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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 20/9	
12.00 noon	Sr. Marcellina (HF) R/D Bróna Martin R/D Marie Coughlan R/D
Monday 21/9	
10.00am	Thanksgiving to St. Jude Marie Molloy (A)
Tuesday 22/9	
10.00 am	Nora & Jerome Daly (A) Ita Martin R/D Deceased members of the O'Flaherty family
Wednesday 23/9	
10.00 am	Thanksgiving to St. Anthony



We pray for the family of Bróna Martin whose funeral took place this week.

It looks increasingly likely that the government will announce that from Saturday 19th Sept. Dublin has been raised to Level 3 of the new government plan. This would mean that for the following three weeks all religious ceremonies (except for funerals) would be accessible via webcam only. First Commu-

The Annual Crosscare collection will be taken up this weekend September 19th/20th and will replace the usual Share collection. Crosscare needs our support now more than ever before to help those most in need in our communities at this time of crisis. Crosscare's focus has always been to serve the most vulnerable in our society. During this crisis we are working hard to ensure that the essential services we provide remain available to our service users while operating in line with Government and HSE advice to ensure that our service users and staff are protected. Our Homeless Services including our residential facility for young people are operating normally and in line with HSE guidelines. Crosscare opened a new inner city 100 bed cocooning services for people who are homeless to keep them safe from the virus. Parishioners can also support on line at www.crosscare.ie

Change to Sunday Mass Time:

Please note that from Sunday 4th October the Sunday morning Mass will revert from 12 noon to 11.00am.

Reflection: *We have been learning to live with uncertainty and with guidelines that are continually changing or being updated. As I write, the much heralded government medium term plan for living with Covid-19, Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021, has been published, but we are still waiting to see if the Dublin area will be moved up to Level 3 in the coming days, which would mean a return to Mass via webcam only. At a (Zoom) meeting of the Glasnevin Grouping committee the other evening, one of the members said that we have to look at this time of living with pandemic as an opportunity. It's easy to see the frustrations caused by the restrictions, and even by the uncertainty itself, but it's more constructive to look at the invitation that this time presents, the opportunity to do things differently, to be in a different space. It would be a pity to waste the crisis! The prayer below is composed by the African Sisters Education Collaborative and reprinted by permission of the Margaret Aylward Centre:*

An Autumn Prayer
Abba, Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.
You are always beautiful,
In the green and freshness of spring
As in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.
Make me like you.
Let my life reflect your beauty,
Season after season,
as the calendar of my life turns, and turns and turns.
The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.
Help me let go of both blessings and burdens,
And surrender them both to your loving care.
Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.
So design my own fallings and failings
Into whatever design will please you most.
In Jesus's name, I pray. Amen.

Each Thursday there is a weekly **Zoom meeting** where we read and discuss the readings for the following Sunday from 7.30pm-8.15pm. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to contact the parish office or Fr. Richard (richardsheehy@gmail.com) for the meeting ID and password.

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.

We congratulate the children from *Scoil Mobhi* who received their **First Holy Communion** on Friday, and we pray for the children of *St. Brigid's GNS* who are due to celebrate their First Communion on Saturday 26th September at 11.00am and 1.00pm.

Mass in Our Lady Of Dolours Church

Our church is divided into two separate 'pods', each of which has its own separate entrance and exit. There can be no movement of people from one pod to the other. The following measures have been put in place for the safety of everyone:

* Parishioners enter only by one of the two main doors at the front of the church. If you enter by the main door on the left, you will be accommodated in the left hand section of the church; whereas if you enter via the door on the right, you will be seated in the right hand section of the church. We ask parishioners to form a queue along the wheelchair ramp outside the church, so that stewards can count the number of people as they enter.

* Every second pew has been cordoned off, and only one person or couple may sit at either end of the available pews. Parishioners will be seated as they arrive by stewards rather than choosing their own seat. We ask parishioners to cooperate with the stewards who are organising the seating to allow us accommodate as many parishioners as possible.

* **Parishioners are asked to provide and 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.

* Holy Communion will be brought to you by the celebrant or minister of the Eucharist. Those who wish to receive are asked to remain standing and to stretch out their arm fully in order to receive Communion from the priest/minister's equally outstretched hand. Those who would prefer not to receive are invited to sit down.

* Two collection containers (*for First and Share Collections*) will be passed by stewards during the Mass. Parishioners are invited to place their offerings (in envelopes provided) in the containers as the stewards pass by with them.

* At the end of Mass parishioners are invited to leave the church via the door through which they entered. brought to those attending in the parish centre, and there will be an opportunity to contribute to collections.

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* To cope with increasing Mass attendance, from this Sunday 20th September we will once again use the parish hall as an extension of the church at the 12 noon Mass. Once the two pods in the church are full, we will invite parishioners to be seated in the parish hall, where the Mass will be relayed via the webcam facility. Communion will be brought to those attending in the parish centre, and there will be an opportunity to contribute to collections.

* **From Sunday 4th October the Sunday morning Mass will revert from 12 noon to 11.00am.** Mass will continue to be streamed via the webcam facility accessed via the parish website. (www.glasnevinparish.ie) Parishioners at a vulnerable age or with an underlying health condition are welcome to follow the Mass on the webcam from at home. 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 Sunday may do so.

Please note the time of weekday Mass is now 10.00am.

* We would really appreciate extra volunteers to assist with stewarding at Mass on Sunday. If you are willing to assist, please talk to any of the stewards you see at Mass. Many thanks in anticipation.

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 a 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 now remains open each weekday after Mass until **5.00pm** (Mon-Sat) and for a short time after 12 noon Mass on Sunday. As the pod system will still be in place, visitors are encouraged to enter and leave via the same door and to use the hand sanitising gel.