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We remember in our prayers those who have died during the past week:

Joseph Costigan

Delia Kennedy

Norbert Comiskey

Fr. Stan Brindley C.M.

Anna (Chrissie) Hession

Norita O'Shaughnessy

Anniversary Remembrance:

Noreen & Tom Hall

Months Mind:

Barbara Henderson

Patrick Caddell



Reflection: *This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, a special day of prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. There is broad agreement that our political leaders, assisted by their medical advisors, have provided good leadership during the present pandemic crisis. Right from the beginning they have been honest about the threat facing us and clear and decisive about the actions needed to combat the virus. Such leadership creates trust and encourages the cooperation with the restrictions which we have witnessed in our communities. Pope Francis has also provided inspiring and prophetic leadership at this time of trial, anxiety and trauma for many. Such leadership provides comfort, encouragement and hope at a time of uncertainty about the future. We rely on such guidance and assurance that God is with us at this difficult time. We are also called to give leadership: to show that faith makes a difference in our lives and gives us hope and inspiration to reach out in compassion to our brothers and sisters in need, whether near or far.*

First Communions: May is usually a busy month in the life of the parish as we celebrate First Holy Communion for the boys and girls from the various schools in our parish. We share their disappointment, and that of their families, that for the moment these celebrations have had to be put on hold but we look forward to the time when both schools and churches will reopen and we will be able to set new dates for these celebrations. In the meantime, we hope to plan a 'virtual' Do this in Memory Mass for later this month in which the boys and girls can participate as part of their continued preparation.

Contributing to the Parish

We are very grateful to those parishioners who have either posted contributions to the parish or dropped in their weekly envelopes through the sacristy/parish office letter box over the past couple of weeks. Indeed, even though we did not send out Easter Offering (Dues) envelopes this year, quite a few parishioners have sent or dropped them in. We are most grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. A number of other parishioners have enquired how they might continue to contribute to the church in the absence of being able to physically attend Mass at this time. We have been reluctant to actively seek contributions to the various collections because of the financial hit many parishioners may have taken over the past few weeks. However, since the current lockdown doesn't look like ending in the near future, and very little income is coming in for either the parish or the priests, we feel we need to offer parishioners some suggestions.

Perhaps the simplest thing to do, and provided that you are in a position to do so, is to put aside each week whatever you might normally contribute to any of the collections, so that these can be brought to the church when normal service has resumed. Another possibility is to send in a monthly or quarterly cheque for whatever the equivalent amount might be.

Parishioners who visit our parish website will have noticed that we now have a 'Donate' button on the front page of our parish website. If you click on this, it will open up a number of options so that parishioners can donate online to the particular collection(s) they would like to support. Payzone are collaborating with the Dublin diocese to make these donate buttons available on parish websites. It is an easy and safe method of contributing and enables the parish to keep a record of your donation. If the amount you contribute to a combination of the various collections (Common Fund, Share, Easter/Christmas Offerings, Family Offering) exceeds €250 in any one calendar year, the parish is entitled to claim back from revenue the tax already paid on that donation, significantly increasing the value of your contribution to the parish.

In these very uncertain times, we are conscious of the difficulties facing many families and don't wish to add to the pressure on anyone. We are very grateful for whatever parishioners and visitors are able to donate. Many thanks for your continued generous support.

Support Services for Older & Vulnerable People:
Dublin City Council Helpline 01-2228555 Email covid-support@dublincity.ie
Irish Red Cross 016424600 : hardship2020@redcross.ie
Womens Aid 1800341900 info@womensaid.ie
Mens Aid 01-5394277 Email: hello@mensaid.ie
ISPCC Dublin 016767960 Email: ispcc@ispcc.ie Alone Support Line Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, 0818 222 024.
Senior Line 1800804591
The Samaritans 116 123 Email: samaritans.org
Pieta House 1800247247
Jigsaw . www.jigsaw.ie

Dear parishioner, as you are aware, due to government restrictions because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have not been able to celebrate a public Mass in our church for some weeks. However, Mass is celebrated each weekday morning behind closed doors in Ballygall church by one of the priests from the Glasnevin Grouping. Parishioners can participate in the Mass from home via the webcam each weekday at 10.00am in Ballygall (www.ballygallparish.ie) or at 5.45pm in St. Alphonsus Monastery (www.rednuns.com). For the benefit of parishioners who do not have access to the internet, RTÉ airs Mass every weekday at 10.30am on the RTÉ News Now channel. At weekends, parishioners can participate in the Mass from their home on the webcam on Saturday at 6.30pm from Ballygall church (www.ballygallparish.ie), on Sunday at 9.30am from St. Alphonsus Monastery (www.rednuns.com) and at 11.00am from Iona Road church (www.ionaroadparish.ie). Alternatively they can follow Mass on RTE radio or television.

A special **Holy Hour**, including Eucharistic adoration, music and reflections, led by priests or lay ministers from the Glasnevin Grouping, is broadcast **each Wednesday evening** at 7.30pm from Ballygall church via the webcam (www.ballygallparish.ie). At this time of national and global crisis let us ask God to bless and comfort all those who are sick, anxious or alone, and to protect the health care workers on whose efforts we all depend.

Our Lady of Dolours parish office is closed to the public. However, the parish office can be contacted during normal office hours by telephone (01/8379445) or email (ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com). The parish team is available to assist parishioners at this stressful and challenging time for all, and we will continue to stay in touch with the housebound through regular phone contact. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

Reminder to Parishioners: Along with Our Weekly Newsletter being available on our website www.glasnevinparish.ie/ there is also a 'daily thought' in time of Covid-19 on our Facebook page [https:// www.facebook.com/ ourladyofdoloursglasnevin/](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofdoloursglasnevin/) (or Just click on the Facebook icon beneath the UpComing Events heading in the left hand menu column of our Web Page, and that will bring you straight on to our Facebook page. A section has been added to the home page menu [https:// www.glasnevinparish.ie/religious-links](https://www.glasnevinparish.ie/religious-links) with Prayers, Poems and Reflections during COVID-19 which includes the Thoughts for the Day.

May is the month of Mary. It is traditional in the Catholic Church to honour Our Blessed Lady during the month of May. Our sacristy team will be busy in the coming week getting the May Altar ready, so that parishioners can view it on our parish website. Just go to the website (www.glasnevinparish.ie) and click on the Facebook icon beneath the UpComing Events heading in the left hand menu column, and that will bring you on to our Facebook page, where you will see photos of our May Altar and the text of one or two Marian hymns. May can be a good month to begin or restart the practice of saying the Rosary or the Angelus at home, perhaps as a family.

Pope Francis offers us the following Prayer to recite at the end of the Rosary.

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver
us always
from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Parish website and webcam

We have plans in the coming weeks to revamp our parish website, so as to make it more attractive and easier for parishioners to navigate and for our parish team to upload information and other resources for prayer and reflection. We are also hoping to launch our own webcam facility so that parishioners living at home or abroad can follow Mass and other services, including weddings and funerals in their own parish church.