



## *Bearing One Another's Burdens*



LIGHT HOUSE SERVING OVER 85,000 MEALS DURING COVID

## DCM NEWSLETTER

Joe Murphy | **DCM Operations Manager**

Recently I was requested to answer three questions regarding the Mission's activities during this past year reflecting upon the uniqueness of these days. To all our partners and friends, it is our hope that you find this informative and encouraging.

### **What's your ministry like right now?**

During Covid at the Dublin Christian Mission, we transitioned to serve needy residents of Dublin. At our homeless centre, The Light House, we repositioned to takeaway service distributing 87,154 hot meals six days per week. Previously a café style ministry serving 500 meals per week, the demand has been 1200-2000 depending on lockdowns. We created a safe environment to assist homeless with one-on-one services including housing, treatment, personal care and counselling.

At our community centre, we are connecting with youth and families in a variety of creative ways including distributing food parcels and social distance activities with the youth. Our community café remains open for takeaway service.

Why do all this? For the wonderful opportunities to represent the hands and heart of Jesus!

### **How is God working?**

Our challenge has been staying connected under the restrictions. With much prayer, handing out food bags and personal items each day, we soon realized there are many ways! Picking up litter from our homeless guests gives opportunities to chat, handing a food parcel connects or serving together engages with our many volunteers. I began calling these "at the well encounters"!

One day a young girl came to us, you could tell she had been crying, a female volunteer went to the steps to comfort her. Homeless, something happened that afternoon, too heavy to share. Witnessing from behind I thought, "we were here for her". There are countless stories like these. Those words come to mind often, "we were here for you during very difficult times".

### **How can we be praying for you?**

Please pray God will continue to protect us and provide all that is needed practically, spiritually, emotionally, as we serve together, that the Gospel is centre and as a community we represent Him and the work He has called us to do.



The **IMPACT** of working **TOGETHER**...to Our Staff, Volunteers, Suppliers & Financial Supporters...  
**WELL DONE!**



# CHANCERY PLACE



## Leanne Fermoyle | Community Work



Over in Chancery Place after a year of restrictions, we still long for the days of engaging with youth in clubs and various community activities. We were able to enjoy the brief ease during December which allowed us to gather in small groups,

holding a "social distance" Christmas event, providing an outside carols event in the Chancery Place Square and distributing 100's of Christmas hampers.

Now back in lockdown, activities are limited but we continue engaging through simple "acts of kindness" keeping our connections with youth, families and seniors during the challenges of these days.



## Brian Synnott | Services Manager

"For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities..." Hebrews 4:15



At DCM, we seek a standard of excellence. However, what is often referred to as 'professional detachment' we cannot afford. Surely we have healthy relational parameters and consider other risk factors however as Jesus was moved by compassion by the cries of those in need so must we. I have discovered that our guests touch my heart in ways a book never can.

One recent week, I was distracted by a crying toddler outside The Light House, discovering that the child's cry was due to being cold and hungry with a distressed mother living with the stress of choosing paying rent or buying food...*that changes you.*



My heart was marked again when a grown man living in his car wept as he shared his decision to forfeit splitting his family by permitting them to remain in the family home...*that changes you.*

Or to look into the tearing eyes of someone in distress begging for underwear, trousers and a towel seeking to clean up the diarrhoea that his medication has invoked...*that changes you - forever.*

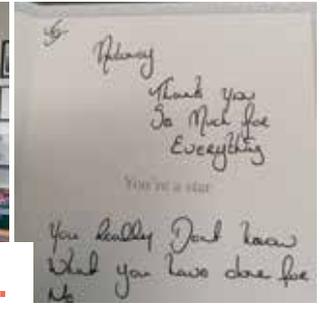
God has never had a detached attitude towards me but hears every cry of my heart and is moved by compassion to help. He is willing to befriend me reaching the darkest parts of life to provide comfort, strength and salvation.

Our task in DCM is not just to provide food or youth activities but to reflect Jesus' attitude and service to us. Our great High Priest is our model for mission: touched each day with the feeling of our infirmities.

Please pray with us that we maintain the highest standards of our profession: reflecting Jesus Christ by remaining tender-hearted to the cries of the helpless, hopeless & distressed. May our hearts be forever touched by our guest's infirmities moving us with compassion as our Saviour has moved in us.



