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#### Our Prayers are asked for

Manfredi Anello  
Ann Johnston  
Fr. Gabriel O' Dowd  
Delia Kennedy  
Sean Gallagher

who died this past week.



**Reflection:** Since 1<sup>st</sup> March we have been on a journey that is totally unfamiliar to us: defined by the arrival in this country of the coronavirus, Covid 19. In a matter of weeks, we have seen schools, churches, shops, restaurants and businesses close, sporting and cultural events cancelled, and people told to keep journeys outside the home to a minimum. The side of this 'inconvenience' that most of us are not seeing, and the reason for the restrictions, is the devastating impact of the virus on those who are infected, the highly infectious nature of the virus, and the need for those treating them to wear highly protective clothing (PPE). The potentially dehumanising effect of this is mitigated by the determination of the health care professionals to see the patient in front of them first as a person. The extraordinary care of those who are sick in hospital or nursing home settings is replicated by the heightened care of the vulnerable in our community. At this time, when it is uncertain how or when we will return to some kind of normal life, the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus reminds us that, even if we are cocooned at home by ourselves, we are never alone; and when we are moved to think about and show practical concern for those around us who may be obliged to stay at home, the risen Christ is walking with us and working in us.

*'Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened.'* (Luke 24: 13)

A number of parishioners have enquired how they may continue to contribute to the church in the absence of being able to physically attend Mass at this time. We have been reluctant to seek contributions to the various collections or to send out Easter Offering envelopes, which we would normally do in advance of Easter, because of the huge financial hit many parishioners may have taken over the past few weeks. However, since the current lockdown doesn't look like ending in the near future, and very little income is coming in for either the parish or the priests, we feel we need to offer parishioners 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. Another possibility is to send in a monthly cheque for whatever the equivalent amount might have been.

However, from this week we have put a number of donate buttons on our parish website, 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 the various collections (Common Fund, Share, Easter/Christmas Dues, Family Offering) combined 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 very uncertain times, we are conscious of the difficulties facing many families and don't wish to add to the pressure on anyone. We are very grateful for whatever parishioners and visitors are able to donate. Many thanks for your continued generous support.

**Support Services for Older & Vulnerable People:**  
Dublin City Council Helpline 01-2228555 Email [covid-support@dublincity.ie](mailto:covid-support@dublincity.ie)  
Irish Red Cross 016424600 : [hardship2020@redcross.ie](mailto:hardship2020@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: [ispcc@ispcc.ie](mailto:ispcc@ispcc.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)

**Dear parishioner**, as you are aware, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is no longer possible to celebrate a public Mass in any church in Ireland. However, Mass is celebrated each weekday morning behind closed doors in Ballygall church by one of the priests from the Glasnevin Grouping. Parishioners can participate in the Mass from home via the webcam at 10.00am in Ballygall ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie)). They can also follow Mass each weekday evening at 5.45pm from St. Alphonsus Monastery ([www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)). For the benefit of parishioners who do not have access to the internet, RTÉ airs Mass every weekday at 10.30am on RTÉ News Now. RTÉ News Now can be accessed on Saorview (channel 21), Sky (521), Virgin Media (200), or Eir (517). At weekends, parishioners can participate in the Mass from their home on the webcam on Saturday at 6.30pm from Ballygall church ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie)), on Sunday at 9.30am from St. Alphonsus Monastery ([www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)) and at 11.00am from Iona Road church ([www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)). Alternatively they can follow Mass on RTE radio or television. A special **Holy Hour**, including Eucharistic adoration, music and reflections, led by priests or lay ministers from the Glasnevin Grouping, is broadcast **each Wednesday evening** at 7.30pm from Ballygall church via the webcam ([www.ballgallparish.ie](http://www.ballgallparish.ie)). Even if we cannot gather together for prayer, we can feel in union with one another while praying the Angelus each day at 12 noon or 6pm and the Rosary at 3pm. At this time of national and global crisis let us ask God to bless and comfort all those who are sick, anxious or alone, and to protect the health care workers on whose efforts we all depend. Our Lady of Dolours, pray for us. Our Lady of Dolours parish office is closed to the public. However, the parish office 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 have any concerns.

**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 page [https:// www.facebook.com/ourladyofdoloursglasnevin/](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofdoloursglasnevin/) A section has been added to the home page menu [https:// www.glasnevinparish.ie/religious-links](https://www.glasnevinparish.ie/religious-links) with Prayers, Poems and Reflections during COVID-19 which includes the Thoughts for the Day.

Normally the next few weeks in the parish are among the most exciting each year as we celebrate

**Confirmation and First Communion** ceremonies, for which the boys and girls in the parish have been preparing for the past two years and to which they and their families look forward. Unfortunately, because of the Corona virus, churches, like schools, have been closed for the past number of weeks, and because of government restrictions on large gatherings, it is not possible for us to proceed at the present time with these celebrations.

We can only pray that as the health situation in the country improves, and the government feels it is safe for schools and churches to reopen, that we will be able to plan new dates for these sacramental celebrations. We sincerely hope it will be before the end of the summer, but we have no way of knowing at this stage. We ask parishioners to keep all the children in the parish, and their families, who are affected by these postponements, in your prayers

#### A Virtual Pilgrimage to Knock with the Archdiocese of Dublin - this Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>

In these times when travel is restricted, the internet can assist us to reach out to churches that we can no longer visit. We had planned to hold the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock this month but, unfortunately, we cannot do so due to the government restrictions caused by COVID-19. Instead, with the cooperation of our friends at Knock Shrine, we will hold a virtual pilgrimage on **Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>**:

- 2.30pm: Rosary
- 3.00pm: Pilgrimage mass celebrated by the Rector of Knock Shrine, Father Richard Gibbons
- 3.45pm: Benediction
- 4.00pm: Virtual visit to the Apparition Chapel
- 4.15pm: Opportunity to [place a petition](#), [light a candle](#) or [have a mass said](#) online.

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to join us in prayer at this time. In this moment of difficulty and so many challenges, the virtual pilgrimage will give us an opportunity to pray, through the intercession of Our Lady of Knock, for all our intentions. Please God, we will be in a position to visit Knock again in person in the not too distant future.

**Join the pilgrimage from:** <https://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live.html> There is also a Youth programme for the pilgrimage. For more information contact Siobhan Tighe at [Siobhan.tighe@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:Siobhan.tighe@dublindiocese.ie)