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**Mass Intentions:
Sunday 26/09**

9.30am Special Intention
 Freda McGrane (R/D)
 Margaret Kelly (R/D)
 Mary Wyse (R/D)
11.00am John Colgan (A)
 Elizabeth Moran (A)
 Deceased family & friends of Elizabeth Moran
 Ciss & Jack Grant (A)
 Pierce Kavanagh (R/D)

Wednesday 29/09

10.00am Mary Morgan(A)
 Sr. Oliver Morgan (R/D)
 Special Intention

Saturday 02/10

10.00am Maria & Shay Maguire (50th Wedding Anniversary)

Condolences to the family and friends of Lisa McDermott whose funeral took place in Our Lady of Dolours



Over the coming weeks we will have the joy of administering the sacraments of **First Communion and Confirmation** to children in our parish, who have seen these ceremonies postponed a number of times. We pray for the children and their families as they prepare to celebrate these important sacramental moments. The following is the schedule for the coming week:
 Tuesday 28th Sept at 4.00pm: St. Brigid's Confirmation
 Wednesday 29th Sept. at 4.00pm: St. Brigid's Confirmation
 All the ceremonies will be live streamed on the parish webcam at: www.glasnevinparish.ie



CHURCH OPENING AND MASS TIMES

There are two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am and at 11.00am. We thank parishioners for observing the following guidelines:

As social distancing restrictions still apply, every second pew remains cordoned off, and we ask parishioners to keep a two metre distance in the pew unless with family members and to follow the directions of the stewards at Mass.

- *We ask parishioners to wear a face mask while attending Mass and to sanitise your hands using one of the dispensers available as you enter the church.
- *Holy Communion is brought to you by the celebrant or an assisting minister.
- *Follow the guidance of stewards in exiting the church at the end of Mass.

Mass will continue to be streamed on the webcam for those who choose for the moment to continue to participate from at home: www.glasnevinparish.ie

The church remains open each day from 11.00am-5.00pm for private prayer.

*N.B. all weekly mass intentions must be booked **no later than Wednesday** of the previous week in order to be included in the mass intentions list and in our newsletter.*



We thank parishioners for your contributions to the **First and Second Collections** and to the **Family Offering**. Contributions can also be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: www.ionaroadparish.ie
 We also thank parishioners for your generous support of the *Summer Dues*.



Crosscare have asked us to express their thanks for your tremendous support of last Sunday's annual collection. Parishioners and visitors who missed the collection can still contribute by placing a contribution in one of the special 'Crosscare' envelopes available at the back of the church and placing it in the safe, or online at www.crosscare.ie



We welcome **Fr. Gareth Byrne** to the Glasnevin Grouping. Gareth has recently been appointed by Archbishop Dermot Farrell as Moderator of the Diocesan Curia, based in Drumcondra and has offered to assist the parishes of the Grouping on Sundays. We also welcome **Fr. Paul St. John**, who has been appointed Parish Chaplain at Ballygall Parish



The annual diocesan **Safeguarding Sunday** takes place this Sunday 26th September. The theme for this year is "*Safeguarding in a pandemic*". Archbishop Dermot Farrell has written a letter to the people of the Diocese, which is published in full below.

Please note: The Sacristy and Parish Office are currently **closed for access**. If you need to contact either please phone 01-7979153 or 01-8379445 or email any requests for mass intentions, mass cards, baptismal/confirmation certificates etc. to ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com.

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 COVID-19. 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: 'Sunday, 26 September, is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. This year our focus is on safeguarding in a time of pandemic. Our Safeguarding Day poster, which is available to download on www.csps.dublindiocese.ie draws attention to some of the ways we have tried to protect each other during this time: by observing social distancing guidelines; by wearing face masks; by caring for the poor as we see two people putting together hampers for distribution to poor families at Christmas. When we refer to safeguarding we think of the steps we take to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse. Our recent experiences of Covid-19 remind us that this is not something new or alien. The terminology may be different, but the activity of protecting the young and the vulnerable has always been central to who we are as a Christian community.

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While the term 'vulnerable adult' has a particular meaning within our policies and guidelines, we have all learned a little bit more about what it means to be vulnerable during this time. We have been vulnerable to illness, to the loneliness that goes with social isolation, and to poverty as traditional sources of income dry up. We have experienced this at diocesan level through the very painful experience of letting go of some of our much loved and valued colleagues. We have had to make do with less. However, that opens up fresh challenges and opportunities as we learn to share with each other, across parishes and across dioceses, our time and our expertise in the work of safeguarding.

There have been some changes over the past year. Safeguarding training has been delivered via Zoom, though it is hoped that people will be able to attend training in person again sometime in 2022. The National Vetting Bureau have limited the number of roles for which vetting can be obtained. We, along with others who work with children and vulnerable persons, have appealed against what we consider an overly restrictive interpretation of the legislation. While we await the outcome of a review of the vetting legislation, we must not allow this to weaken our safeguarding practices. We need to explore other means to ensure that those who minister in our parishes do not represent a threat to the safety of children and vulnerable adults. All this is a reminder that there is never just one way of doing things. If one door is closed to us, we must open another.

Some things have changed, but others remain the same. In 2015, Pope Francis told us that: "Families need to know that the Church is making every effort to protect their children. They should also know that they have every right to turn to the Church with full confidence, for it is a safe and secure home". Our safeguarding practices may have to change to adapt to new circumstances. Our commitment to make the Church in Dublin a safe and secure home for children and vulnerable adults remains undiminished. I ask you to remember in your prayers all those who have suffered abuse.
 + Dermot Farrell

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