

## Mass Intentions this Week.

We pray for those who died recently **Harry Begley**, Old Devon Park; **Gail Kieran**, Dr Mannix Road; **Chris Lynch**, Kilkenny brother of Bert, Glenard; **Imelda O'Hanlon**, sister of Claire McGinty (Monksfield) and Ursula Killeen( Glenard, and all those with Month's Minds, Birthdays, Remembrances and Anniversaries at this time including:

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|-----------|----------|--|-------|
| Sat 9th   | 5.30 pm  | Jeanette Mc Carthy (A); Brenda Small (7th A)<br>Maeve Kelly (A); Billy & Josephine Ward (A)                          | M.B   |
| Sun 10th  | 9.30am   | Peter O'Beirn (A); Special Intention   | G.J.  |
|           | 11.00am  | Cora & Michael Dowling (A); Eddie Brennan (A)<br>Elizabeth Devery (A) & Vinny Byrne (A);<br>Baby Charlie Dempsey (A) | M.B   |
|           | 12.30pm  | Beryl & Ronnie Waldron (A); Tom & Chris Quigley (A)<br>O'Meara & Buckley Families.                                   | G.J.  |
|           | 6.00pm   | Martin Scully (4th A)<br>Decd members of the O'Shaughnessy & Mc Donagh families.                                     | G.J.  |
| Mon 11th  | 10.00 am | Chris Lynch R.I.P.   | G.J.  |
|           | 7.30 pm  | Padraic Flaherty R.I.P.  | M.B.  |
| Tue 12th  | 10.00 am | Stephen Francis R.I.P.   | M.B.. |
|           | 7.30pm   | Paddy & Julia Ryan (A)   | G.J.  |
| Wed 13th  | 10.00 am | Private Intention  | M.SC  |
|           | 7.30 pm  | Chris Lynch (A)  | M.B.  |
| Thur 14th | 10.00 am | Special Intention  | M.B.  |
|           | 7.30 pm  | Private Intention  | G.J.  |
| Fri 15th  | 10.00 am | William, Katie, Des & Mary T Kelly (A)   | G.J.  |
|           | 7.30 pm  | Private Intention  | M.B   |
| Sat 16th  | 10.00 am | Nora Frost (1st A)   | M.B.  |

### Next Weekend

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| Sat 16th | 5.30pm  | Bridie Conway, Devon Park (Months Mind)<br>Billy Fitzgerald (25th A) Ivor Carroll   |
| Sun 17th | 9.30am  | Jack, Maureen, Harry & Liam Bailey, Kate O'Neill,<br>Margaret & Tom Gaffrey   |
|          | 11am    | Imelda Murphy, Devon Park (Months Mind)<br>Paul Colleran (A) Special Intention<br>Jim & Peggy Kearney (A) & deceased family members<br>Tommy & Kay Nevin (A) & deceased family members<br>Pat Mc Donagh (A) |
|          | 12.30pm | Do this in Memory—First Communion Preparation Mass<br>Joe Kenny (A)   |
|          | 6pm     | Private Intention   |



CHRIST THE KING PARISH, SALTHILL  
**"A FAMILY OF FAMILIES."**  
 Dec 10th 2017



### OUR PARISH IN ACTION

#### **THIS SUNDAY @ 3.30pm "Parish Carol Service" -**

Guest choirs from University Hospital, Galway Golf Club,  
Galway Bay Baytones, Scoil Ide and solo singers.

**All Welcome. No charge. Bring the family.**



#### **Nest Sunday 17th @ 3 p.m.**

#### **"Children's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony"**

Children get to sing carols and decorate the tree together.

This is a lovely way that gives value and meaning as to why we decorate Christmas trees. (Short ceremony—about 35 minutes)



#### **Next Friday 15th @ 1 pm Seniors' Luncheon Christmas**

**Party** This is an ideal chance for new people to give it a try and get into the festive mood. *Please Book at the Parish Office by Thursday so chef can have enough food.*

#### **Weekly activity programmes;**

- ◆ **Youth Choir:** Sundays at 7 pm in Galilee Hse. Good music, Great friends.
- ◆ **Children's' Drama** Tuesdays at 3 pm to 4 pm. For 7 to 10 yrs. Why not give your child a go?
- ◆ **Musicians on Mondays** at 10.30 am in Galilee His. All budding musicians welcome.
- ◆ **Bridge:** Mondays 2 pm in Conference Room. *For all Bridge fans.*
- ◆ **25 Card Game:** Fridays at 2 pm in Galilee Hse. *Light hearted fun.*
- ◆ **Thoughts on Thursday** Thurs in Galilee Hse. Open house, just drop in from 10.45 am to 12 noon.
- ◆ **Gentle Exercise/Yoga:** Fri 11:45am (Conference Rm) & Sat 12noon in Galilee.
- ◆ **Ark Café** every Monday after 10am Mass. *Call in a have a chat.*
- ◆ **Men's Shed** \*: Tuesday & Thursdays 2.30-4.30pm plus other "working" times.
- ◆ **A.A. Meeting** every morning at 8:30am and Tuesdays and Fridays evenings at 7-30pm.

#### **'Men on the Move'**

Calling all able bodied men. Drop in on Tuesday or Thursday at 11am and join in the walk together after a little warm up exercise. Guaranteed to help get over the all these sweets and drink.



Always a great idea to help you get healthier, meet others and have some fun.

**"Non shed" members 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,

Two farmers, Tom and Joe, who lived on adjacent properties. They were in the middle of a long drought that had left their land parched, making it almost impossible to grow crops.

