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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 9/8

12.00 noon Conor Flynn (2A)
 Vinnie Dennis (A)
 Thanksgiving Mass for the
 Family & Friends of the late
 Tommy Moran

Monday 10/8

11.00am Special Intentions

Friday 14/8

11.00am Sylvia Mohan (1A)



Reflection: As all children preparing for Confirmation learn, courage is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is in great demand at the present time. We are conscious of the courage of those who have battled, perhaps over weeks or months, to overcome the coronavirus, conscious, too, of the many health care workers and carers who have put their own health, and that of their loved ones, at risk in order to look after their patients. We think, too, of parishioners who are returning to Sunday or weekday Mass in the church having previously preferred to follow it from home on the webcam or on television. This week we mourn the passing of John Hume, who personified political and moral courage in his unshakeable belief in seeking social justice and political progress through democratic and peaceful means. May his life and legacy serve as an inspiration to many. Courage is not the absence of fear but a willingness to overcome our fears by putting our trust in God and in the goodness of other people. 'Courage! It is!! Do not be afraid.'

Contributing to the Parish:

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) for the meeting ID number and password.

Please keep in your prayers a young man, who will be received into the Church through the **Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)** at Mass next Sunday.

'Marriage Masterclass with Teams of Our Lady: a Catholic Proposal' will be a free online event, starting on 13th August and taking place on a private group in Facebook (those who wish to attend the event need to look on Facebook for the event title as mentioned above and 'join' the event). The event will feature videos about experiences of marriage and family life shared by members of Teams from Ireland and five other countries.

Mass in Our Lady Of Dolours Church

Our church has now been divided 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. For this reason the following measures have been put 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. 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 asked 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.

* Holy Communion will be brought to you by the celebrant or minister of the Eucharist. 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. provided) in the containers as the stewards pass by with them.

* In order to avoid congestion around the doors of the church as people leave Mass and many are trying to place contributions in the buckets provided, we have taken the decision that as of this Sunday, the two collection containers (for First and Share Collections) will be passed during the Mass, while the parish notices are being read. provided) in the containers as the stewards pass by with them. .../cont'd

Parishioners will not be asked to pass the containers but simply to place their offerings (in envelopes

* At the end of Mass parishioners will be invited to leave the church via the same door through which they entered.

* There is no expectation on any parishioner at a vulnerable age or with an underlying health condition to attend Sunday Mass. You are welcome 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 stewarding at Mass on Sunday**, so that it is not left to the same few people each week. If you are willing to assist, please talk to anyone you see with a steward's badge at Mass. 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) 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 a 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.