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**Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 28/06 12.00 Sharon Moylan (MM)

Joan Miller (1A)

Condolences to the family and friends of James (Jim) Shaw whose funeral took place this week in Our Lady of Dolours



**Our Lady of Dolours church open for private prayer**

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. Markers on noticeboards and floors are in place to facilitate social distancing and to encourage visitors to the church to enter and leave using different doors. In the interest of hand hygiene, we encourage visitors to use the hand sanitising gel available.

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.

**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)

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.

**Reflection:** After more than three months of no public celebration of Mass in our churches, the parishes of the Glasnevin Grouping, like the other parishes around the diocese and indeed the country, are looking forward to finally being able to welcome back parishioners for the celebration of Mass from Monday next 29th June.

It will be a cautious return. On the one hand, the government restrictions mean that we can accommodate no more than 50 individuals at any one gathering in the church (and that figure includes the celebrant, sacristan, cantor, organist, minister of the Word and of the Eucharist). On the other hand, we realise that some parishioners will be hesitant about returning to Sunday Mass, especially those who have been cocooning over the last few months. We fully understand and respect that. Such parishioners are welcome to continue to participate at Mass from at home via the webcam or on television. Alternatively, they are welcome to come on a weekday instead of on a Sunday.

For our part, we have had a Core group, led by our sacristan, Colette, working very hard over the past few weeks to make sure that we have good systems in place to welcome everyone back to the church in a way that is safe for everyone. The majority of you have been observing a Eucharistic fast for the past 15 weeks or so. The Lord now welcomes us back to the table of the Eucharist with great joy. Like the returning exiles we hear about so often in the psalms, let us celebrate this new beginning in the life of our parish, as once again we gather as a people of faith and hope called to bring Christ's love to all God's people. Let us rejoice!

**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 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 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. 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 tax from Revenue, thereby increasing the value of your contribution to the parish. We are conscious of the difficulties facing many households at this time and are very grateful for your continued generous support.

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

We are really excited about reopening the church for weekday Mass from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and for Sunday Mass from next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July and look forward to welcoming back parishioners. We have put the following measures in place for the safety of everyone:

\* Stewards will be on hand to assist parishioners as they approach the church on Sunday and on weekdays. Parishioners may only enter by the main doors at the front of the church, as stewards 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. While waiting, we ask parishioners to observe the two metre distance and to read the explanatory notices.

\* Because of the requirement to preserve two metres distance at all times within the church, the seating plan has been reconfigured. For the present the government has indicated that only **50** people will be able to attend at any one celebration of Mass. This number includes celebrant, sacristan, musicians, stewards and ministers. 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. This means that for the first few Sundays at least parishioners will be seated as they arrive by stewards rather than choosing their own seat.

\* 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 will be 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 for Holy Communion 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.

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\* Once the maximum number the church can safely accommodate (50) is reached, a further 30 people can be accommodated in the parish centre downstairs (30 people). 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. Indeed in their recent guidelines, the Irish Bishops have extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation for the time being. Parishioners who are free during the week are encouraged to attend Mass on a weekday (except Thursday) rather than on Sunday.

\* 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 each Sunday and 11.00am weekdays. While using our website to access the Mass on webcam, parishioners can directly access our Facebook page where a 'thought for the day' based on the daily readings is put up each day. Mass is also streamed each Sunday at 10.00am from Ballymun Road and at 11.00am from Iona Road church, and the Sat. vigil Mass is streamed from Ballygall church at 6.30pm.

In the interest of the health and safety of all, we ask parishioners not to come into the sacristy and/or parish office before or after Mass.

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.

The parish secretary can be contacted during normal office hours by telephone (01/8379445) or email ([ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com))