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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 12/7

12.00 noon Mary Watt (6A)
Carmel O’Connell (15A)
Bart Burns (R/D)
Michael O’Neill (R/D)
Special Intention



Monday 13/7

11.00am Special Intention
Holy Souls
Thanksgiving

Tuesday 14/7

11.00am Terry Birmingham (R/D)
Ian Molphy (Recovery & Get Well)

Wednesday 15/7

11.00am Joe O’Rourke (R/D)
Mary Bolger (R/D)

Saturday 18/7

11.00am Eileen Corcoran (A)

Reflection:

Given the weather of the past few days the readings for this Sunday seem very apposite, focussing as they do on the interaction of water, soil and seed. While we might not welcome so much rain, we see how it renews the earth. Our gathering on Sunday (and on weekdays) marks a renewal of parish life and mission as we come together to be nourished by God’s word, by the Eucharist and by our prayerful solidarity with one another and with all God’s people. *‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without first watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do’.* (Is. 55:10-11)

The monthly meeting of the **Glasnevin Grouping Committee** will take place by zoom on Tuesday 14th July at 8.00pm.

Please be advised that in the interest of COVID safety, envelopes for first & second collections should not be sealed as they are not self sealing. It is sufficient to just close the envelope flap.

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 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. We are grateful for your continued generous support.

Reopening of Our Lady Of Dolours Church for Mass

It was great to see a full house, both in the church and downstairs in the parish centre, for Mass last Sunday, our first Sunday welcoming parishioners back, yet no one was turned away. A huge thanks to our stewards for their caring stewarding of parishioners as they arrived, and to our parish team and Steering Committee, led by our sacristan, Colette, who have put in so much hard work in getting the church and parish centre ready for the restart.

The following measures have been put 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.

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* For the present only **50** people will be able to attend at any one celebration of Mass. 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. 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 are 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.

* Once the maximum number the church can safely accommodate is reached, a further 30 people can be accommodated in the parish centre downstairs. 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. 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.

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* 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.

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 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.

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.