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

Mick Dorgan

**Months Mind:**

Betty Ross

Delia Kennedy

**Anniversaries:**

Moira O'Hare (1st)

Margaret & John Kavanagh

Joe Kavanagh



**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 to see photos of our May Altar and the text of the mysteries of the Rosary. Pope Francis encourages us to pray the Rosary, perhaps as a family, particularly at this time of pandemic.

**Preparing for Pentecost.** Since we can no longer gather in the church for Mass or in the parish centre for meetings, we, like many others, have been discovering the possibility of online 'Zoom' meetings. Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group has been meeting this way each week with our candidate. As a way of reflecting on the Holy Spirit, you are invited to join a Zoom meeting from your home, on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm to read and reflect together on the readings for Pentecost Sunday. If you are interested in taking part, send an email to [ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com) and we will forward you instructions on how to log on (ie: 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)

### Parish Webcam is now on stream

Dear parishioner, we had a very successful launch to our new webcam facility last Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 12 noon. Parishioners have contacted us to say how delighted they are to see Mass celebrated again in our parish church. 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 online at Mass and other celebrations, including baptisms, weddings and funerals streamed from their own parish church. Please pass on the good news to anyone in your circle of family friends or neighbours who might be interested.

Mass will be streamed via webcam at 12 noon each Sunday. If you miss the live streaming, you can still attend the Mass online for up to seven days. 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.

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. We 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.

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.

### Reflection: Cocoon by Br. Richard Hendrick OFM Cap

*Do not expect cocooning  
To be easy.  
It is not a time of rest  
But of rebirth.  
They used to think  
That the Caterpillar  
Merely slept there,  
Awaiting the wonder of wings.  
This is not true.  
To cocoon means  
The breaking down of self,  
Of letting go of all  
that may be considered  
Caterpillar.  
Yielding to the chrysalis call.  
Dropping all that is old identity,  
All that is desire,  
All that is hungry,  
All that is eating, eating, eating,  
Endlessly.  
When the moment comes, called  
To go to the cool dark underleaf, underlog place,  
To spin the silk of silent self,  
The Caterpillar dissolves,  
Touches the point of nothingness  
Of being;  
Become now  
Neither Caterpillar  
Nor Butterfly  
Become simply, potential,  
Until new form is found,  
Until the selfmade tomb is too tight  
And Butterfly is birthed,  
bursting blessing, beauty.  
A journey through stillness  
into freedom,  
Into flight,  
No one who knew the Caterpillar.  
Would know it in the Butterfly,  
No one who knows the Butterfly  
Would see in it  
Even the memory  
Of Caterpillar,  
Yet within there is  
A continuity of being  
A new recipe out of old ingredients  
A life remade, a seed flowered, a potency fulfilled,  
There is pain in this  
I am sure.  
How could there not be?  
There is always pain  
In surrender,  
In transformation,  
In new life, new birth  
Death before resurrection,  
Letting go, before letting be  
This is the divine order of things  
This is why there hides  
Even here, even now,  
In all your old Caterpillar desiring,  
In the hunger at the core of your being,  
The promise of Butterfly  
If you would but surrender  
To the call  
Of the cocoon.*

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### Cocoon by Br. Richard Hendrick OFM Cap (cont'd)

*If you would know,  
even for a day,  
The wonder of wings  
The freedom of flight.*

**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 Mass when normal service has resumed, or left in the safe at the back of the church now that the church has reopened 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.

**Reopening of Our Lady of Dolours church for private prayer** In line with the first phase of the government reopening of the country, we have re-opened the church in a limited way each day from 12noon -2.00pm 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.