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

Nuala Bates, Canon Ciaran Holahan, Pastor Emeritus Foxrock parish, Fr. Tony O' Farrell CSSP, former PP Greenhills.

**Months Mind:**

Dan Byrne

Violet Kennedy

**Anniversaries:**

Frank O'Bradaigh (Former Sacristan, Our Lady of Dolours)

Tom Hanlon, Anna Walsh, Patty McCann



**Reflection:** *One of the more positive aspects of the past few months is that away from the normal pace of life, work and commuting, people have had a little more time to reflect, to ask themselves what life is really about, who or what is important in their life. Many have been answering the question by taking the time to go out for walks or cycles as a family, to make contact with people they have not been in touch with for a while, to renew extended family ties or friendships, to run errands for neighbours who are cocooning, to read or do gardening. A good question for believers to ask ourselves at this time is what difference does faith make in our life right now? How is our faith enabling us to cope with the current crisis, with being cocooned, dealing with financial worries, concerns for our own or others' health? In what way is it helping us avoid the trap of despair and to trust that whatever we have to deal with, God will give us strength and courage? We need to ask those questions because others will be looking for the answers in the way we live. 'Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have.' (1 Peter 3: 15)*

**Visits of the bereaved to Glasnevin cemetery** is now open to the public via the pedestrian entrance only at the junction with Slaney Road from 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Monday - Saturday to facilitate grave visits only. Pedestrian access to the St. Paul's section will also be available during these times.

### Parish Webcam comes on stream

Dear parishioner, as you are aware, due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, we have not been able to celebrate a public Mass in our church for some weeks. However, we are excited to announce that we will be launching our new **webcam facility** this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May with the celebration of Mass at 12 noon. The webcam facility, which can be accessed via the parish website ([www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)) will enable parishioners living at home or abroad to participate online at Mass and other celebrations, including baptisms, weddings and funerals streamed from their own parish church. We are very grateful for a particular donation from a parishioner which has made this possible. From Sunday and for the immediate future, Mass will be streamed via webcam at 12 noon each Sunday. If you miss the live streaming, you can still attend the Mass online over the following 24 hour period. Mass will also be streamed each Sunday at 10.00am from Ballymun Road and at 11.00am from Iona Road church. 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, is broadcast each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm from Ballygall church ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie))

For the benefit of parishioners who do not have access to the internet, RTÉ airs Mass every weekday (Mon-Friday) at 10.30am on the RTÉ News Now channel and on Sundays. on RTE radio or television. Although Our Lady of Dolours parish office is 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 stressful and challenging time for all, and we will continue to stay in touch with the housebound through regular phone contact. Please let us know if you need any assistance.

We also have plans in the coming weeks to revamp our parish website, so as to make it more attractive and easier for parishioners to navigate and for our parish team to upload information and other resources for prayer and reflection.

**Support Services for Older & Vulnerable People:**  
Dublin City Council Helpline 01-2228555 Email [covidsupport@dublincity.ie](mailto:covidsupport@dublincity.ie)  
Irish Red Cross 016424600 : [hard-ship2020@redcross.ie](mailto:hard-ship2020@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: [ispec@ispec.ie](mailto:ispec@ispec.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)

**May is the month of Mary.** It is traditional in the Catholic Church to honour Our Blessed Lady during the month of May. Our May Altar outside the church can be viewed on our parish website ([www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)) Clicking on the Facebook icon will bring you to our Facebook page, where you will see photos of our May Altar and the text of the mysteries of the Rosary. Pope Francis encourages us to begin or restart the practice of saying the Rosary, perhaps as a family, during the month of May, particularly at this time of pandemic.

**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 over the past couple of weeks. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. Other parishioners have enquired how they might continue to contribute to the church in the absence of being able to physically attend Mass at this time. Here are some suggestions.

Perhaps the simplest thing to do, and provided that you are in a position to do so, is to put aside each week whatever you might normally contribute to any of the collections, so that these can be brought to the church when normal service has resumed or left in the safe at the back of the church once the church reopens for private prayer. Another possibility is to 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 parishioners can donate online to the particular collection(s) they would like to support. Payzone are collaborating with the Dublin diocese to make these donate buttons available on parish websites. 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, significantly 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 whatever parishioners and visitors are able to donate. Many thanks for your continued generous support.

### First Communions

May is usually a busy month in the life of the parish as we celebrate First Holy Communion for the boys and girls from the various schools in our parish. Last Saturday we celebrated a 'virtual' *Do this in Memory* Mass from Iona Road church, in which the First Communion candidates participated remotely. The feedback from parents and teachers was extremely positive and you can see a couple of photos of the art the children prepared on our FB page.

### Pope Francis offers us the following Prayer to recite at the end of the Rosary.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.  
"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  
We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

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

As the first phase of the government reopening of the country begins this Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, we have decided to re-open the church on a limited basis from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May so that parishioners can drop in briefly to say a prayer or light a candle. We are preparing a plan which will involve markers on noticeboards and floors 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.

**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 <https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofdoloursglasnevin/> (or Just click on the Facebook icon beneath the UpComing Events heading in the left hand menu column of our Web Page, and that will bring you straight on to our Facebook page. Please note you **do not** have to have a Facebook account in order to view this.