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**Mass Intentions:**



**Sunday 19/7**

12.00 noon **Monday 13/7**  
Mr. & Mrs Hassett (A)  
6.30pm Mary Ann O'Driscoll (5A)

**Monday 20/7**

11.00am Deceased members of the Walsh  
Family  
Special Intention  
Helen Murphy R/D

**Tuesday 21/7**

11.00am Cassie Hession R/D

**Wednesday 22/7**

11.00am Sr. De Chantel, Get Well Intention

Condolences to the familie of Eilis Behan and  
Maura Lynch whose funerals took place this week.

**Reflection:**

If you feel your garden is fighting a losing battle with weeds in present weather conditions, the parable in today's Gospel will have a familiar feel. Just as the darnel plays havoc with the wheat crop in the parable, so Covid 19 has completely disrupted normal social, economic and even parish life. Scientists will try to determine where it originated More important is how we respond to it. There is understandable disappointment among many at the decision to postpone phase 4 of the government plan to reopen the country, particularly among those whose livelihoods are at stake. However, the government advice has served us well heretofore, and heeding the guidelines are our way of caring for one another and showing solidarity with the frontline workers who have put their own health and lives at risk.

**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 appreciate your continued generous support.

**Reopening of Our Lady Of Dolours Church for Mass**

Once again we had a full house in the church and in the parish centre for Mass last Sunday at 11.00am, and regrettably a few people were unable to gain entry. Many thanks to our team of stewards who dealt with this as sensitively as they could. We would encourage some parishioners to come to the Sunday evening Mass at 6.30pm, where there has been plenty of space over the past two weekends. 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.

\* 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.

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\* 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.

\* 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](http://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.

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The parish secretary can be contacted during normal office hours by telephone (01/8379445) or email ([ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com](mailto: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. Visitors are encouraged to enter and leave using different doors. In the interest of hand hygiene, we encourage visitors to use the hand sanitising gel available.

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.

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.

Please ensure if possible, to write your donation **envelope number** on all envelopes including those for first and second collections, in order to keep our records up to date.