# THE LIGHT HOUSE



**BE PART OF THE VISION BY HELPING US TO CONTINUE...**

## Jay Bobinac

Jay was homeless when he first arrived at The Light House. Over time he became a resident in our transitional housing and began volunteering. Fast forward, Jay has completed level 8 in social care, is now a community employment manager with Tiglin and is currently completing his masters in social care. He is involved in the No Bucks Café evening service at The Light House. Reflecting back, Jay commented he is grateful for all those that came by his side in a journey that began at The Light House.



## Jessica Wade

The Light House one-on-one support services...from homelessness back to family...my drug use spiralled out of control, my family asked me to leave so I began using hostel accommodations...dinner connected me with The Light House where I met a support worker who told me I had a future which gave me hope...she suggested a day programme with key working sessions to reduce my drug use...my goal is residential treatment...today I've been given my entry date and my family have taken me home to prepare...I am delighted and so thankful I stopped by for dinner that day...now I have a future and hope with God.



## Christmas Donations

A HUGE THANKS to the many individuals and groups that donated so generously over Christmas that truly made the season special demonstrating the spirit of giving...too many to list!



## Developing Housing under Green Pastures UK model

New development! We are transitioning our Chancery Place housing to a model developed by Green Pastures (UK). Its purpose is to bring stability and hope, providing a home environment, creating a 'culture/atmosphere' whereby the positive change is made possible, more than a bed, place of change.

“ A new resident commented, I feel like I am getting closer to God living at Chancery Place. ”



## First COVID case after 10 months

After 10 months, we had our first positive case with a volunteer. After determining seven individuals that had "close contact" by God's grace, all tested negative, further evidence of God's protection and intervention so that His LIGHT continues to shine brightly through The Light House!

# TASTE & SEE CAFE

New hours, New Menu, New Opportunities"



DRINKS		TEA BLENDED	
Double Espresso	1.50	Breakfast Tea	1.50
Americano	2.00	Green tea	1.50
Cappuccino	2/2.50	Peppermint	1.50
Flat White	2/2.50	Red Berry	1.50
Latte	2.50	Lemon & Ginger	1.50
Caramel/Hazelnut Latte	2.50		
Cafe Miel	2.50	EXTRA	
Mocha	2.50	Extra Shot	.50
Chia Latte	2.60	Alternative Milk	.30
Hot Chocolate	2/2.50	Oat / Almond / Soy	
Ice Coffee	3/3.50		
Soft Drinks	1.50		
HOT & COLD		TAKE-AWAY SANDWICHES	
Porridge with Berries & Seeds		Grilled Ham & Cheese	
Homemade porridge   Mixed seeds   Homemade Berries compote.	3	Pulled ham, white cheddar & onion marmalade on sourdough toasted with Irish butter	5
Porridge with Honey & Yogurt		Grilled Cheese	
Homemade porridge   Greek yogurt   Honey   Toasted almonds & chia seeds. (GF)	3	White cheddar & mozzarella with basil pesto on sourdough toasted in Irish butter.	5
Granola		Chicken Chipotle	
Hot homemade granola   Greek yogurt   Honey   Homemade Berries compote.	3	Roasted chicken with peppers, sweet corn, red onion, white cheddar & chipotle mayo on sourdough.	5.50
Ask us for Soup of the Day	2.50	Pulled Pork	
		BBQ pulled pork with chipotle sauce, white cheddar & spinach on brioche bread.	5.50

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY ALLERGIES WHEN ORDERING

## BE PART OF THE VISION

### FINANCIAL DETAILS

**Cheque:** DCM, 5/6 Chancery Place, Dublin D07 A2Y7

**PayPal (Debit/Credit Cards)** www.dcmlive.ie

**Bank Transfer and Standing Orders:**

**Bank:** AIB BIC: AIBKIE2D

**IBAN:** IE68AIBK93122510307010

**Acct:** 10307010 Sort Code: 931225



**Cheque:** DCM Northern Trust, c/o Clive Evans, Pheasant Lodge, 15 Cardy Road, Greyabbey, Co. Down, BT22 2LT

**Bank Transfer and Standing Orders:**

**Bank:** Ulster Bank BIC: ULSBGB2B

**IBAN:** GB80ULSB98033050457039

**Acct:** 50457039 Sort Code: 980330



Thank you for being a part of the "response" to the homeless, the hungry, the children, and the families. You are a blessing to us all!

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As needed

Youth & Community Work

The Light House  
COVID-19 Response