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**Mass Intentions:**

**Sunday 19/12**

**9.30am** Eileen Doherty (R/D)

**11.00am** Patrick & Teresa Doherty (A)

Special Intention

**Monday 20/12**

**10.00am** Paddy Carroll (R/D)

Special Intention

**Tuesday 21/12**

**10.00am** Special Intention

**Friday 24/12**

**10.00am** Thomas Lilis RIP



**Christmas Novena of Masses**

*Holy Mass is offered in the Parish each day for all enrolled members beginning December 17th and ending with Christmas Day.*



Many thanks to all those who organised and participated in the outdoor **Christmas Fair** last Sunday. There was a wonderful atmosphere, as parishioners had an opportunity to meet, pick up some lovely Christmas gifts, enjoy a pancake or hot chocolate, while listening to carols from the students from St. Mary's Secondary School and the Tolka Dots choir.



Family Offering Donation €750 1st Collection € 345 - thank you for your generous support



**CHURCH OPENING AND MASS TIMES**

\* There are two Masses each Sunday at 9.30am and 11.00am.

\* We encourage parishioners and visitors to observe social distancing, to hand sanitise on entering the church and to wear a facemask 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.



Thanks to parishioners who have contacted the parish office to reserve a place at one of our **Christmas Masses**. There are no more available places at the 5.00pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve, and we have already opened a waiting list. There are still some places left for the 8.00pm Mass and for both Masses on Christmas Day. If you wish to attend Christmas Mass in the parish, you are invited to contact the parish secretary by phone or email during office hours giving your name and contact details and indicating which Christmas Mass you wish to attend and how many places you wish to reserve. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. All Masses can be followed on our webcam accessible through the parish website: [www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie) (*As of this Friday we are anticipating a government announcement based on the latest NEPHT advice, which may impact on numbers permitted to attend, so check our website for updates closer to Christmas.*)

Christmas Mass times are the following:

**Christmas Eve:**

5.00pm Family Mass

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Nativity

**Christmas Day:**

9.30am Mass

11.00am Mass

All our Christmas Masses will be *live streamed*, which will be of particular interest to those parishioners who have family members living abroad.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will be available immediately after both the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses this Sunday.

An **Advent Service of Reconciliation** led by the Franciscan friars will be celebrated in the church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd December



**Prayer for the Synod**

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



Thank you to those parishioners who assisted with delivering our parish Christmas card, timetable of services and Christmas Offering envelope. There are still a few that remain to be delivered and we appreciate any assistance...



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. Crosscare helps people with food parcels and meals in our cafes and food banks and assists families with budgeting, healthy eating, long-term housing and welfare support. 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](http://www.crosscare.ie/donate) or call 01 8360011. Many thanks!

**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.**

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.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)

*Reflection: We may groan inwardly as we anticipate an announcement of tighter restrictions concerning hospitality or attendance at cultural events in the coming days following the latest public health advice, and certainly our thoughts are with those whose businesses may be affected by such measures. But for most of us it's little more than an inconvenience or curtailment of social contact which is serving a greater good: preventing the spread of the latest version of the coronavirus and protecting our vulnerable health service. As we approach the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity, we have much to be thankful for: the vast majority of us are fully vaccinated and many have already received their booster. Most of us can look forward to celebrating Christmas in the company of family and friends. Millions of people across the world are not so fortunate whether through poverty, hunger, conflict, forced migration or lack of access to vaccines. So let us approach the festive season in a spirit of gratitude and generosity, which will spread light and joy. In the midst of all our own agendas, let us make time for whom and for what is important, as Mary does. And as we enter this final week of Advent, let us draw inspiration from the openness of heart of her, who trusted that 'the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled'.*



The St. Vincent de Paul Society thank parishioners for your very generous response to their annual appeal last Sunday, which raised €3080