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**Mass Intentions:**

**Sunday 06/12**  
11.00am George & Cecilia Campbell (A)  
Patricia, John & Mary Lane and all the  
deceased members of the Lane Family  
Margaret Daly (A)



**Christmas Mass times**



Mass with a limited congregation (max. 100 ) will be celebrated at 6.30pm and 8.30pm on Christmas Eve and at 9.00am and 11.00am on Christmas Day. As it is simply not possible to accommodate the numbers who would normally attend the Christmas Eve **Family Mass**, it will be celebrated **online only** at 4.30pm. No congregation will be admitted, but parishioners and visitors are invited to participate in the Mass via webcam accessible via the parish website: [www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)

For those parishioners who missed our **Mass of Remembrance** for deceased parishioners on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> last, it is still available to view as a recording. Just go to the webcam accessible from the front page of the parish website and scroll down to recordings. The candles which were lit for each parishioner who died may still be collected from the church.

**Living Advent Calendar 2020** The Christmas story is being narrated by various parishes across the diocese in 25 days. On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, a young parishioner began the story at OLV church, Ballymun Road. Our sacristan, Colette, took up the story on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> at the entrance to our church, and Trish continues the story at Iona Road church this Sunday. These are being shared on Facebook, accessible from our website, every morning at 8am.

**Our Lady of Dolours Christmas Novena Mass cards** are now available from the sacristy (Ph: 7979153). Names will be written in a book placed at the Altar for inclusion in daily masses from 17/12 - 24/12 incl.

We welcome back parishioners to **Sunday Mass** this Second Sunday of Advent at 11.00am. For the time being there will be no Sunday evening Mass. All Sunday and weekday Masses will continue to be available to attend via the webcam and are recorded for later viewing.



We continue our preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity with **A Children's Advent Story** this Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December we have a short service based on the O Antiphons, readings and music for Advent. Parishioners can attend at the church or participate via the webcam at [www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)



OLV Ballymun Road's **Advent online retreat** with Fr. Paddy Sweeney continues on 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. You can attend via webcam through the website at [www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie)



Parishioners should have received our Christmas mailing this week, including the parish Christmas card and timetable of Christmas Services, an Advent activity pack with suggestions for simple activities and prayers we can do at home during Advent, a prayer card with the Act of Spiritual Communion prayer, and the Christmas Offering envelope. If you did not receive delivery of our Christmas mailing, please let us know so that we can add you to our mailing list. As we did not deliver an Easter Offering envelope earlier this year, we are particularly grateful for the generosity of parishioners at this time.



An **Advent Prayer Tree** has been placed in the sanctuary. Prayer requests sent in by parishioners can be placed on the tree. One suggestion this year is that parishioners may wish to remember a loved one who cannot travel home from abroad or travel home from Ireland for Christmas this year. You might like to let us know of someone in your family who will not get home this year, and we will put their name on the Prayer Tree. We may try to read out some of the names over Christmas. You might mention which country or city they are living in. You can also remind your loved ones that they are welcome to join us for Christmas Mass via webcam (through the parish website [www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)) from any part of the world.

1st Collection €300 2nd Collection €200 Family Offering €250 - Thank you for your generous support!

The **Church** remains open each day from about 11.00am to 5.00pm so that parishioners may call into the church to say a prayer, find a quiet space or light a candle. Each **Thursday** at a weekly Zoom meeting 7.30pm-8.15pm we read and discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to contact the parish office or email Fr. Richard ([richardesheehy@gmail.com](mailto:richardesheehy@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link and meeting ID. 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. You do not have to have a Facebook account in order to access the parish Facebook page. Parishioners are welcome to phone the sacristy any weekday morning at Tel. 01/797 9153 if you have a Mass intention, or phone the parish office at 01/8379445 for other enquiries.

We thank parishioners who have been kind enough to regularly drop in their contributions to the **First and Second Collections** and to the **Family Offering**. It is greatly appreciated, as contributions have been hugely reduced in recent months. We also draw parishioners' attention to the 'Donate' button, which some may find an easier way to make their regular contributions, especially during this time of lockdown.

Our local conference of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** (SVP Conference Pope John XXX111 & Corpus Christi) are conducting their annual **Giving Collection** on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Third Sunday of Advent. This is the one Sunday of the year that they would normally have an indoor collection. As the Society have not been able to hold churchgate collections for many months, this is a special opportunity to support their discreet but vital work in supporting households in our parish who are struggling. Each year the conference makes 500 visits to families and individuals in our community. Please leave a donation in the blue envelopes provided on the tables by placing it in the big safe at the back of the church. Alternatively you can donate online at [svp.ie/donate](http://svp.ie/donate) or by calling 0818 176 176 or 028 9075 0161. The funds raised will help those in need in the community with food, heating and education costs. The SVP relies almost entirely on the generous support of parishioners.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Reflection:** *It has been a great joy to welcome back parishioners to daily Mass this week. It's a wonderful start to our Advent journey and gives us all a lift. We look forward this Sunday to our first Sunday Mass with a congregation in nearly ten weeks. The beautiful words of Isaiah in the First Reading seem to resonate with our experience: 'Console my people, console them' says your God. Speak to Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended'. With the easing of restrictions we can look forward to spending Christmas with loved ones, do some shopping and enjoy a meal out. Amid all the excitement and joy of the Advent season, Isaiah also reminds us to prepare a way for the Lord, and John the Baptist takes up the call in the Gospel. There are so many ways we can do that this year, without leaving home. As well as online retreats and daily email or facebook reflections, parishioners will have received a colourful Advent journey activity pack with our Christmas mailing, with simple suggestions for prayers and activities we can do alone or as a family at home. This Advent let's truly welcome Christ into our homes!*

**Crosscare Appeal** - A simple way communities can support each other **We need donations of toiletries - Soaps, Shampoo, Toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products.** Donations of new toiletry products and in their original packaging please:  
**Community Food Bank** Brackenstown Road Swords St. Cronan's Parish Wed 9th and 16th Dec Time: 1-2pm contact [vcummins@crosscare.ie](mailto:vcummins@crosscare.ie) if you need to make an alternative arrangement. Remember you can donate on line at [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie)  
**Community Food Bank** Darndale, DI 7 New Life Centre Fri 11<sup>th</sup> and 18th Dec Time: 1-2pm

For married, engaged and dating couples, a marriage 'masterclass' composed of short video testimonies from couples in Ireland and internationally, is available to view from 5th- 8th December on the Équipes Notre-Dame Facebook page at: [www.equipes-notre-dame.ie](http://www.equipes-notre-dame.ie)  
'a successful marriage isn't the union of two perfect people. It's that of two imperfect people who have learned the value of forgiveness and grace' - Darlene Schacht