

Mass Intentions

We pray for those who died recently : **Chris Conneally**, Glenard Ave, **Peter Smyth**, Maunsells Rd.; **Ray Sheehan** (ex Threadneedle Rd), father of Pat; **Colette Connolly** (Leitrim), sister of Tom, Burrenview Hgts; **Geraldine Kelly** (Carlow) daughter of Mrs Eileen Walsh Monksfield; and all those with Month's Minds, Birthdays Remembrances and Anniversaries at this time including:

Sat	29th	5.30pm	PJ Dobbyn, Carragh Hill (Months Mind) Jane Whiriskey (1st A) ; Mai Croker (Birthday Rem.)	G.J.
Sun	30th	9.30 am	Paddy, Violet, Ronnie & Eddie Mc Alinney	G.J.
		11am	Paddy Francis (Birthday Rem)	M.B
		12.30pm	Des Whelan (A) Seamus Mulligan (A) Mick, Phil, Carolann & Tom Moroney (A); Noirin Scully (A); G.J.	
		6pm	Joe & Mary Thornton (A)	M.B
Mon	1st	10am	Jack & Margaret Mulholland (A) Charlie Mc Dermott (A)	G.J.
		7.30pm	Private Intention	M.B
Tues	2nd	10am	Maura & Joe Joyce (A)	G.J.
		7.30pm	Private Intention	M.B.
Wed	3rd	10am	Joe Mc Sweeney R.I.P.	MSC
		7.30pm	Private Intention (A)	M.B
Thurs	4th	10am	Special Intention	M.B
		7.30pm	Billy O'Connor (A); Des Mc Greevy (A);	M.B
Fri	5th	10am	Private Intention	M.B
		7.30 pm	Private Intention	G.J
Sat	6th	10am	Private Intention	G.J.

Next Weekend

Sat	29th	5.30pm	Private Intention
Sun	30th	9.30am	Private Intention
		11am	Peter & Desmond Ryan (A); Frank Garvey (A) Peggy & Jim Kearney (A)
		12.30pm	Mary Melody, Monksfield (Months Mind); Peter O'Brien (A); Bernadette & William Costello (A); John Kenny & decd members of the Kenny & Qualter families.
		6pm	Gertrude Manning (A) & Tadgh Manning R.I.P.

April 30th

2017



CHRIST THE KING PARISH
**“A FAMILY
 OF
 FAMILIES.”**

OUR PARISH IN ACTION 2017

“Community involvement isn’t just important.— It’s essential”

- ◆ **Youth DRAMA Group** for 8 to 12 year olds. Wednesdays at 3p.m.
- ◆ **Card Game (25) and Senior Lunch / Fridays at 1p.m. in Galilee.**
- ◆ **Gentle Exercise Class:** Fri at 11.45am and Sat at 12noon in Galilee Hse
- ◆ **Ark Café** every Monday after 10am Mass in the Conference Room.
- ◆ **“Thoughts on Thursday”** Galilee House 10:30-12noon. Contact Frank.
- ◆ **Galway Youth Choir** - young adults (16—20+ yrs) every Sunday at 7pm.
- ◆ **Musicians:** “Jam sessions”/rehearsals Mondays at 11am in Galilee house.
- ◆ **Adoration** Weekdays 10:30am to 7:30pm Quiet personal Prayer Time.
- ◆ **Men’s Shed** - Tuesdays & Thursdays 2.30pm - 4pm. If interested, simply turn up at garage/workshop in Church Car Park.

⇒ Info on all these events and more Parish Office. Ph 523413

Contributions to Trocaire and the upkeep of the Parish Kitty can be dropped in to the Office or basket collection at any time.
 Big thanks for your generosity and continued support.

Exam Time

Third Level students are in exam mode at present. We keep all our “Scholars” in our prayers and thoughts. May they find their role in Life.



We light the candle for you !

School News:

Scoil Einde Boys N S., Dr Mannix Rd

Huge best wishes and our “Thanks” for a job superbly done to Michael Gallagher who retired as Principal last weekend.
 Congratulations and every good wish to Niamh Hickey the new Principal who replaces him.



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



Dear Fellow Traveller,

The results of the 2016 Census are out. It shows 79% of the people ticked the “Catholic box” when asked what their religion was, - a decline of 4% since 2011. Irish people, after a long and complex history, are well able to make a distinction between their faith and their Church. The first is deeply embedded in our culture and in the lives of our people; the second is now regarded by many as a flawed institution in need of a major shake-up.

