

Our Lady of Dolours, Botanic Avenue, Glasnevin, D09K5R6
Office: Mon—Fri, 10.30am—12.30pm Secretary
Parish Secretary Aine Ridgeway
Parish Telephone Number: 01 837 9445
Sacristy: Mon—Sun 8.30am—11.30pm
Sacristans Colette Sanders and Una Campbell
Sacristy Telephone Number: 01 797 9153
Email: ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com
www.glasnevinparish.ie
www.facebook.com/ourladyofdoloursglasnevin
<https://twitter.com/OfDolours>
Fr. Richard Sheehy Moderator: Tel: 01 558 2697 / 0872412459
Email: richarddesheehy@gmail.com
Fr. Paul Coyle : Tel: 01 515 6765

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 5/7

12.00 noon

Mary Darcy ((1A)

Mary McCarthy (MM)

Deirdre O'Malley (MM)

Norita O'Shaughnessy (RD)

Eileen O'Mahony (RD)

6.30pm

Deceased members of the Walsh Family

Nora Slattery (A)



Our Lady of Dolours church open for private prayer

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. Markers on noticeboards and floors are in place to facilitate social distancing and to encourage visitors to the church to enter and leave using different doors. In the interest of hand hygiene, we encourage visitors to use the hand sanitising gel available.

Our parish **St. Vincent de Paul Society** have been continuing their quiet work of responding to the needs of parishioners who are in difficulty, but they have been unable to hold their usual church-gate collection which funds their work for the past two months. Parishioners who would like to contribute to their work 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.

Trocaire Lenten campaign boxes may be wrapped in a plastic bag and deposited in the safe at the back of the church. Alternatively, parishioners may send in a cheque to Trocaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare or contribute online at www.trocaire.org

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 (richarddesheehy@gmail.com) for the meeting ID number and password.

Reflection:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem !'
These opening lines from today's First Reading capture our sense of joy at welcoming parishioners back for the celebration of Sunday Mass. When we were obliged to close churches for the public celebration of Mass in early March because of Covid 19, who would have thought it would take another four months before we could open up again? As a Grouping of parishes we continued to celebrate Sunday Mass from Iona Road and daily Mass from Ballygall for the first two months, and in the past two months we have been able to stream weekday and Sunday Mass from here with our own webcam. Nothing, however, compares with celebrating Mass with a live congregation. Already since Monday this week, it has been great to see familiar faces return to pray together. Perhaps after the enforced absence, we have a new appreciation of the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life. It is from this Sunday gathering together around the table of the Lord that we draw strength to live as Christ's disciples through the rest of the week. Our thanks to our parish steering committee, headed up by our sacristan, Colette, for their hard work in ensuring that we are ready to welcome you back again. We will ask for your patience and forbearance in these coming weeks as we all adapt to the government restrictions. The main challenge is that we may only allow 50 people in the church for Mass on Sunday, and that includes celebrant, sacristan, ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist, organist and cantor. Another 30 may be accommodated in the parish centre, but otherwise people may have to stand outside the church at two metres distance or return home to follow Mass on the webcam. For this reason we strongly urge those parishioners who can attend Mass during the week not to attend on Sunday. We are all hungry to share the Eucharist again, but considering the needs of others is living Communion.

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.

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 you can 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. 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 tax from Revenue, thereby increasing the value of your contribution to the parish. We are conscious of the difficulties facing many households at this time and are very grateful for your continued generous support.

Reopening of Our Lady Of Dolours Church for Mass

After a successful reopening of our church for weekday Mass this week, we now look forward to welcoming back parishioners to Sunday Mass this Sunday 5th July. We have put the following measures in place for the safety of everyone:

* Parishioners may only enter by the main doors at the front of the church, as we need to count the number of parishioners who enter. We ask parishioners to form a queue along the wheelchair ramp outside the church for a few minutes before they can safely enter. Stewards will be on hand to assist, and while waiting, we invite parishioners to observe the two metre distance and to read the explanatory notices.

* For the present the government has indicated that only **50** people will be able to attend at any one celebration of Mass. This number includes celebrant, sacristan, musicians, stewards and ministers. Every second pew has been cordoned off and, apart from family groups, only one person or couple may sit at either end of the available pews. You will notice that the * seating plan has been reconfigured, so for the first few Sundays at least parishioners will be seated as they arrive by stewards rather than choosing their own seat.

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

* Parishioners will receive instructions from the celebrant or a steward as to when they may approach the altar to receive Holy Communion. They are asked to keep the two metre distance when approaching the altar and to stretch out their arm fully in order to receive Communion from the priest/minister's equally outstretched hand.

* Collection baskets will not be passed during the Mass, but parishioners and visitors will be invited to deposit their offerings (in envelopes provided) in the baskets at the doors of the church or in the large safe at the back of the church, as they leave.

.../cont'd

* Once the maximum number the church can safely accommodate (50) is reached, a further 30 people can be accommodated in the parish centre downstairs (30 people). Any other parishioners will be invited to remain standing outside the church at 2 metre distance or to return home and follow the Mass on the webcam. Holy Communion will be brought to those standing outside the church and those accommodated in the parish centre.

* We want parishioners to feel safe when coming to Mass. The Irish Bishops emphasise that there is no expectation on any parishioner at a vulnerable age or with an underlying health condition to attend Sunday Mass. 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.

Mass will continue to be streamed via the webcam facility which can be accessed via the parish website (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). 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.