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**Mass Intentions:**

**Sunday 20/12**

11.00am Patrick & Teresa Doherty (A)  
Deirdre & Paddy Malley (A)



**Monday 21/12**

10.00am Patricia, John, Mary & Noel Lane and all the  
Deceased members of the Lane Family

**Tuesday 22/12**

10.00am Margaret Daly (A)

**Wednesday 23/12**

10.00am Thomás Lillis (A)

**Saturday 26/12**

10.00am Marie Sheahan (R/D)  
Isobel McDonnell (S/I)  
Ann Martin (S/I)  
Luseta O’Leary (S/I)

**Christmas Mass times**



Mass with a limited congregation will be celebrated at 6.30pm and 8.30pm on Christmas Eve and at 9.00am and 11.00am, and at 12.30pm on Christmas Day. Because of government restrictions, we may not be able to accommodate all those who turn up for a particular Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. People are asked to form a socially distanced queue along the wheelchair ramp and will be admitted on a first come first served basis. You will be allocated a particular seat by the stewards and are asked to accept that seat so that we can accommodate as many as we safely can. Once we have reached our quota, we cannot admit any more. You will be invited to follow the Mass at home on the webcam or to return early to attend another Mass. **We are putting on an extra Mass at 12.30pm on Christmas Day**, so that we may accommodate as many people as possible.

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)

**Mass this Fourth 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. Many thanks to all who organised and participated in our three simple but prayerful Advent moments, which helped us find a reflective space at a busy time. Parishioners can still view recordings of each of the moments on the parish webcam at [www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)

Brian Sheridan, president of local **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** (SVP) conference has asked us to convey their thanks to parishioners for the very generous response to last Sunday’s indoor collection, which amounted to €3,600 between blue envelopes cash. Anyone who missed the collection can still leave a donation in the safe at the back of the church in an envelope marked SVP or donate online at [svp.ie/donate](http://svp.ie/donate).



An **Advent Prayer Tree** has been placed in the sanctuary. Parishioners who wish to remember a loved one who cannot travel home for Christmas this year are invited to let us know, 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.

**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 are writing to express a big 'thank you' to Parishes from **Crosscare** (the diocesan social care agency). We asked for donations of toiletries to include with food parcels we distribute. We received a huge amount. We also received food and financial donations via [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie). Donations are welcome year round, but especially at this difficult time, when so many people are looking for help. *Wishing you a Happy Christmas from the Crosscare Food Services team.*

We are grateful for the generosity of parishioners, who have already returned Christmas Offerings, which form a significant part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. We also thank parishioners for your contributions to the **First and Second Collections** and to the **Family Offering**. We draw parishioners’ attention to the **‘Donate’** button, which some may find an easier way to make their regular contributions.

**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.

In order to welcome the New Year in a prayerful spirit, an online service of music, reflection and prayer will take place in our church on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December, **New Year’s Eve**. This year the service will be accessible via webcam only through our parish website at: [www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie) It will begin at 11.30pm and conclude at 12.10am approx.

**Reflection:**

The days leading up to Christmas tend to be a bit frenetic for many of us. While children may be wondering how many sleeps till Christmas, many of us are wondering how we are going to accomplish our long list of tasks within the time left: posting cards, buying or wrapping presents, shopping for the essentials, preparing the festive fare, decorating the church, organising liturgies. We know we will make it over the finish line on Christmas Day, but will we actually create the mental and physical space in ourselves to welcome the Word made flesh, the prince of Peace, or will we miss the moment? God entered our human condition in Jesus because a young woman from Nazareth allowed a word of God whispered in her heart to disturb her. She may have been anxious, unsure, but her prayer life had led her to trust the source of that word and to say yes to what was being asked of her. The God of Christian faith is continually addressing a word to each of us. It’s an invitation to a deeper, more meaningful and fulfilled life. The invitation may challenge us in some way, but it is always accompanied by the words: ‘Do not be afraid’ and ‘the Lord is with you’. Will we pause from whatever it is we are engaged with long enough to allow that word to ‘disturb’ us, and will we have the trust and courage to respond with Mary: ‘Let what you have said be done in me?’

1st Collection €50 Family Offering €1245 - Thank you for your generous support!