

## Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for those who died recently including **Mrs. Terry Barrett** Grattan Court. Reposing at O'Flaherty's 2:30 to 4:30 Sunday. Funeral Mass here in Salthill at 12noon Monday. **Richard Hannon**, Dalysfort Rd; **Mary Frawley**, (nee Conneely), sister of Dolores Finn. We pray for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat 14th	5:30pm	Brenda Small (A); Michael & Frances O'Mahony (A); Phil Kenny (A) Tony O'Connor (Remb);	C.S.
Sun 15th	9.30am	Jeannette Mc Carthy (A) and Naughton family Special Intention	C.S.
	11 am	Eddie Brennan (A); Michael Mc Loughlin (A) Peter O'Beirn (A)	D.W
	12.30pm	Phil Mc Dermott (1st A) Colette Mc Morrow (A) & Austin Mc Morrow ( B.R.) Caroline & Christopher Barnwell (A)	G.J.
	6 pm	Vincent O'Sullivan (R.I.P.)	G.J
Mon 16th	10am	William, Katie, Des, Mel & Mary T Kelly (A) Mary Cunningham (A); Pat Mullen (B.R.); Maeve Hartmann (A) Deceased members of the Corless, Dolan, Bruzzi & Villa families. Special Intention	C.S.
Tues 17th	10am	Michael Healy R.I.P. Special Intention	G.J
Wed 18th	10am	Padraic Gill (10th A) Paddy Culligan R.I.P.	MSC
Thurs 19th	10am	Fr Joe O'Connor R.I.P. Special Intention	G.J
Fri 20th	10 am	Special Intention	G.J
Sat 21st	10am	Peter & Agnes Houlihan (A) and deceased family members	C.S

## Next Weekend

Sat 14th	5:30pm	Joan O'Connor (1st A); Jack Fitzpatrick (3rd A) Pat & Peggy Stack (A); Coleman & Maureen Joyce (A) Brid Curran Joyce (A)
Sun 15th	9:30am	John, Anthony & Maureen Mannion (A) Tess O'Brien (A)
	11 am	Therese Cunningham (A); Betty & Tom Green (A) Pat Mc Donagh (A)
	12:30pm	Tony Raftery (1st A); Joe Kenny (A) Jim Flavin (A) & decd family members Richard & Ellen Walsh & decd family memberd
	6pm	Private Intention



# PARISH NEWS

15th December 2019

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



## Our Parish in Action this ADVENT

### Children's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Today Sunday 15th at 3pm (30 minutes)

We invite the children to decorate our tree and take a little memento home for their own tree as we sing a few popular carols. A lovely way to connect with church.



### Faraway Tree for Christmas

The Christmas tree in the Sacred Space is a place where you can remember those who can't be with at this special time. Please write their names on the cards provided and hang it on the tree. You can also bring an item from your tree at home and hang it up.



**Our Christmas "Verbum"** and envelopes are ready for collection. We would be most grateful if people from the various areas would be so kind to collect and deliver. There is no call-back for collection involved. If your area isn't being covered please let us know. We ask that parishioners drop their donation into either "Offertory Baskets" at Mass, the Donation Box in the church [ a new (extra secure) "Donation Box" beside the Sacred Heart Shrine) or the Parish Office over the Christmas period. Extra envelopes at the church door. Many, many thanks for your continued support of the parish and it's activities.

Working together we can achieve a lot. !

### Our Parish in Action

- \* **Adoration** - — Mon - Fri: 10:30am — 7pm
- \* **Ark Café** Mon after the 10am Mass Join us for a Christmas Pie and a Cuppa .
- \* **The Gospel and Me - Thursdays** Over until the New Year.
- \* **Musicians on Mondays** at 10.45am in Galilee. Beginners welcome.
- \* **Gentle Exercise Class:** Fridays at 11.45am & Sat at 12 Noon
- \* **Seniors Luncheon:** Every Friday at 1p.m. Christmas party next Friday
- \* **Bridge:** Mondays @ 2pm in Conference Room.
- \* **25 Card Game Fridays** Every Friday @ 2pm in Galilee House
- \* **A.A. Meetings:** Every morning 8/8:30am in the Conference Room at the rear of the Church. Also - Tues & Sun.8p.m. & Fri 8:30p.m. Info: 01-8420700

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



From the Pastor's Desk. - Lots of Action !

**Communion Home Visits:** If any family member or neighbour is unlikely to be able to come to Mass over the Christmas period and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please let us know and we will be happy to arrange a visit.

**Crib:** Huge Thanks to our "Men's Shed" for constructing the outside Crib. The Crib will be opened on Sunday next, Dec 22nd – few days before Christmas.

**Our Diaspora:** The Parish likes to keep up contact with Parishioners who are presently residing away from the parish, either with relatives, in Retirement Homes etc. We will be sending them Christmas Greetings and our Calendar. Kindly let the Office have names and current addresses of people whom you think might like to be circulated.

**Web Cam:** We remind parishioners that all our Christmas Masses will be on the Web Cam [ "www.salthillparish.ie" ]. Those living abroad who might like to connect with their home parish at Christmas . We invite all our Diaspora who are part of our Family of Families to tune in.

**Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament will end for this term on Friday next Dec 20. During Christmas Adoration switches to the Crib.

**The Church will close** at 7p.m. each evening during the dark winter months.

**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

*Tuesday, Christmas Eve* - 4p.m Toddlers Mass ; 6pm Youth & Children; 9p.m (Senior Choir)

*Wednesday, Christmas Day:* 9:30am (Carols); 11am (Senior Choir) 12:30 (Our Choral Singers).

**A REFLECTION**

**God of our past,**

We thank you for the beauties of the world, for our lives and our families and opportunities we have been given.

We thank you for all your goodness to us in the past, much of which we have taken for granted and have now half-forgotten.

**God of our present,**

Give to us a loving heart, a gentle spirit and a determined will.

Strengthen what is weak, bring confidence where there is doubt and

hope in our despair.

**God of our future,**

O God of hope and Joy may we be pathfinders of our generation, messengers of Your word. Guide us each day and be with us every moment of our lives. **Amen**

Advent Prayer

O God in ancient December, in the narrow corridor at Newgrange, ancestors huddled very low, yearning for the solstice sun.

We too wait – but for the Son of God.

We wait expectantly in the pregnant dark.

We wait in joyful hope for the Advent of our Saviour.

Let the Christ Light penetrate into the corridors of our hearts.

Where there is darkness, let there be light

Where there is doubt, let there be hope.

Where there is guilt, let there be forgiveness.

Come Lord Jesus !

**Community Notices — “What’s On ? ”**

**Croi Nua, Rosary Lane -Ph 520960 . www.croinua.com**

3 Day Retreat in preparation for Christmas 11th, 12th, 13th Dec 10am to 4.30pm, Facilitator: Patsy Kelly MSC

**Service of Reconciliation:** Wednesday 18th @ 8pm (All Welcome)

**Annual Remembrance Mass** for all babies who have died on or around the time of birth (stillbirth, neonatal, miscarriage) will be held today Sunday 15th at 6pm, in NUIG Chapel, Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, family and friends are all warmly invited to this special mass.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorge** - Holy Week 2020, April 8th for seven days . Spiritual Director Canon Brendan Kilcoyne . €689. For more info ring Bernie on 087 9353953.

**Galway Sea Scouts** are fundraising this weekend at the Church Gate. Your support is appreciated

**Trocaire Gifts:** Price from €5 for soap, €8 for a chick, to €50 for a goat and upwards. Available in the Parish Office, Trócaire On-line, or phone 1850 408 408, or at the Trócaire stand in the Galway Christmas market in Eyre Sq. or Parish Office.

**Big Thank you** to all that contributed to the Vincent de Paul Christmas Fundraiser. Donations can be left in to the Parish Office.

**Teams for December**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**5.30pm**  
Ann White  
Marie O'Connor  
Billy Hyland  
Seamus Hynes  
Mary Mc Donnell

**9.30am**  
Ann Costello  
Rosemarie Houlihan  
Carmel Mahoney  
Ellen Mc Carthy

**11am**  
Pauline Fitzgerald  
Martina Murray  
Mary Mc Namara

Anne Kitt  
Val Mc Nicholas

**12.30pm**  
Catherine Quinlan  
Mary Comer  
Patricia Buckley  
Rosemary Murphy  
Zoe Donohoe  
Mia Conneely

**6pm**  
Grace Lyden  
Billy Rooney  
Kate Henry

**Stewards**

**Co-ordinators**

**5.30pm**  
Gerry O'Connor  
Paddy Hennelly

**9.30am**  
John Hannon

**11am**  
Paul Colleran  
Jim Dillon  
Sean Martin

**12.30pm**  
Vincent O'Connor  
Tom Murphy  
**6pm**  
Brendan Reid

**MASS TIMES**

**WEEKENDS**

Saturday: **5:30pm** (Vigil)

Sunday: **9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm, 6pm.**

**WEEKDAYS:**

Mon — Fri: **10am,**  
Sat.: **10am & 5:30pm**

**The Parish Office:**

Hours: **Mon-Fri: 9:30—1pm**  
**2pm —4.30pm**

**Yvonne Thornton [Mon-Wed]**

**Rhona Bolger [Thurs-Fri]**

**Phone: (091) 523413**

E-mail:  
**salthillparish@eircom.net**

**Parish Co-Ordinator:**

**Frank Keane.**

**Parish Sister: Sr Breege Ruane**

**Music Director: Jackie Lillis.**

**Priests of the Parish:**

**Fr. Gerry Jennings 523 413**

**Fr Charlie Sweeney MSC**  
**523413**

**Priests In Residence:**

**Fr. Michael Bailey, OFM**  
**523413**

**Adoration**

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Mon - Fri: 10:30am — 7:pm**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday: After 10am Mass**

**Morning Prayer: Week 3**

**Readers**

**5.30 pm O'Mahony Family**  
**9.30 pm Mc Carthy Family**  
**11am Mc Loughlin Family**  
**12.30pm Mc Dermott Family**  
**6pm Parish Reader**

**Linens**

**Maura Connolly**

**Big Thank You to All !**