



OUR PARISH IN ACTION 2017



Men's Shed Project in Production !

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Q: What are your main concerns with regard to the Church and the world in general?

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Collectors/Ushers

5:30pm.
Tony O'Connor

9.30am
Sean Killeen
Nicholas Murray
Tom Quigley

11am
Peadar O'Culain

12.30 pm
Vincent O'Connor

6pm
Brendan Reid
Barry Mitchell

MASS TIMES.

WEEKENDS

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

WEEKDAYS: 10am only.
Sat.: 10am & 5:30pm

The Parish Office;

Phone: (091) 523413

E-mail:

salthillparish@eircom.net

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

Parish Co-Ordinator:

Frank Keane.

Parish Secretary

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

Parish Sister:

Sr. Breege Ruane

Music Director:

Jackie Lillis.

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings 523 413

Fr. Michael Bailey 526006

Parish Deacon

Rev Declan Lohan 523413

Adoration

Mon - Fri: 10:30am — 7:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday after 10.am. Mass.

Morning Prayer

Mon 9:45am Week 1

READERS this Weekend

5.30 pm Finan Family
9.30 am Parish Reader
11a.m. Kelleher Family
12.30pm Anna Farrell
6p.m. Parish Reader

Flowers

Peigi Murphy
Muriel Silke

Linens this week

Maura O Halloran

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 We remember also all those with Month's Minds, Birthdays and Anniversaries at this time including:

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Sun	5th	9.30 am	Thanksgiving	G.J
		11 am	John Kelleher (A) Gertie Woods (A) Donogh & Megan Mc Donogh (A) Philomena Mc Elhinney (A) Special Intention	M.B
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