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Our Prayers are asked for Barbara Henderson and Patrick Caddell RIP, whose funerals took place in Our Lady of Dolours church in the past week.



We also remember Sr. Anne Lennon of the Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin who passed away this week. RIP

**Support Services for Older & Vulnerable People:**

Dublin City Council Helpline 01-2228555 Email - [covidsupport@dublincity.ie](mailto:covidsupport@dublincity.ie)

Irish Red Cross 016424600 : [hardship2020@redcross.ie](mailto:hardship2020@redcross.ie)

Womens Aid 1800341900 [info@womensaid.ie](mailto:info@womensaid.ie)

Mens Aid 01-5394277 Email: [hello@mensaid.ie](mailto:hello@mensaid.ie)

ISPCC Dublin 016767960 Email: [ispcc@ispcc.ie](mailto:ispcc@ispcc.ie)

Alone Support Line Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, 0818 222 024.

Senior Line 1800804591

The Samaritans 116 123 Email: [samaritans.org](mailto:samaritans.org)

Pieta House 1800247247

Jigsaw . [www.jigsaw.ie](http://www.jigsaw.ie)

This Easter we were looking forward to conferring the full **Sacraments of Christian Initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil on a young man, Husnain Paul, who has been following the parish RCIA programme over the past two years. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions on public religious celebrations, we have had to postpone this happy occasion. We look forward to celebrating Husnain's reception into the Church at a future date. In the meantime please keep Husnain in your prayers. We are equally mindful of couples who had been planning to celebrate their marriage or parents who had been hoping to have their child baptised in Our Lady of Dolours church or in the Grouping in the coming months and who are having to reschedule.

**Reminder to Parishioners:** Along with Our Weekly Newsletter being available on our website [www.glasnevinparish.ie/](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie/) there is also a 'daily thought' in time of Covid-19 on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofdoloursglasnevin/> A section has been added to the home page menu <https://www.glasnevinparish.ie/religious-links> with Prayers, Poems and Reflections during COVID-19 which includes the Thoughts for the Day.

We would like to congratulate all our Jewish friends in Ireland who are celebrating **Pesach (Passover)** during these days.



Fr. Paul, Fr. Richard, and the priests of the Glasnevin Grouping wish all our parishioners every Easter blessing and joy.

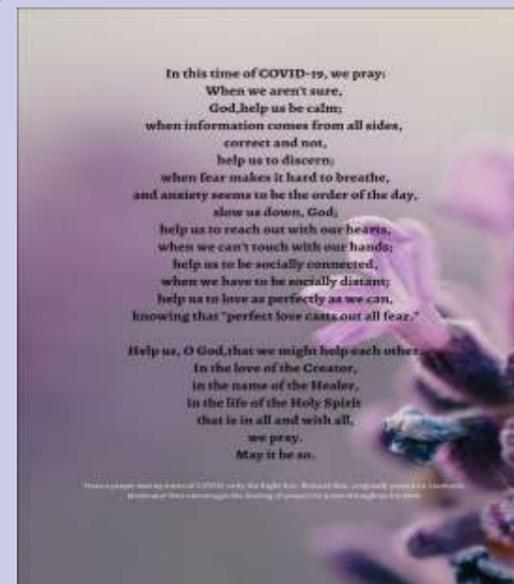
**Easter 2020 Reflection**

Almost as never before, nature seems in perfect harmony with Easter this year. The sun is shining, the weather is unexpectedly warm after the cold of the past few weeks, the birds are singing gaily and have rarely been so audible, the daffodils and tulips are showing their magnificence, and the trees are about to burst into an explosion of colour and life. The timing couldn't be better. Surrounded by such glory, it is hard to imagine that the country, indeed the world, is in turmoil, brought to its knees by a virus, against which the best of medical treatment seems powerless. And since we humans are the only means by which the virus is transmitted to others, the most loving thing we can do for one another is to avoid physical contact, to practise social distancing, to stay at home. It is so counter intuitive.

In these days Christians would normally be celebrating the liturgies of the Easter Triduum, beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and the solemn Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. Because of the current restrictions these ceremonies can only be celebrated behind closed doors and accessible via webcam or on TV. The purpose of these liturgies is to connect us with God's great love for all humanity, and for the whole of creation, revealed in the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This year in a particular way the passion and death of Our Lord are being lived out in our midst. Most of us can only imagine the situation in most of our hospitals: people very sick, many of them in intensive care, unable to see their loved ones; health care staff doing their utmost in extraordinary conditions to care for their patients, conscious of the risk to themselves and to their families. It is particularly difficult for families who lose a loved one in a hospital or nursing home setting at this time: unable to be with their loved one in their last moments, and with only the immediate family being allowed to attend the funeral. Nor can we forget the economic hardship and accompanying insecurity for so many people.

