon Mass on Sunday, so that parishioners can drop in to say a prayer or light a candle. As the pod system will still be in place, visitors are encouraged to enter and leave via the same door and to use the hand sanitising gel available.

Watch out for details in next weekend’s newsletter of an online Marriage Masterclass offered by Teams of Our Lady on the weekend of 13-15<sup>th</sup> August. It is simply offered as a support to couples preparing for marriage or who are married 5 or even 50 years.

**Reflection:** In what we call the ‘new normal’ it doesn’t even feel like a bank holiday. Nevertheless we move into the month of August this weekend, a time of holiday for many. Most of us are heeding government advice and not even thinking of travelling abroad. But we probably all need a break, more than we realise, even if it’s just a few days ‘staycation’. Before schools reopen in September and we get back into familiar routines, it’s a good thing to recharge the batteries physically and spiritually and to enjoy a change of scene while supporting the domestic economy. A break offers us the chance to unwind, to restore the work/life balance and to get things back into perspective. I think this is what St. Paul is hinting at in today’s second reading: ‘Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked’.