Irish Catholics, often regarded by what passes for a liberal intelligentsia as a superstitious lot, are much more sophisticated than they're often given credit for. Many Catholics today bring a sensible rationality to the practice of their religion, holding their faith up to the light of reason and experience and carving out a personal, liveable faith for themselves and their families. For example, when Catholic couples of child-bearing age decide to plan their families they see their decision as sensible, responsible and reasonable and at one with a God whom they believe loves them and who doesn't want to place undue burdens on them or their children. Another example is the space Catholics today have found for themselves in terms of what constitutes religious practice. The traditional practice was weekly attendance at weekend Mass. As this is running in Salthill for example at somewhere between 30% and 35% and if Catholics in 2016 declared themselves as 78% of the population of Ireland, there's a gap here that needs some explaining. Those dismissive of religion and all its works and pomps contend that the gap is explained by a convenient hypocrisy, people wanting to be Catholics but not prepared to accept its tenets. Extreme Catholics plough the same furrow of disloyalty, selfishness and doublethink. Both sides are loud in their respective condemnations, one railing against superstition, the other believing that in ignoring the injunction of Mass attendance, Catholics are exposing themselves to the imminent threat of hell-fire. However, most sensible Catholics today take a more balanced approach. The ritual of the community coming together regularly for Mass is important but it is not the be all and end all. Attendance at Sunday Mass is not the defining mark of a Catholic. The way we live our lives 24/7 is the mark of the true follower of Christ.

Most sensible Catholics today know too that just because their Church gets its wrong so often and many of it's leaders seem trapped in a time-warp doesn't mean that they should throw the baby out with the bathwater. They know that faith in a God who loves them adds immeasurably to their own lives and to their children's lives. My sense is that most Catholics have an instinctive respect for God and the things of God that they first discovered in their own homes. We are part of something greater. Many have direct experience of religion as a life-force, an energy, a wisdom, a resource, a richness, a comfort, a sustenance and a way of life that brings with it a personal connection to a God who loves them beyond all their imagining.

The rituals of the Church are important because, unexciting and inadequate as they often are, they feed a faith that helps us make sense of the compelling and complex adventure that life is and gives us guidance on how to handle it. Parents with faith want their children to have faith. That's why baptism retains its popularity. That's why First Communion and Confirmation are such important events. That's why so many couples still prefer to exchange their vows before an altar. That's why churches are inundated with funerals. And so on. It really is as simple as that. And it explains why that figure of 79% will take more than a census or two to disappear. God is very much alive and well for most people. !

*Have a good week,
G.J.*

[The above is a synopsis from an article in the Western People by my classmate from Maynooth, Fr. Brendan Hoban. As always he write better than most of us and makes a lot of sense. Thanks Brendan !].

Corrib & Tribes Waterpolo Clubs - Annual Golf Classic Friday 5th May. Registration 12.30pm. Shot Gun Start 1.30pm. All Welcome— Further Info: Don Collieran 087 2454665

Salthill Goes Walking ! New Venture “Salthill Village Enterprise” invites everyone to our Ealu (meaning escape) walk on the Prom every Tuesday evening at 7pm starting from Palmer's Rock opposite CoCo Café to kick the wall and back -for 25 mins approx. Get fit / meet the neighbours !. C.U Tuesday 7p.m. !

Tea Fundraiser - Eithne Conway Mc Gee & Caroline Kelly are hosting Tea Afternoon at 47 Glenard Crescent next Tues 2nd May 2pm to 6pm in aid of the Alzheimers Assoc.. All Welcome.

Gentle Yoga - 8 week course starting Thurs 4th May 10.30am— 12 pm . €80 . Devon Holistic Health Clinic. Pre-book with Aine on 087 1144470

A Festival of Flowers presented by Galway Flower & Garden Club. Fri 5th May to Sun 7th May. 10am to 6pm, Sun 1pm to 6pm. Adm €8. Official Opening Cheese & Wine Fri 7pm Adm €10 Concert Sun 7pm Cois Cladaigh & Headford Youth Jazz €10

The Alzheimer Café - Menlo Park Hotel Thurs 4th May 2pm – 4pm. This month's guest speaker is Dr Stephanie Robinson Consultant Physician Geriatric Medicine UCHG.

WANTED: Large House to rent by very nice local family Info to Parish Office.

Teams for *May*

Holy Communion

5.30pm
Ann White
Billy Hyland
Marie O'Connor

9.30am
Suzette Liddy
Anne O'Connor
Mary O'Mahony
Sr Angela Maughan

11am
Ann Flanagan
Margaret Mc Loughlin
Mary Nee
Val Mc Nicholas
Bridie Sullivan
Ray Mc Guire

12:30
Maura Grealish
Colette Whelan
Peggy Breslin

6pm.
Grace Lyden
Sr Michael
Edel Callinan

Ushers/Collectors

5:30
Tony O'Connor,

9:30
Thomas Mc Guire
Noel Carr

11am
Tony O'Connor
Michael Flanagan
Joe Tyrell

12:30
Hugh Kavanagh
Peadar Burke
Myles Mc Padden

6p.m.
Brendan Reid
Barry Mitchell

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
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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

Adoration—Not on Bank Holidays

Mon - Fri: 10:30am — 7:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday after 10.am. Mass.

READERS this Weekend

5.30 pm	Dobbyn Family
9.30 am	Parish Reader
11a.m.	Parish Reader
12.30pm	Whelan Family
6p.m.	Thornton Reader

Flowers

Nuala Fitzpatrick

Linens this week

Noirin Barrett