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**Reflection:** *The readings this Sunday speak to us in a way that resonates all too well with our experience of living with the pandemic over the past year: looking out for tell-tale symptoms, having suspicions confirmed by someone in authority, fear of contagion, avoidance of physical contact, self-isolation or enforced quarantine. The focus in the first reading from Leviticus, third book of the Hebrew Torah, is on protection of the community. The fear response wins out. The Gospel, in stark contrast, shows Jesus responding to the needs of the individual whom he encounters. It is a response of compassion and love, and the outcome is healing. Every day, we will encounter situations where someone looks to us for acceptance, understanding, patience, encouragement, forgiveness, inclusion, generosity, all of which we can offer...if we want to.*

Join a weekly Zoom meeting each Thursday at 7.30pm to read and reflect together on the readings for the following Sunday. We are always welcome new participants. This may be of particular interest to Ministers of the Word or members of parish liturgy groups. Just give the parish secretary your email address, and a link to the meeting will be sent to you each week.

#### Aware - Support & Self Care Groups

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. These services provide support, coping skills and information and help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more info about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

**Sunday and weekday Masses** are accessible on webcam (accessed through the front page of the parish website: [www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie) and are recorded for later viewing. The church remains open each day from 11.00am-3.00pm for private prayer.

On this **St. Valentine's Day**, we will be remembering those who are planning to get married in the coming year, as well as those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary.

**The Annual Collection for Accord** the diocesan agency which supports marriage and the family, providing online marriage preparation courses and marriage counselling, takes place this weekend 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> February. Parishioners can donate in the following ways:

**Online** at [www.accorddublin.ie](http://www.accorddublin.ie) where you will find a DONATE button.

**By post** to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

**By bank transfer** to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC:BOFIE2D.

Next **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday**, marks the beginning of Lent. Mass with blessing of ashes will take place at 10.00am. However, due to Covid restrictions, it will not be possible to distribute ashes this year. Our participation in this traditional ritual will be both virtual and spiritual. Ash Wednesday is traditionally a day of fast and abstinence.

#### Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2021

This year Trocaire's Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the Impact of Conflict on Families in South Sudan. This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity. Parish resources are now available at [Parishes - Resources | Trócaire \(trocaire.org\)](http://Parishes-Resources|Trocaire(trocaire.org))

The **Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes** presents: 'Living in Unsettling Times: Reflections for the Time and Season'.

A series of online reflections by Fr. Paddy Sweeney - 5 Thursdays in Lent at 7.30pm. The weekly reflections can be accessed on webcam from each of the five parishes in turn.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February: Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road: [www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie)  
*Navigating the wilderness - dangers and possibilities*

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall: [www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie)  
*Is God asleep?*

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin: [www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)  
*Living with Loss*

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March: St. Columba's, Iona Road: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)  
*Will we get back to normal?*

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Corpus Christi, Drumcondra: [www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie](http://www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie)  
*I haven't much to offer*

#### LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE LENTEN GOSPELS TO LIFE

Join us for Pastoral Conversations - **5 Tuesdays starting 16<sup>th</sup> February @8pm.**

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** - Let it Go

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Would you listen to Him?

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Songs of the Sanctuary

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** - Into the Light

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Seeds of Hope

Presented by a team from the Office for Evangelisation and the Liturgy Resource Centre. To book email [lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie)

**Faithfest for teenagers is back!!** Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place **Friday 5 March from 6:30 – 8:30pm online.** You can register online using this link:

<https://forms.gle/DwKDsXCuTornHFYA8>.

For more information

email: [faithfest@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:faithfest@dublindiocese.ie)

We thank parishioners for your contributions to the **First and Second Collections** and to the **Family Offering**. We draw parishioners' attention to the 'Donate' button on the parish website [glasnevinparish.ie](http://glasnevinparish.ie) which you can also use for your regular contributions.



In the next couple of weeks we hope to issue parishioners with the offering envelopes for 2021/22. If you are unsure if your correct details/envelope number are on our mailing list, please contact the parish office by phone or email as soon as possible. If you are not currently on the envelope distribution list and would like to sign up, please contact us. Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### The Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, DCU, launched a survey last May called *Coronavirus, Church & You*, which gathered nearly 1500 responses. They launch a follow-up survey called [COVID-19 & Church-21](https://www.dcu.ie/materdei-centre-catholic-education/news/2021/jan/covid-19-church-21-new-survey). The research team aims to get a sense of how clergy and lay people are coping after many months of varying restrictions. We would like to make a detailed audit of the different forms of online and socially-distanced worship and how those who produce or access services feel about them. The survey is open to all churchgoers over 18 years and takes 20-30 minutes to complete. The attached link will bring you to the survey. <https://www.dcu.ie/materdei-centre-catholic-education/news/2021/jan/covid-19-church-21-new-survey>

**ALONE** manage a national [COVID-19 Support Line for Older People](https://www.alone.ie) and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the Coronavirus. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line 0818 222 024 is open 7 days a week 8am - 8pm