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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 27/9

12.00 noon Bróna Martin (R/D)
John Colgan (A)
Harry Hand (1st A)
06.30pm Ciss & Jack Grant
Pat Slatter (A)

Monday 28/9

10.00am Sheila Bernardi (A)
Christopher Duffy (A)
Mary Martin (A)
Margaret Geary (A)

Tuesday 29/9

10.00 am Mary Morgan (51stA)
Michael Morgan (A)

Wednesday 30/9

10.00am Bróna Martin (R/D)
George & Cecilia Campbell (A)

Friday 2/10

10.00am Bróna Martin (R/D)

We pray for the family of Elizabeth (Betty) McMahon whose funeral took place in Our Lady of Dolours on Monday 21/9



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

Just when parishioners were getting used to coming to Mass on Sundays and weekdays, albeit with social distancing and wearing face masks, now we find ourselves once again unable to attend Mass in person and obliged to follow it only via webcam or on television.

The Holy See's Congregation for Divine Worship in a recent letter, noted that restrictions should be limited in time and that as soon as circumstances permit, it is urgent to return to the normality of Christian life. Referring to the letter, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin acknowledges that we find ourselves sadly in that situation where we are called to make painful sacrifice for the common good and he expresses the hope that we might accept our distance from the Lord's altar 'as a time of Eucharistic fasting, useful for us to rediscover its vital importance, beauty and immeasurable preciousness'.

We regret in particular the disappointment caused to children and their families who were due to celebrate their First Communion in the coming weeks and hope that we can soon celebrate these ceremonies

On a positive note, it is great to see the growing interest in the weekly zoom reading and discussion of the following Sunday's Gospel every Thursday evening.

Mass in Our Lady Of Dolours Church

Since we have moved to Level 3 of the new government plan, Sunday and weekday Masses are now accessible via webcam only. They will continue to be celebrated at the usual times but behind closed doors. The webcam can be accessed via the parish website.

The church remains open each day for private prayer from about 11.00am to 5.00pm.

Regrettably, but for the safety of all concerned, First Communion celebrations are postponed until we return to Level Two.

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.

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.

Sunday 27 September is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. Letter from Archbishop D. Martin:

The safety and protection from abuse of the children and vulnerable members of Archdiocese is a particular priority of all of us. This year we face a different set of challenges and we do so in a situation of considerable uncertainty. You may be aware that it has been necessary to reduce the number employed by the Diocese including a number of people employed in the Child Safeguarding and Protection Service. However, our commitment to Safeguarding and to the support of victim/survivors of abuse remains undiminished. We need to consider the implications of working with less and look at sharing what we have. Given the uncertainty surrounding bringing people together, we will have to consider how best we approach delivering safeguarding training. Information technology presents us with new opportunities, while also presenting challenges for those not used to using computers. I cannot say for how much longer I will serve as your Archbishop. As I near the end of my time with you, I want to say a particular thank you for all of the work you have been doing to make the Church in Dublin a safer place for children and for vulnerable adults. Our parish clergy, already under pressure due to declining numbers, have had to accept additional responsibilities in this area, such as ensuring that those involved in public ministry are vetted. I wish to thank also the hundreds of parish safeguarding representatives and the thousands who have attended safeguarding training. I wish to thank all of our parishioners who have kept faith with us through this difficult time.

I wish to especially acknowledge the courage of those who have spoken of their experiences of abuse in the Church. Their stories have been difficult for us to hear but they have helped us to face up to the truth. We must honour their contribution by making our parishes, not just safe places, but welcoming and nurturing places for all children and vulnerable persons. I ask you to remember those who were abused and to pray for them.

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 (richardesheehy@gmail.com) for the meeting ID and password.