One day Joe looked over his fence and saw Tom working on building a new dam. "What are you doing that for? There's no water." Joe said.

"The rain's coming," replied Tom.

A couple of weeks later, Joe looked over the fence again and saw Tom working on a new irrigation system. "What's the point of doing that? There's still no water." Joe shouted. "The rain's coming," replied Tom. "That's what you said last time," Joe muttered under his breath as he turned around and walked away.

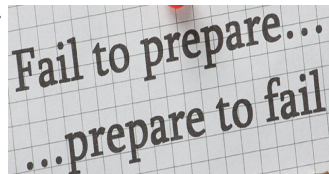
A few weeks later, large black clouds started to fill the sky and then the rain finally fell, breaking the drought with a massive downfall that had the potential to change the future for all of the farmers in the region. Tom looked out from his farmhouse as his new dam and irrigation system filled with precious water, ensuring that he would benefit from the rain for a long time in the future. Joe was relieved to see the rain, but he was unprepared and his property soon dried up again.

A few months later, Joe looked over his fence at Tom's lush farm with envy. "Why is he so lucky?" he asked himself. Sometimes we go through challenging situations in life, difficult economic conditions, relationship issues or perhaps even the feeling that God has abandoned us. If you're not preparing yourself during the dry season, you may miss the chance when the change comes.

When your spiritual life seems dry are you still talking and listening? When formal leadership opportunities seem few and far between are you still influencing, guiding, mentoring and developing your leadership capability even though you don't have a title?

Or will the moment pass, leaving you to wonder why others are so much more fortunate than you?

The rain's coming. **Get ready!**



Our Families. Salthill parish is preparing to get involved in the World Meeting of Families programme with the Pope next August. A small local group has been formed and are looking for more volunteers. If you are interested, please give your name to the parish secretary.

Further details of the events in the parish will be published later.

**Salthill Active Retired** 11am every Wednesday in the Captain's Deck, Leisureland. **Senior Bowling** Mon & Fri 9.45am - 12pm in Tennis Club New members especially welcome.

**Croí Nua - 3 Day Advent Retreat** A time to prepare and reflect on what it means that "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Dec 13th, 14th, 15th 10-4.30p.m. Patsy Kelly MSC. **All Day Retreat** Sat 16th December 10am to 4pm. **Service of Reconciliation** Wed 20th Dec @ 8pm Info 091 520960 or www.croinua.com

**Annual Remembrance Mass** for all babies who have died on or around the time of birth (stillbirth, neonatal, miscarriage) will be held on the 17th Dec at 6pm in the Chapel of St. Columbanus, NUI Galway. All are all warmly invited to this special mass.

**Christmas fair in Arás Bothar na Trá** in aid of Cancer Care West on Sunday 10th December 11am-3pm with 37 Christmas stalls with lots of gift ideas, Santa, Photographer and a massive raffle and auction.

**Old Galway Society Lecture** on Thurs Dec 14 @ 7.30pm in the Victoria Hotel: Tim Byrne - 'Memories of Christmas in the Country'

**Sing For Simon**— Carolathon takes place on Sunday 17th Dec @ 12pm in Eyre Square, The day will be packed with music and entertainment to help raise funds and awareness of homelessness.

**Devon Park Residents Assoc** is in the process of compiling a history of the area. We would love to hear from you if you have any old photographs, press cuttings or stories etc. Everything will be cared for and returned. Contact Mary Fahey087 6107572 or maryfahey63@gmail.com

**Annual Civic Carol Service** — Sunday 17th in St Nicholas Church - 4p.m.

## MESSAGE:

### Ushers/Collectors

#### **Teams for Dec Holy Communion**

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

**9.30am**  
Ann Costello  
Rosemarie Houlihan  
Carmel Mahoney  
Josephine Murphy

**11am**  
Pauline Fitzgerald  
Martina Murray  
Mary Mc Namara  
Anne Kitt  
Val Mc Nichols

**12:30**  
Catherine Quinlan  
Mary Comer  
Patricia Buckley

**6pm.**  
Grace Lyden  
Billy Rooney  
Mary Caulfield

**5:30**  
Tony O'Connor  
Paddy Hennelly  
**9:30**  
John Hannon

**11am:**  
Tony O'Connor  
Paul Colleran

**12:30:**  
Peadar Burke  
Vincent O'Connor

**6pm:**  
Brendan Reid  
Barry Mitchell

## OUR PARISH

### MASS TIMES.

#### WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9:30am, 11am,  
12:30pm, 6pm.

**WEEKDAYS:** 10am, 7:30p.m.  
Sat.: 10am & 5:30pm

#### The Parish Office:

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30- 4.30pm.  
(Lunch 1-2p.m)

Phone: (091) 523413

"salthillparish@eircom.net

#### Parish Co-Ordinator:

Frank Keane.

#### Parish Secretary

Yvonne Thornton (Mon-Wed).  
Rhona Bolger (Thurs-Fri).

#### Parish Sister:

Sr. Breege Ruane

#### Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings Ph.523413  
Fr. Michael Bailey Ph.526006

#### Music Director:

Jackie Lillis.

#### Adoration

Mon - Fri:

10:30am — 7:30pm

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday after 10.am. Mass.

**MORNING PRAYER** WEEK 2  
MONDAYS 9:50AM

#### This Weekend

##### READERS

5.30 pm Small Family  
9.30 am Parish Reader  
11a.m. Dowling Family  
12.30pm Waldron Family  
6p.m. Scully Family

##### LINENS

Maura Connolly &  
Noirin Begley

*Many Thanks to all involved in  
our Parish Community.*