

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for all those who died recently including and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat 18th	5.30pm	Evelyn Connolly (10th A); Therese Cunningham (A); Joan O'Connor (3rd A); Thomas & Abigail O'Connor (A) Salthill House Tony O'Connor (Remb); Pat & Peggy Stack (A) Decd members of the Roche & Mc Carthy families Padraic Gill (A) & decd members of the Mc Cann families	C.S.
Sun 19th	9.30am	Jim Fives (A)	C.S.
	11 am	Yveline Chasseraud (10th A); Joe Kenny (18th A) Brian Mc Kenna (A) and his parents Marie & John Mc Kenna Jim & Peggy Kearney (A) and decd family members Phil & Charlie Mc Dermott (A) ; Pat Mc Donagh (A) Special Intention	D.W.
	12.30pm	Breeda Canney Jacobsen (2nd A); Martin Scully (A); Paddy Whelan (2nd A); Carrie & Christy Barnwall (A); Tom & Betty Greene (A) ; Mary & Leo Murphy (A) Austin Mc Morrow (B'day Remb)	G.J.
Mon 20th	10 am	Michael & Sally Casserly & decd family members Tom Hession (A); Kevin & Phyllis Treston (A); Frank Murray (Remb); Thanksgiving	G.J.
Tues 21st	10am	Vincent Harrington (A); Charles Lynch R.I.P. Phil Kenny (A) & Michael & Frances O'Mahony (A) Decd members of the Bruzzi, Corless & Dolan families	G.J.
Wed 22nd	10 am	Decd members of the Sugure & Higgins families Decd members of Carragh Hill residents Anthony Raftery (A); Special Intention	MSC
Thurs 23rd	10 am	Seán Mc Manamon (5th A); Michael J Ward (Remb) Patrick & Bridget Ruane (A) & decd family members Special Intention	C.S.
Christmas Eve	10am	Seamus Byrne, Castlebar (1st A) Peg & Ben Campion (A) Deceased members of the O'Bric & Walsh families	C.S.
	4pm	Private Intention	D.W.
	6pm	Private Intention	C.S.
	8pm	Private Intention	G.J.
Christmas Day	9.30am 11am 12.30pm	Anne Gallagher (A); Fr Jimmy Mc Caffrey (1st A) Private Intention Private Intention	C.S. D.W. G.J.



PARISH NEWS

19th December 2021

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



Parish Notices.

Weekday Mass: 10 am

Saturday: Vigil mass at 5.30pm

Sunday: Mass at 9:30 and 11a.m & 12.30pm

All our Ceremonies are on-line *"salthillparish.ie"* - live web cam.

Christmas in our Church

Christmas Carols 7-8p.m Sunday 19th - This Sunday

Christmas Eve - December 24th Mass at 4p.; 6p.m; & 8p.m.

Christmas Day - December 25th 9:30a.m.; 11a.m.; 12:30p.m. (No evening Mass)

St Stephens Day December 26th (Sunday) 9:30a.m; 11a.m. 12:30p.m.

We will be limiting the number of people at our various Masses at Christmas so as to ensure people are as safe as possible. Over the Christmas weekend December 24th, 25, 26th - Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and St Stephens Day we will have Nine Christmas Masses. The Bible doesn't actually tell us what day Jesus was born and we invite people to come to one Mass over the 3 day period. **Pre-booking is necessary** so please phone ahead (091-523413) over the next few days and let us know what Mass you would like to attend. People with colds and flu like symptoms are urged to say at home and get well. As of now the following Masses 6p.m on Christmas Eve and 11am on Christmas Day are pretty much at capacity and so we would ask people to book one of the other Masses.

We are presently preparing the Church for Christmas and we will have the usual lights, decorations, two cribs - one inside and one outside. Special thanks to the "Men's Shed" especially Eamon and Tom, Paddy & Ray for the construction of a new outdoor crib and much of the "heavy lifting", together with a host of other parishioners giving of their time and skill. It's appropriate to decorate the church as we celebrate a very special event that had and still has, an enormous effect on our world. Huge thanks to Frank (overall co-ordinator); Seamus (Projects); Rhona and Orna in the Parish Office; Sr Breege (Church & Liturgy), my colleague Fr. Charlie, Jackie and all the musicians and all the volunteers and helpers and those involved in all the activities that make up the parish .



Salthill Parish is committed to the protection of all children and young people in our Church.
See notice boards for contact persons.