If Easter is about anything, it is about the presence of death in the midst of life, but it is also about witnessing to new life in the sadness and tragedy of death. The suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday was real, and his followers were left desolated and abandoned. Somehow out of that experience of utter darkness they came to experience and proclaim resurrection faith. Generations of Christians, saints and sinners, have witnessed to Easter faith through times of war, persecution, hunger and sickness. This is our moment. Christian faith above all proclaims that we are not alone, whatever we might be facing. God in Jesus Christ is with us, always giving us courage and hope and leading us towards new life. We live that hope by showing solidarity with one another, whatever sacrifice that might ask of ourselves. So many people are doing that right now, accepting in good spirit the restrictions on our movements and normal way of life, and reaching out in creative ways to those who are isolated, anxious or suffering. In doing this we are proclaiming our faith in and helping to create a better future for everyone. Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!



A number of people have contacted the parish in recent days to request the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession). This is understandable, particularly in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. However, given the present extraordinary circumstances where everyone is obliged to stay at home and 'physical distancing' is mandatory, the Church is unable to provide the celebration of the sacraments in the normal way, including the sacrament of Confession. For the moment, while we might not have the immediate assurance of the Sacrament in the priest's words: *"I absolve you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,"* we do have the assurance of Christ's words: *"Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name."* If you desire to celebrate the sacrament of Confession, simply pray to God, asking for forgiveness for your sins, and say an Act of Contrition, with the true intention to confess your sins to a priest as soon as you are able, so that you might be healed and fully reconciled. Let us look forward in hope to the time when the present crisis has passed and we can once again resume normal Church life, including the celebration of the sacraments.

**Mass times for the coming week (Monday 13/4 – Sunday 19/4) accessible by webcam:**

<b>Monday:</b>	11.00am St. Alphonsus Monastery
<b>Tuesday - Friday</b>	10.00am Ballygall
	5.45pm St. Alphonsus Monastery
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30am St. Alphonsus Monastery
	10.00am Ballygall
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am St. Alphonsus Monastery
	11.00am Iona Road

**Link to Church Webcams:** <https://rednuns.com/>  
<https://ballygallparish.ie/index.php/myballygalltv/>  
<https://ionaroadparish.ie/webcam>

**Easter Sunday 2020 Ceremonies for Glasnevin Grouping**

**(All the ceremonies will be broadcast via webcam from Ballygall church <https://ballygallparish.ie/index.php/myballygalltv/> unless otherwise indicated)**

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April** 10.00am Morning Prayer  
7.30pm Celebration of the Easter Vigil

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April** 11.00am Mass for Easter Sunday from Iona Road church  
<https://ionaroadparish.ie/webcam>

If you have a laptop, tablet or smart phone it is very easy to follow Mass via webcam. Just type in or click on the link above, which will connect you directly to the Webcam of that Church. For those without internet access, we have added a section to the newsletter with the times of the ceremonies which will be broadcast on RTE radio and television. Since parishioners are have been unable to attend the Holy Week ceremonies in person, there is an invitation this year to place a lighted candle in a front window of the house on Holy Saturday night.

**RTE broadcasting for Easter Sunday 2020**

**Holy Saturday 11 April** 2200-2300 **Easter Vigil Mass.** Bishop Tom Deenihan of Meath celebrates the resurrection of Christ, with a vigil Mass in the Cathedral of Christ the King. Beginning with the lighting of the Paschal candle, the liturgy, which signifies the triumph of light over darkness and of life over death (RTÉ Two & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra/LW252).

**Easter Sunday 12 April** 1000-1100 **Easter Sunday Mass.** A Eurovision Mass, previously planned for Metz Cathedral, takes place instead in the Dominican Convent of Saint Jacques (Saint James the Great) in Paris, due to France's COVID-related restrictions on indoor gatherings. Translation and commentary are by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP (RTÉ One & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra). 1100-1120 **Urbi et Orbi: Pope Francis' Easter Message.** Pope Francis will deliver his Easter blessing *To the city and the world* with prayer and encouragement by video link from within the Vatican. Translation and commentary by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP (RTÉ One).



The **Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets**, a different intention for each of the 9 days given by Our Lord to St. Faustina starts Good Friday 10th April, 2020. Each day we will publish the daily novena intention on our Web Page <https://www.glasnevinparish.ie/religious-links/divine-mercy-chaplet> and on our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofdoloursglasnevin/>