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Mass Intentions:



Sunday 09/01

- 9.30am** Victor Barry (R/D)
Mary Grace (R/D)
Special Intention
- 11.00am** Prayers for Jim Hayes (R/D)
Nora Heffernan (R/D)
Tom Farrell (R/D)
Eileen Doherty (MM)
Peter Coyne (43A)
Bernard Boyle (4A)
Susan Butler (2A)
Patrick McDonnell (2A)
Get Well Special Intention
Thanksgiving Special Intention

Wednesday 12/1

- 10.00am** Patricia Kavanagh (R/D)
Jim Dunne (R/D)

Friday 13/1

- 10.00am** Birthday Special Intention



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 €1,065 1st Collection €435
 Share €250 - 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.
 - * 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 and particularly during the Christmas period. Many parishioners have commented on how beautiful the church has looked and how the Advent and Christmas liturgies have given them a lift.

The monthly meeting of the Glasnevin Grouping Committee will take place via zoom on Tuesday 11th January at 7.00pm.



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. Until the matter is resolved satisfactorily, we ask parishioners to let us know if you receive a fine and we encourage you to appeal the fine.

In order to protect our parish staff at a time when the transmission of the coronavirus is very aggressive, we kindly request parishioners **not** to enter the parish office or sacristy at this time. If you require anything from the sacristy (ie: Mass card signed), simply knock on the door connecting the sacristy to the church, and a sacristan will attend to you in the church. You can continue to email the parish secretary at ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com The parish office phone (01/8379445) is monitored daily, and calls will be responded to. We thank parishioners for your cooperation with these temporary restrictions.

Each Thursday a group of us meet on zoom at 7.30pm to read and reflect together on the Gospel for the following Sunday. We call it Lectio Divina. The meeting lasts about 40 minutes and is open to anyone. No prior knowledge of scripture is required. If you would like to join any week, just give the parish secretary your email address, and a link will be sent to you.

Reflection

This week we celebrated Epiphany or Nollaig na mBan – women’s Christmas. Eastern Rite Christians celebrate Christmas this week. Today, 7th January is Christmas Day in Ethiopia. We think of Fr. Sintayhu, who lived among us for a few years and graced us with his warmth, hospitality, faith and sense of fun. Many parishioners remain in touch with him, and he sent us greetings for our Christmas. This week we can return the compliment. By coincidence the BBC did a news report on the current humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia, as a result of civil conflict between government forces and rebels in the Tigray province, which leaves many civilians displaced and cut off from access to food and medical care. It is tempting to look away from the distressing images but we cannot.

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, a feast that marks the transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time, where our focus turns to the public ministry of Jesus. Indeed Jesus is baptised for ministry. At prayer following his Baptism, Jesus discerns a voice in his heart telling him: ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’ An angel delivers a similar message to Mary at the Annunciation: ‘You have won God’s favour’. We might be inclined to think how privileged Jesus and Mary were to receive such a message. And yet that too is the meaning of our Baptism. We too are called by name and assured that we are God’s beloved and enjoy God’s favour. But we are also called to ensure that every other human being receives that message through our ministry, our compassion, our practical response to those who are suffering, particularly in places where people experience hunger and poverty. May we not disappoint those for whom our faith creates ‘a feeling of expectancy’.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 19th January at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.