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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 13/12

11.00am Celia & George Campbell (A)
 Mengensha Family in Ethiopia
 Kay McCarthy (A)
 Mary McCarthy (A)
 Thomas & Noreen Hall (Memorial)



Monday 14/12

10.00am Tom Mangan (R/D)
 Kathleen & Fred Bills (Special Intention)
 Margaret O'Shea (Special Intention)
 Francis Hanrahan (Special Intention)

Tuesday 15/12

10.00am John & Anne Mangan (R/D)
 Barry Holt (Special Intention)
 Dr. Mary Behan (Special Intention)

Wednesday 16/12

10.00am Jimmy Lynch (A)
 Mary Lane (Birthday Remembrance)
 Sally O'Rourke (A)

Thursday 17/12

10.00am Christmas Novena Mass intentions

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

Living Advent Calendar 2020 The Christmas story is being narrated by various parishes across the diocese in 25 days. These are being shared on Facebook every morning at 8am @CCPCDublin.

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.

Crosscare Appeal - We need donations of toiletries – Soaps, Shampoo, Toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products. Or simply make a donation online at www.dublindiocese.ie

Mass this Third Sunday of Advent will be 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 conclude our three Advent moments in preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity with a short service based on the O Antiphons - readings and music for Advent - this Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm. Parishioners can attend at the church or participate via the webcam at www.glasnevinparish.ie



OLV Ballymun Road's **Advent online retreat** with Fr. Paddy Sweeney concludes on 17th December at 7.30pm. You can attend via webcam through the website at www.olv.ie



We hope that all our parishioners 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. Christmas and Easter Offerings form part of the remuneration of priests in the parish and in the diocese. We are particularly grateful for the generosity of parishioners at this time. If you did not receive delivery of our Christmas mailing, please let us know so that we can add you to our mailing list.



An **Advent Prayer Tree** has been placed in the sanctuary. The suggestion 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) from any part of the world.

1st Collection €270 2nd Collection €155 Family Offering €445 - 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) 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

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)** are conducting their annual **Giving Collection** this Sunday. It replaces the usual second (Share) collection. As the Society has not been able to hold churchgate collections for many months, this is an opportunity to support their vital work in supporting households in our parish who are struggling. 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 or place an offering in the basket at the second collection. Alternatively you can donate online at 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: *The lights on the Christmas tree installed in front of our parish church were switched on this Thursday evening, and with similar trees outside the Botanic gardens and the bank the whole Glasnevin village is bathed in a warm glow of light. Christmas trees have appeared in people's homes earlier this year, and the light displays outside seem more colourful than ever. It's as if after the year we have all been through, we have a greater need to raise the spirits and celebrate. This Sunday we will light the third (pink) candle on the Advent wreath, reminding us that it is Gaudete Sunday, an invitation to rejoice as we look forward to the celebration of the Nativity. John the Baptist is the central figure in this Sunday's Gospel, who sees his task as bearing witness to the light, Jesus the Christ. Advent invites us to journey with a new pep in our step, to allow ourselves be touched by the symbols and colours of this season, and to be moved to hope and to joy by the beautiful words of Isaiah: 'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me...he has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken'. Can we allow Christ be born anew in us this Advent, so that we can bear the light of his love, compassion and healing to those who are suffering?*

"Walking Advent With the Scriptures" Click on the link to download the video for each day is https://dublindiocese-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/frank_brown_dublindiocese_ie/EkarSd54_gRGmyDqmUviPSYB4IdSC77zniZlLwLgiCEMCg?e=pm9LdV

Week 3 includes inputs from –
 13th Dec Revd Suzanne Cousins - Rector, Benburb, Co. Tyrone
 14th Dec Fr Richard Sheehy - Moderator, Glasnevin grouping of Parishes
 15th Dec Mr Scott Evans, Col Chaplain, UCD
 16th Dec Nick Park - Exec Director of Evangelical Alliance Ireland
 17th Dec Gerard Gallagher - Pastoral Co-Ordinator in the Archdiocese of Dublin
 18th Dec Cherry Poynton- chairperson of the Dublin Council of Churches
 19th Dec Dirk van der Flier - Chairman, Scripture Union in Ireland