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#### Mass Intentions:

##### Sunday 11/10

11.00 am Patrick Coyle (A)  
Tony & Bernadette Coyle (A)  
6.30pm Birthday remembrance

##### Tuesday 13/10

10.00 am Edna O'Kane (R/D)

##### Saturday 17/10/2020

10.00am Sean Casey (A)



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.

**November List** envelopes and sheets of paper are available at the back of the church. Parishioners are invited to take these and to return them at your convenience with the names of those whom you wish to add to the Altar List of the Dead. They can be left in the large safe at the back of the church or handed in to the sacristy any weekday morning. All those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead will be remembered at Mass each day throughout the month of November and on each First Friday of the month during the coming year.

Next Sunday, 18th October is **World Mission Sunday**. It is the Sunday in the year when we pray for the work of mission and for missionaries everywhere. The theme of this year's Mission Sunday is: 'Together we can do more: Blessed are the peacemakers.' Normally, the second collection at Mass would be dedicated to supporting the work of missionaries overseas and replace the Share collection. However, as at present parishioners are unable to attend Mass in person, we invite you to leave a donation in a sealed envelope marked Mission Sunday collection and deposit it in the safe at the back of the church. These will be forwarded to the World Missions office in Rathmines.

#### Mass in Our Lady Of Dolours Church

The government has moved the whole country to Level 3 of its plan, Living with Covid-19, for a further three weeks. This means that Sunday and weekday Masses will continue to be available to parishioners via webcam only, which can be accessed via the parish website.

**From Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October there will be only one Mass celebrated on Sunday at 11.00am**, while we continue at Level Three. The 6.30pm Mass will resume when we return to Level Two of the government Plan. If parishioners miss the Mass live at 11.00am, they can see it later in the day, as it is recorded. The church remains open each day for private prayer from about 11.00am to 5.00pm.

For the safety of all concerned, First Communion celebrations are postponed until we return to Level Two. Each Thursday at a weekly Zoom meeting 7.30pm-8.15pm we read and discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to contact the parish office or email Fr. Richard ([richardesheehy@gmail.com](mailto:richardesheehy@gmail.com)) for the meeting ID and password. 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. You do not have to have a Facebook account in order to access the parish Facebook page.

If you know of a parishioner who is in hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please let us know, and we can arrange for the resident hospital chaplain to call. Equally, we ask you to let us know if you are aware of a parishioner who has been discharged from hospital and who would like a visit from one of the parish clergy.

Although parishioners cannot attend Mass in person for the time being, it is still possible to have an intention prayed for at any of our weekday or Sunday Masses. The sacristans particularly encourage parishioners to call in on Thursdays between 10am and 12 noon if you have a Mass intention or wish to pick up a signed Mass card. Alternatively you can call the sacristy any weekday morning at Tel. 01/797 9153.

Each Thursday there is a weekly **Zoom meeting** where we read and discuss the readings for the following Sunday from 7.30pm-8.15pm. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to contact the parish office or Fr. Richard ([richardesheehy@gmail.com](mailto:richardesheehy@gmail.com)) for the meeting ID and password.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



#### Invitation from the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion

The course advertised below is being presented by Sr. Therese Fitzgerald and the Sisters of Sion, who specialise in the Old Testament and in dialogue with the Jewish faith. Sr. Therese has led a number of very successful and informative Scripture study sessions in our parish over the past few years. Contact Sr. Therese directly if you are interested in taking part.

If you would like to **enhance your relationship with God and with others**, you may find this invitation is for you. We are offering an opportunity to:

- \* **Notice how God's Word nourishes your life.**
- \* **Consider how you find meaning and purpose both in the Bible and in your own life.**
- \* **Build up your own skills in how to read Biblical texts and enhance your understanding of them.**

To do this we will begin by reading and exploring the Biblical book of the Prophet Jeremiah. This will also allow us to increase our general understanding of the Prophetic Writings in the Bible. The following are some of the themes we will be developing as we read the book:

- \* **Being Transformed and Finding Freedom in God's Word**
- \* **Enabling Connection and Developing Acceptance**
- \* **Nourishing our Relationships with God, Self, Others and Creation**
- \* **Together Building Community**

This programme is free of charge and will be through Zoom.

Further information about dates and times will be made available once we know interest levels. Provisionally, this will start on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm for 10 weeks.

As this opportunity is about deepening our appreciation of the Word of God in our lives, it is suitable for all levels of familiarity with the Bible and none.

If you are interested, then please let Sr Thérèse know ASAP at this email address: [theresefitzgerald7@gmail.com](mailto:theresefitzgerald7@gmail.com)

**Reflection:** *The image of the kingdom of God that is at the centre of this Sunday's Gospel is that of a wedding feast to which guests are invited but refuse to come. I am conscious of couples who are trying to arrange, or in many cases re-arrange, their wedding ceremony at the moment, to which guests have been invited but cannot come, either because of the new restrictions on the number of people who can attend or because they live in a different county to that in which the wedding ceremony is taking place. All of us are experiencing a sense of disappointment that we cannot for the time being invite parishioners to come to Mass in person. We miss not being able to gather on Sunday (and weekdays), because we know in our hearts that it is gathering together to celebrate Eucharist that builds and sustains community. We managed during the initial lockdown in March-June with following Mass on the webcam or on RTE, but since early July when we started celebrating Mass in public again, people were gradually returning to Mass. Now it feels like a step backwards again. However, there are two perspectives that can help us. One is to remember that we are accepting this privation as an act of love and solidarity with those who may be infected with the coronavirus and with frontline workers. This is our effort to keep the numbers of infected people down. Secondly, as St. Paul points out so eloquently in the Second Reading, being temporarily deprived of the Eucharist can increase our hunger for it, our appreciation of its central place at the heart of our faith and of our lives: 'I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.' At a practical level, this is an opportunity for us to live community by making a point of keeping in touch with the people we are no longer able to meet on a daily basis, and who may be living alone. Lift the phone or drop a line. It's simple but makes such a difference.*