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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 25/12	
09.30am	Christmas Novena of Masses
11.00am	Christmas Novena of Masses
Monday 26/12	
10.00am	Thomas Lillis (A) Special Intention
Tuesday 27/12	
10.00am	Willie Barry (R/D) Noel O'Donnell (R/D)
Wednesday 28/12	
10.00am	Special Intention Donal & Attracta O'Callaghan (Remembrance)
Friday 30/12	
10.00am	Jimmy Quinn (R/D)
Saturday 31/12	
10.00am	Special Intention



Best wishes, blessings and joy to our parishioner Feargal and his fiancé Ailbhe on their upcoming wedding in Carraroe on 29/12. Ag guí gach rath oraibh!

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL

This Christmas, Crosscare are asking for help for the Food Poverty Service, where Crosscare supports families who find it hard to provide nutritious food. Sadly, almost 800 families and individuals, including 1,000 children, have needed help from the Service this year and demand is likely to increase in the coming months. If you can, you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768. Envelopes will also be made available in all

Ballygall Parish is currently advertising for the position of Sacristan.

Closing date Friday 30th December.
Application with C.V. to be sent to frjosephryan@ballygallparish.ie

CHURCH OPENING AND MASS TIMES

- * Sunday Mass times are 9.30am (Bi-Lingual) and 11.00am. Weekday Masses are Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday & Saturday at 10.00am. There is no mass on Thursdays.
- * **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.

For the convenience of parishioners and visitors who don't carry cash, a **separate Tap and Go** device has been installed beside Our Lady's Statue for **candles and parish contributions only**. Contributions to the parish can also be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: www.glasnevinparish.ie.

The Tap and Go machine at the back of the church is to facilitate those who wish to contribute to the **First and Second collections only**. First & Second collection donations can also be made through the website.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF DOLOURS, GLASNEVIN CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2022

Sunday 25th December
9.30am Mass (Bi-Lingual)
11.00am Mass
(Church will close after 11.00am Mass)



Monday 26th December –Wednesday 28th December
10.00am Mass
Friday 30th & Saturday 31st December
10.00am Mass
Please note there are no Masses on Thursdays
Sunday 1st January
9.30am Mass (Bi-Lingual)
11.00am Mass
Monday 2nd January – Wednesday 4th January
10.00am Mass
Friday 6th January (Feast of the Epiphany)
10.00am Mass
7.00pm Mass

Confessions:
Confessions in Our Lady of Dolours every Saturday after 10.00am Mass
Additional Confessions
Saturday 24th December from 10.30am – 12.00 noon.

Fr. Paul, Fr. Kieran, the Parish Team and the Parish Pastoral Council wish all our parishioners and visitors every Christmas joy and New Year blessing

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Christmas/New Year arrangements

Adoration resumes **Wednesday 18th January, 2023, 3.00pm-4.00pm**

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION 2022



'Never more have I needed Christmas so much and never more have I been disinclined to celebrate it. Perhaps it's the fatigue we are all feeling. Watching news reports and listening to various commentaries one could get the impression that Christmas is all about economics, travel to family and friends, the power of the euro in the pocket and the cost of living and energy alongside the mere giving and receiving of gifts. I wonder if Christ has been taken out of his Christmas?'

And then I think of what we have achieved throughout a difficult year. The solidarity and volunteering, the generosity and efficacious graciousness.

I've often thought that there are really only two types of people in the world...wait for it... - those who want to share and those who don't. I've no doubt which of the two take the Christian way.

Of course, it's a duty to share material things, for the Gospel says: "share with those who have none". But perhaps there is a different kind of sharing. The kind of sharing that is about solidarity, standing together, knuckling down and being collegiate. No single one of us can do everything and even if we could it would be unfair to self and to others.

Before my own eyes I've seen such goodness and ministry in our very own parish since my very recent arrival. When I consider it, I realise that when possessions and work are shared, then a new element of discipleship, partnership and community enters into life, life can be happier, fuller and worthy of celebration for ourselves, for the world and life.

The Lord God ever wished that fuller and happier life for us. That is why Emmanuel, -'God-with-us', Jesus was sent. Perhaps I will celebrate Christmas after all.'

Fr. Kieran

The Time Has Come

Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Advent Pastoral Letter, 2022

I am struck by the phrase from the Letter to the Romans offered to us in the First Sunday of Advent liturgy: 'You know "the time" has come: you must wake up now; our salvation is even nearer than when we were converted.' (Romans 13:11). Jesus in the Gospel, reflecting on the second coming of the Son of Man, asks us all to stand ready (see Matthew 24:44).

In every generation we are asked to be ready, recognising the salvation offered in Christ Jesus, on fire with his Spirit, proclaiming the Gospel in every season, finding new ways to witness to the presence and power of Christ in our own lives and to the people of our time.

Over the past year and more, our parishes have been asked for their thoughts on the future direction of the Church in the Archdiocese. We have much to do: supporting people to deepen their faith and relationship with God; creating the structures that support vibrant communities of faith; advocating for those who are on the margins (see *Statement of Mission*, February 2022).

The synodal discussions that took place last spring have taught us something new from the heart of the Church. We have rediscovered the value of prayerful reflection, listening to the variety of voices available to us, and discerning together the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The first phase of *Building Hope* implementation was an invitation to dialogue in parishes, reflecting on the four dimensions of the 'Framework for Pastoral Renewal' drawn from the *Building Hope* Task Force Report. Parishes responded generously with the fruits of that initial conversation, including their proposals for partnership with neighbouring parishes. In September, I published my initial response to that parish material in a document entitled *Feedback on Easter 2022 Strategic Planning Process*, which I ask parishes to reflect on deeply.

I am now making a further response to you, having listened carefully to your proposals for partnerships. Following careful analysis and further dialogue, I am writing to each parish to confirm the partnership arrangements through which I am asking you to realign your efforts and energies to suit the times in which we live.

Within each partnership of parishes, Parish Pastoral Councils, all active parishioners, priests, deacons, parish pastoral workers and voluntary parish leaders, including catechists into the future, are encouraged to renew the missionary aspect of parish life and contribute energetically towards the partnership of local parishes. In this way we can reach out beyond what any one parish might be able to facilitate or imagine. A set of pastoral aids will be provided to help with conversation and action locally. You know the time has come.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas we open our hearts again to Jesus Christ, God-with-us, a light for all the world to see. Even in the darkest and loneliest of places he brings salvation. His message of justice, peace and love sets us out again on a journey, this year and every year, focused on love of God and love of neighbour. 'Let us walk in the light of the Lord' (Isaiah 2:5), 'that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths' (Isaiah 2:3). Let us turn our hearts towards Christ, who is the light that will show us the way forward, a light for our footsteps into the future God is preparing with us.

+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin