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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 30/8

12.00 noon Michael McConigley (B/R)

Monday 31/8

11.00am Myred Best (A)



Reflection:

If there is one thing Jesus wants to make clear to his disciples it is that following him will not be easy or without its share of suffering. *'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.'* In practical terms this means putting other people and their needs before our own. Our lives have been transformed by Covid over the past six months. People have made many sacrifices in order to restrict the spread of the coronavirus and so protect others. Whether it's refraining from socialising in large gatherings, accepting the postponement of First Communion or Confirmation ceremonies, the limit on the number of family members who can attend such ceremonies, or the restrictions on visiting a loved one in hospital, people have borne these sacrifices with courage, understanding and generosity, because they are aware of the greater good at stake. The return of children to primary and secondary schools this week is a welcome sign of a gradual resumption of normal life. Naturally there are some anxieties among both parents and teachers, but in general there is faith in the hard work schools have put in to prepare for reopening, and we pray God's blessing on this new beginning for all.

Contributing to the Parish:

If you click on the 'Donate' button on the front page of our parish website, it will open up a number of options enabling you to 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. We appreciate your continued generous support.

Please ensure if possible, to write your donation **envelope number** on **all** envelopes including those for first and second collections, in order to keep our records up to date.

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.

Congratulations to the children from North Dublin National School Project (NDNSP) Glasnevin Educate Together NS and Glasnevin National School who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this week.

From Thursday 3rd September, our weekly Zoom meeting to read and discuss the readings for the following Sunday will resume at 7.30pm-8.15pm. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to contact the parish office or Fr. Richard (richarddesheehy@gmail.com) for the meeting ID and password.

We welcome the children who will receive the sacrament of baptism on Sunday 30th August.

Change to Weekday Mass Times:

Please note:

From **Monday 7th September** the time for weekday masses (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday) in Our Lady of Dolours will change to **10.00am**

The Sunday Mass times of 12 noon and 6.30pm will remain unchanged.

Mass in Our Lady Of Dolours Church

Our church is divided into two separate 'pods', four metres apart, each of which can accommodate no more than fifty people and has its own separate entrance and exit. There can be no movement of people from one pod to the other.

For this reason the following measures have been put in place for the safety of everyone:
* Parishioners may only enter 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 invite individuals to fill up the green chairs first, so that the pews can be reserved for couples or families, allowing us accommodate more parishioners.

* **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 same door through which they entered.

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*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 Sundays may do so.

* For the time being there are **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.

* **We would really appreciate extra volunteers to assist with stewarding at Mass** on Sunday, so that it is not left to the same few people each week. If you are willing to assist, please talk to anyone you see with a steward's badge at Mass. Many thanks in anticipation. Mass will continue to be streamed via the webcam facility which can be accessed via the parish website (www.glasnevinparish.ie) at 12 noon and 6.30pm each Sunday.

Please note, from Monday 7th September, the time of weekday Mass will revert to 10.00am.

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 will open each weekday from 12.00 noon until 2.00pm (Mon-Sat) for private prayer 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.