SCATTERED THOUGHTS !



Dear Fellow Traveller,

In the waiting room of my good doctor I recently succumbed to the now universal practice of “fiddling” with my mobile phone. I discovered that I have several hundred “Contacts” and I came up with the brainwave - why not send Christmas Greetings via my mobile phone and skip the arduous job of writing Christmas Cards, looking for addresses etc. As I scrolled through that list, an uncomfortable reality dawned: quite a few on that list had died (well, ten of them to be precise). Now there is nothing so embarrassing as sending a Christmas Card to a person who is no longer in a position to receive it! They may have died, but their contact numbers remained inscribed (forever?) on my phone! Is it a betrayal of our friendship to remove them now, an act of feckless disloyalty? I don’t know if this is an experience unique to myself, but the deletion of the contact numbers of departed friends is a guilt-inducing exercise. In a sense they are like ghosts on my phone. Their numbers still in my “contacts list”. They range from friendly acquaintance to people I’ve known for half my life, close friends who enriched my world immeasurably. Flicking through the list, a few have succumbed to Covid, others with various diseases of our time, some younger, a few older than yours truly, all special and unique. Their names are now a roll call of regret – friendships over. The new practice of people leaving a Condolence Message on R.I.P. and all the nice things say about the deceased is gratifying and heart warming. (Pity we didn’t send those messages to them while they were still with us !) Friendship is a great gift. A gift can mean a skill or talent, and some have it, for generosity and hospitality. A gift is also something freely offered, without the obligations of family connections.

Christianity recognizes the importance of friendship to the human condition, with the Gospels recording how much Jesus' friends matter to him too, as he visits and shares meals with them. When Mary and Martha tell him that their brother, his friend Lazarus, has died, he is devastated, and weeps. This love experienced in friendship, is a selfless love totally committed to the well-being of others. If someone loves another just for their sake and purely desires their well-being, then that is akin to the love of the God the Father for each and every person. While this love is most visible at Christmas time, it is in fact eternal. So my Fellow Traveller and “Friend” =

Happy Christmas.!

[P.S. I decided to leave those names on my phone !].

Covid has very much limited the fundraising ability of the many charitable associations involved in helping the poor. It’s great to know that very many of you have written cheques, donated on-line making private donations to “Good Causes” - People may donate direct or if preferred your envelope can be dropped in to the Parish Office and we will pass it on to your designated Good Cause. If we all do a little it will help a lot ! We have circulated pretty much all of our parish with our Christmas circular and Calendar for 2022. Extra copies at the church porch. Huge thanks for your continued support and encouragement throughout the year.

This is the last “Yellow Page” of 2021. The past year was difficult for everybody. Normal life seems very far away at times. But we are still strong. Parishioners have been so good. The schools and shops and services are open. We have been gathering in Church. Our web cam goes worldwide (- 3,000+ hits a week). Our Community does age. Too many have died. But we all continue to look out for each other and look after each other. A new world is being born. The dance of life goes on. Our love affair continues. God is among us and we are blest with the life we have even if it not perfect. The New Year will bring more changes but we have the energy and the stamina to face whatever comes. Thank you all for your company and your goodness both to our parish and to me personally throughout the year. Have a lovely Christmas and every blessing for the New Year. -

See you on the Prom. - G.J.

Holy Communion: Priests will be visiting those confined to home with Holy Communion on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. Give the Office a ring to arrange a time if you would like a call for Christmas.

WANTED: Huge thanks to our team of loyal and faithful volunteers who “put Jesus to bed each night” at present. We need a few volunteers “good and true” to lock the church (between 6 & 8p.m.) over the next few weeks. Mondays Tuesdays, and Sundays in particular if you can.

MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:30am,

11am,

12.30pm

WEEKDAYS:

Mon – Sat.: 10am

Confessions:

Saturdays after 10am Mass
in the Adoration Chapel

The Parish Office:

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30–1pm
2pm –4pm

Orna Hosty {Mon –Wed}

Rhona Bolger [Thurs-Fri]

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Parish Co-Ordinator:

Frank Keane.

Parish Sister: Sr Breege Ruane

Special Projects: Seamus Hynes

Music Director: Jackie Lillis.

Readers

5.30pm Kilroy Family

9.30am Parish Reader

11am Kenny Family

12.30pm Canney Family

Flowers

Linens

Noirín Barrett
Maura Connolly

Huge “Thank You” to
all our Volunteers.