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Mass Intentions:



Sunday 02/01
9.30am Bernadette McConnell (R/D)
 Special Intention
 Victor Barry (R/D)
11.00am Marie Byrne (A)

Monday 03/01
10.00am Lorcan Mulhall (R/D)

Saturday 07/01
10.00am Cis & Jack Grant (A)



Crosscare is working with hundreds of families and children in Dublin who struggle to get basic food supplies. It is often the months after Christmas which many people find challenging. Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal for donations replaces the food collection in parishes in previous years. Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online at www.crosscare.ie/donate or call 01 8360011. Many thanks!

Family Offering Donation €460 1st Collection €1,605
 Share €1,095 - thank you for your generous support



CHURCH OPENING AND MASS TIMES

- * There are two Masses each Sunday at 9.30am (as Gaeilge) and 11.00am.
- * We encourage parishioners and visitors to observe social distancing, to hand sanitise on entering the church and to wear a face-mask at Mass. Any parishioner or visitor experiencing Covid-19 symptoms is asked not to attend Sunday Mass. The shaking of hands at the sign of peace is discouraged.
- * **Monday 3rd January** is a public holiday. Mass is at 10.00am.
- * **Thursday 6th January, Feast of the Epiphany**, is a holy day. Mass will be celebrated at 10.0am.
- * 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 daily after mass until 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 who have already returned their Christmas Offerings, which support 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 encourage those who no longer carry cash to contribute to our Mass collections through the Tap and Go device at the back of the church.



A huge thank you to our sacristy and parish office team, to our stewards, and to all our ministers and volunteers who have assisted in so many ways throughout the past year. It is greatly appreciated.



Prayer for the Synod

Copies of the **Synod Prayer** are now available to take away from the back of the Church.

A word of warning: a number of parishioners have alerted us that they have received a parking ticket when their car was parked on the road as they attended Mass over the past couple of Sundays. We have been in touch with the Gardai about this, but until the matter is resolved we caution parishioners to be aware of this possibility.



Fr. Paul, Fr. Richard, the Parish Team and the Priests and Pastoral Councils of the Glasnevin Grouping wish all our parishioners and visitors every Joy and Blessing for the New Year.



Reflection: We have celebrated Christmas. The telling of the story of the nativity never ceases to hold its magic for us: God's love for all humanity revealed in the humble birth of a child. The feast of the Holy Family reminds us that Jesus had a normal upbringing, learning about life, love and God and discerning his own calling within the context of family life. On this Second Sunday of Christmas, John, in the prologue to his Gospel, presents us with a theological reflection on the meaning of the incarnation. As we begin a new year, it would be worth taking time to read this gospel slowly and repeatedly, as it offers us direction and hope for the coming days and months. John uses key images like 'Word', 'light' and 'witness'. In these dark times, where we are preoccupied with the impact of Covid on our personal and work lives, it is encouraging to hear of Christ bringing light into our world, a light that darkness cannot overpower. It is the light of faith and trust in God's closeness to us that will sustain us when the darkness of sickness, bereavement, anxiety or loneliness threatens to overpower us. In the mystery of Christ, God addresses his eternal Word of love to us. Perhaps we could make a resolution to spend a bit more time reading the word of God in scripture, so that we can become more attuned to the ordinary ways in which God addresses his word to us in the events and encounters of each day. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to witness to what we believe so that we become a light, a word of hope to others. Happy New Year!