

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for all those who died recently **Peter Murphy**, Dalton Drive (funeral Monday @ 11am) and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat 28th	5.30pm	Marie Smithwick (1st A) Teresa Holian (4th A) Bridie & Michael O'Connell (A)	C.S..
Sun 29th	9.30am	Private Intention	C.S..
	11 am	Pádraig O'Carroll (A)	D.W.
	12.30pm	Pádraig Ó Beaglaoich (Begley) Glenard (Months Mind) and Birthday Remb. Lily Lanigan (A) : Eva O'Mahony (2nd A)	D.W.
Mon 30th	10 am	Brian Hanniffy R.I.P. Bernard Mc Mahon (2nd A) Joan Field (2nd A) Special Intention	G.J..
Tues 31st	10am	Ailbhe Feeney R.I.P. Jim & Lena Kennedy (A)	C.S.
Wed 1sr	10 am	Private Intention	MSC
Thurs 2nd	10 am	Joseph Mullen (A)	D.W
Fri 3rd	10 am	Gertie Woods (18th A) Anna Kelly (B'day Remb) Lal Broderick R.I.P.	C.S.
Sat 4th	10 am	Bridget & Patrick Ruane (A) Seán Mc Phillips (A); Carmel Coen (A)	C.S

Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat	4th	5.30pm	Charles & Bridget Reid (A) Kathleen Byrne (31st A); Richard Finnegan (A) Mai Croker (A); Michael Jordan (A)
Sun	5th	9.30am	Private Intention
		11 am	Cassie Brown (Months Mind) John Kelleher (A) & decd members of the Kelleher and Rhatigan families. Bernard & Sabina Mc Carthy (A) Patrick, Denis & Mary Jo Mc Carthy (Remb)
		12.30pm	Nancy Briscoe (1st A) Michael Murray (A); Anne Marie Broderick (A)

PARISH NEWS

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"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"

Parish in Action

St Brigid's Day Wednesday 1st February



Take a note for your diary. St Bridgit's Crosses. We invite you to join us on Tuesday 31st the eve of St Brigid's day after the 10.00 Mass to make Brigid's crosses in the room at the back of the Church. Help is available to make the crosses.

Thurs 2nd Feb - The Presentation of the Lord. Candlemas Day.
Special ceremony to bless the candles at Mass today.

Friday 3rd Feb - Feast of St Blaise.

The blessing of throats will take place after 10am Mass & at 3pm



Priest Conference: Next week the priests of the diocese will gather for a two-day conference to begin planning for the future of our parishes. This process will in due course involve each of our parish communities as we endeavour to discern the best way forward. Please keep this important meeting in your prayers.

Eucharistic Adoration: "My Peace Is My Gift To You" ...Relax In Pure Peace & Quiet with Jesus privately, in Adoration of The Blessed Eucharist. Speaker will give a short talk at All Mass' Next weekend.

Gentle Exercises: Every Friday in the Conference Room at 11.45am, finishing 12.45pm. Cost is €5 per person. No booking required.

Ark Café: Every Monday after 10am Mass in Conference Room at the rear of our Church. Why not join us for a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits, and a chat in a relaxed atmosphere. All are welcome including visitors to our locality.

Trad Music Session; Mondays at 8 pm in Galilee House. Beginners welcome.



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

I was thinking !!

Dear Fellow Traveller,

On February 1st we celebrate the feast of St Brigid one of the three patron saints of Ireland. St Patrick's feast has been celebrated as a national holiday for many years, and this year we have for the first time a national holiday celebrating St. Brigid. Let us make this a great celebration of our rich Celtic culture, and part that women like St. Bridget, and indeed so other woman had in the development of society and Church. She was together with St Patrick responsible for the spread of Christianity in Ireland in the 5th century.

She shares a name with a Celtic goddess Brigid (old Irish name was spelled Brigit) from whom many legends and folk customs are associated. There is much debate over her birthparents, but it is widely believed her mother was Brocca, a Christian baptized by Saint Patrick, and her father was Dubthach, a Leinster chieftain. Brocca was a slave, therefore Brigid was born into slavery. Like St Patrick she came out of slavery and brought the good news of the freedom of children of God to our ancestors.

According to tradition, around 480 Brigid founded a monastery at Kildare (*Cill Dara*: "church of the oak"), on the site of a pagan shrine to the Celtic goddess Brigid, served by a group of young women who tended an eternal flame. The site was under a large oak tree on the ridge of Drum Criadh.

Brigid and seven friends organized communal consecrated religious life for women in Ireland and she founded two monastic institutions, one for men and one for women. She invited Conleth (Conláed), a hermit from Old Connell near Newbridge, to help her in Kildare. It has often been said that she gave canonical jurisdiction to Conleth, Others say that she "selected the person to whom the Church gave this jurisdiction", and her biographer tells us that she chose Saint Conleth "to govern the church along with herself". I think that it is a great example of how the Celtic Christian Church developed. A community close to nature, and the Celtic spirituality of the consciousness of the presence of God all around.

In that Christian community there were no hierarchical structure, but rather out of the community there emerged the leader that had a deep faith and commitment to the ways of Christ. A spiritual person that had a great sense of love and care of the poor and vulnerable.



Maybe that our church in Ireland should return to that way and allow women and men to emerge and lead us in the ways of Christ like St Brigid and St Conleth did. There are many stories about Bridget my favourite is The legend of Brigid's cloak.

It's the story about the manner in which she came to acquire the land to build her monastery at Kildare. It is often regarded as one of the first miracles associated with her. She approached the King of Leinster requesting the land on which to build her monastery. The place she selected in Kildare was ideal. The King refused her request. Brigid was not put off by his refusal. Rather, she and her sisters prayed that the King's heart would soften. She made her request again but this time she asked, "Give me as much land as my cloak will cover." Seeing her small cloak, he laughed and then granted this request. However, Brigid had instructed her four helpers each to take a corner of the cloak and walk in opposite directions – north, south, east and west. As they did this the cloak began to grow and spread across the land. The King and his entire household were dismayed and amazed. They realised that this woman was truly blessed by God. The King became a patron of Brigid's monastery, assisting her with money, food and gifts. Later he converted to Christianity. It was on this land in Kildare that she built her dual monastery c.470. This story is part of our great storying telling tradition, and we need to understand it as a story. What do they say? "All stories are true. And some of them even happened"

I think that it is the story of St Brigid coming to the King, and she spreads out her little cloak of Faith, Hope and Love, and with the help of her companions and God's presence that faith began to spread throughout the land.



It covered the land and enrobed the community and the King and led to our island becoming the Land of Saints and Scholars.

So let us celebrate the Feast of St Bridget with pride; In our Nation, Pride in all the Women of our country.

Galway Alzheimer Café is a free monthly gathering and anyone affected by dementia is welcome to attend. The next café will be on Friday 3rd February in the Menlo Park Hotel from 2pm – 4pm
Speaker: Sheila Mitchell OT Memory Technology Resource Service
Topic: Supporting people with Dementia to live well
For further info please contact Maureen Mannion 086 8211540 maureen.mannion@alzheimer.ie

MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:30am,

11 am, 12.30pm

WEEKDAYS:

Mon –Sat.: 10am

Confessions:

Saturdays after 10am Mass
in the Adoration Chapel

The Parish Office:

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2pm –4pm

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Weekend Readers

5.30pm Smithwich Family

9.30am Parish Reader

11am Parish Reader

12.30pm Begley Family

Flowers

Linens

Maura O'Halloran

Huge "Thank You" to
all our Volunteers and
Helpers..