

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for all those who died recently including **Nora Naughton**, Devon Park (funeral @ 12 noon Monday); **Tom Murphy**, The Maples; (Funeral @12 noon Tuesday) ; **Colette Foster**, Antrim sister of Tom White, Dr Mannix Ave and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat	4th	5.30pm	Brendan & Kay Allen (A) Charlie Kearney (A); Liam Brennan (A) Jimmy Ward (A) and his son Jimmy Deceased members of the Gill & Fallon families Billy & Josephine Ward (A)	C.S.
Sun	5th	9.30am	Harry Begley (4th A) Nora & Philip Duggan (A)	C.S.
		11 am	Paul Colleran (A); Fr Colman O'Halloran (19th A) John Joe Fleming Jnr (8th A) Baby Charlie Dempsey (10th A)	D.W.
		12.30pm	Beryl & Ronnie Waldron (A) Jeannette & Patrick Mc Carthy (A) Pat O'Sullivan (6th A)	G.J.
Mon	6th	10 am	Rory Hayes (6th A) Special Intention	G.J.
Tues	7th	10am	Tom Colbert (21st A) Special Intention	G.J.
Wed	8th	10 am	Special Intention Teresa & Tony Bambrick (A) Cora Dowling (10th A) and Mick Dowling Leo & May Uhlemann (A); Michael Morris (A)	MSC
Thurs	9th	10 am	Padraig Flaherty (Remb) Special Intention	C.S
Fri	10th	10am	Special Intention	C.S
Sat	11th	10am	Deceased members of Galway Golf Club	GJ

Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat	11th	5.30pm	Terry Barrett (2nd A); Brenda Small (10th A); Maura Tonge (3rd A); Maeve Kelly (6th A) & Roddy Kelly Holy Souls
Sun	12th	9:30am	Private Intention
		11 am	Peadar Cafferky R.I.P.; Gus & Gertie Kerin (A)
		12.30pm	Charles Lynch, Oaklands (Months Mind) Bernadette Davern (Months Mind) Dympna & Donal Moloney (2nd A)



PARISH NEWS

5th 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"](http://salthillparish.ie) - live web cam.

Covid Update: There are no restrictions to the number of people who can attend Mass, etc. People need to continue to wear masks in church, sanitise hands and generally keep their distance. Lifting of restrictions means we need to be careful with our meetings and social contacts, (no shaking hands or hugging), stay at home if we have any symptoms, etc. Big thanks to all our Ushers, Cleaners, and volunteers who kept the doors open during the lockdown . Working together we can achieve a lot !

Parish Activities are still on hold until Covid numbers return to an acceptable and safe level.

Parish Survey - We are undertaking a review of our Website and would love to hear your views . Please complete the short survey which can be found on our Web Homepage. The website address is - **"www.salthillparish.ie"**. It will remain open for two weeks.



Christmas in our Church

We have made no decisions about Christmas Masses yet until the government give some direction. We are looking at people going to a "Christmas Mass" on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or St Stephen's Day - Friday Saturday, Sunday, - 4th, 25th, 26th. There will need to be some kind of preregistering so as to limit the "Social contact" and keep people safe. More details next week.



As a kick off to Christmas we hope to organise a gentle Carol Singing session on Sunday 19th December @ 7pm.



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,

I am afraid I am a bit of a Philistine when it comes to modern technology, and it takes me all my time to answer the mobile phone and read text messages. I am astounded to learn that there was 170,000 “Hits” on the parish website (“salthillparish.ie”) in the past year. I am flabbergasted by the number of connections, and it seems to be the coming “Thing”. We have recently updated the site - Big thanks to Tim who guided us. We hope to continue to learn about and use the internet.

One of the “Blessing” of the internet are Zoom meetings - where people can connect with each other and have a meeting without being physically present. As part of our Advent preparations for Christmas we plan to have two Zoom meetings. You are invited to join us for two mornings at which we will look at the Christmas Story, and focus on our story and the joy of Christmas. Thursday 9th 11.00 and Thursday 16th; 11.00 am on Zoom. Meeting will be hosted by Fr. Charlie Sweeney and will last no longer than an hour).

Details **Meeting ID: 885 4178 0106. Password : 887486** or you can email the **Parish Office to get the direct link. Hope you can join us.**

I was struck like you by the tragic fate of the 27 refugees or more who perished in the English Channel last week which mirrors in many way the terrible dispersal of our own people in the 19th century as result of the famine. In 1847, some 200,000 people sailed for Boston alone. 2,000 never made it, killed by disease and hunger, their remains ‘buried at sea’. The St. John was one such a boat, sunk off the coast of Massachusetts in October 1849. The ship had sailed from Galway, loaded with desperate people. It survived the journey, only to sink within sight of the promised New World. With death rates commonly ranging between 20%, and 50%, these vessels were the real ‘Coffin Ships’. Those who died were buried at sea. Similar but different incidents of the fate of refugees in Afghanistan, Africa etc are reported as “News” regularly on our T.V. but the overall effect on the world is minimal. If we don’t have our basic humanity in common, what is then left? This reflects the famous John Donne assertion that “No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less.”

It seems that Donne were able to penetrate through the dominant politics and positioning of their day to find the truth at the heart of it all - that whenever people die, a hole is left into which pour the tears of the bereaved. President Macron put it well when he offered first his sympathy to the families of those who drowned. This isn’t just a time for politics; rather, it is a time for digging deeper emotionally and being touched by tragedy. I don’t know the names or circumstances of those who have died, but I do know their death should change the world.

This goes to the heart of Christian faith when faced with tragedy and loss. The Christian tradition begins with people being “made in the image of God” and, therefore, being of infinite value - a value that goes beyond their economic function. Every person matters absolutely - not just those we deem acceptable. This goes to the heart of what Christian faith refuses to negotiate. Each one lost in the Channel had a name, a history and people who loved them. God knows their name even if I don’t. We Irish learned this the hard way, whether we still know it or no! Everyone is special!

Have a great week.
G.J.



Salthill Active Retired have finished meetings for this year and we will let you know when they resume in the New Year.



Our local St. Vincent De Paul Annual Society have again cancelled the Door to Door collection this year because of the Pandemic. However, the Society needs your help more than ever and thank you for your generous contributions in the past. Envelopes will be delivered through An Post and parishioners are asked to please put your donation in an envelope and hand in to the Parish Office or deliver or post to Ozanam House, St. Augustine St., Galway, or donate on-line.

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 –4.pm

Orna Hosty {Mon –Wed}

Rhona Bolger [Thurs-Fri]

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Parish Co-Ordinator:

Frank Keane.

Parish Sister: Sr Breege Ruane

Music Director: Jackie Lillis.

Priests of the Parish:

Readers

5.30pm Allen Family

9.30am Parish Reader

11 am Colleran Family

12.30pm Waldron Family

Flowers

Linens

Noirín Barrett
Maura Connolly

Huge “Thank You” to
all our Volunteers.

Covid Precaution: Please bring this leaflet home with you after use.