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### We remember in our prayers those who have died recently:



Carmel Coogan  
Canon John Mac Mahon (retired)  
Kathleen Maxwell

### Anniversary:

Sean Scallan (former Sacristan)

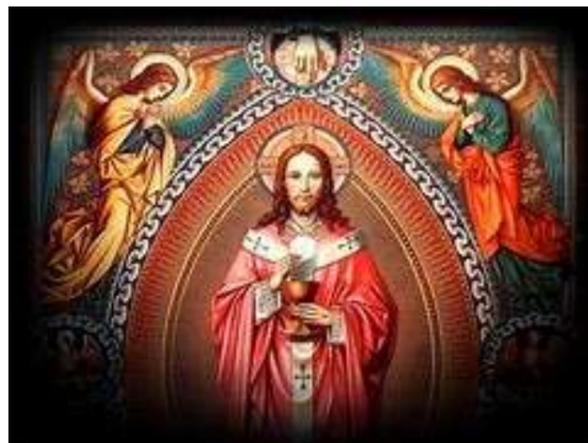
### Birthday:

Sr. Philomena Farrell

### Reflection:

*Today's feast, Corpus Christi, reminds us that the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as a community of believers. As Vatican Two puts it: 'The Eucharist is the summit and source of the Christian life'. This is why we have missed our Sunday gathering for Mass so much over the past three months and why we are excited at the prospect of reopening our church for the public celebration of Mass in the coming weeks. True, the transmission of Mass by webcam has enabled people, not just in our parish or the Glasnevin Grouping but from all over the world, to participate in our weekday and Sunday liturgies, reminding us that we are part of a universal Church. However, we have missed being able to receive the Eucharist which makes us into the Body of Christ sent forth to live and proclaim the kingdom of God. Hopefully, the enforced absence has only served to deepen our hunger.*

### Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ



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](mailto:richardesheehy@gmail.com)) for the meeting ID number and password.

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](http://www.trocaire.org)

### Reopening of Our Lady of Dolours for Public Worship:

Following the decision of the government last week to bring forward to phase three the reopening of churches for public worship, which had initially been planned for phase four, it is now planned to reopen Our Lady of Dolours church for weekday Mass from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and for Sunday Mass from Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July. While we really look forward to welcoming back parishioners to be physically present at Mass, you will notice that we have had to implement a number of changes in order to ensure the safety of all those present.

Because of the requirement to preserve two metres distance at all times within the church, a major reconfiguring of the seating plan is already in place which means that a far smaller number of people will be able to attend at any one particular celebration of Mass than we have been able to accommodate heretofore. For instance, we have had to cordon off every second pew and, apart from family groups, only one person may sit at either end of the available pews. This may mean that parishioners will have to indicate in advance which Mass they wish to attend, and that they will be seated as they arrive by stewards rather than being able to choose their own seat. In their recent guidelines, the Irish Bishops have indicated that the dispensation from the Sunday obligation is extended for the time being. Parishioners who are free during the week are encouraged to attend Mass on a weekday rather than on Sunday. 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 mounted hand sanitisers will be clearly indicated. Please read and follow the directions on all the signs. Parishioners are asked to keep the two metre distance when approaching the altar for Holy Communion 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 the baskets as they leave the church or in the large safe at the back of the church. More detailed guidelines will be available over the next two weeks.

In the meantime Mass is streamed via webcam at 12 noon each Sunday. The webcam facility, which can be accessed via the parish website ([www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)) enables parishioners living at home or abroad to participate at Mass from their own parish church.

Mass is also streamed each Sunday at 10.00am from Ballymun Road and at 11.00am from Iona Road church, and the Sat. vigil Mass is streamed from Ballygall church at 6.30pm. Mass will be broadcast each weekday morning (except Thursday) at 11.00am from Our Lady of Dolours church and at 10.00am from Ballygall and Ballymun Road churches. A **Holy Hour**, with Eucharistic adoration, will be broadcast next Wednesday evening at 7.30pm from our church ([www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie))

Although Our Lady of Dolours parish office is currently closed to the public, the parish secretary can be contacted during normal office hours by telephone (01/8379445) or email ([ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com)).

The parish team is available to assist parishioners at this challenging time for all, and we continue to stay in touch with the housebound through regular phone contact. Please let us know if you need any assistance.

While using our website to access the Mass on webcam, we encourage you to take the opportunity to visit our website, where you will also see our online Donate button. You can access our Facebook page directly from the website by clicking on the icon. Prayers and a 'thought for the day' based on the daily readings are put up each day on our Facebook page.

### Our Lady of Dolours church open for private prayer

The church is open in a limited way each day from 12noon - 2.00pm (Mon-Sat) and 1.00pm-3.00pm (Sunday), so that parishioners can drop in briefly to say a prayer or light a candle. Markers on noticeboards and floors have been put in place to facilitate social distancing and to encourage visitors to the church to move in one direction only as they enter and leave. In the interest of hand hygiene, we encourage visitors to use the hand sanitising gel available.

### Contributing to the Parish

We are very grateful to parishioners who have either posted contributions to the parish or dropped in their weekly envelopes through the sacristy/parish office letter box 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 whatever the equivalent amount might be.

Parishioners who visit our parish website will have noticed that 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 from revenue the tax already paid on that donation, increasing the value of your contribution to the parish.

In these uncertain times, we are conscious of the difficulties facing many families and are very grateful for your continued generous support.

### 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.