

Mass Intentions this Week.

We pray for those who died recently **Kate Davison, Wellpark & Ballyhaunis** sister of Ellen O'Brien and Bernie Matignon, Salthill and those with Month's Minds, Birthdays, Remembrances and Anniversaries at this time including:

Sat 6th	5.30 pm	Michael & Noreen Fitzgerald (A) Richard Kinneen (2nd A) Jimmy & Kathleen Mc Namara (A)	G.J..
Sun 7th	9.30am	Private Intention	A.B.
	11.00am	Private Intention	G.J.
	12.30pm	Eddie Rice (A) Joe O'Boyle (A)	G.J..
	6.00pm	Private Intention	G.J.
Mon 8th	10.00 am	Della Hynes (A) Special Intention	G.J.
Tue 9th	10.00 am	Tony, Sharon & Dana O'Malley (A) Tom & Bridie Diskin (A)	M.B.
Wed 10th	10.00 am	Agnes, Mai, Donal & Jim Caslin	M.SC
Thur 11th	10.00 am	Kathleen & Damien Gearty (A) Special Intention	M.B.
Fri 12th	10.00 am	Private Intention	M.B.
Sat 13th	10.00 am	Christy Fahy R.I.P. Pattie Sweeney (A)	M.B.

Next Weekend

Sat 13th	5.30pm	Brigid (1st A) and Neil Whoriskey (35th A) Austin Cunney (A); Bernard & Rita Gannon (A) Mary Walsh & decd family members. Teresa Scannell (A)
Sun 14th	9.30am	Private Intention
	11am	Josie Fogarty R.I.P., Gerry Scaife R.I.P., Deirdre Mc Mahon R.I.P., Rose O'Brien R.I.P. Harry Lydon (A)
	12.30pm	Anne Marie Brouder Leeming (1st A) Treaa & Michael Collins (A)
	6pm	Private Intention

No Evening Mass — Weekdays

The regular 7:30pm Evening Mass in Salthill will not resume for a few weeks. We apologise to those affected. Alternative - The Claddagh at 7:30pm.

PARISH NEWS

7th January 2018 Holy Family

OUR PARISH MOTTO: "CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



THANK YOU.

As a parish we head into the New Year with hope and new plans. That said, it's good to look back at what we have and to appreciate what we have been given. There are so many groups (some of them out of the public eye) working in this parish! First of all I thank "The Parish Engine Room" namely — our Parish Co-ordinator Frank Keane, Rhona & Yvonne in the Office and Sr Breege, our Parish Sister who together with your two priests make up "The Parish Team", that runs the day to day activity of the Parish. Huge Thanks to those on Parish Committees, our Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, our Finance Committee, our collectors and counters and bankers! This parish is alive with music! The wonderful work of our choirs, cantors, musicians, children's drama group, etc is much appreciated. The Liturgy team, Altar Servers and those who look after them contributed greatly to the life of the parish. Vital also to Parish life are the those who clean, wash the altar linen, do the flowers, take care of the shrines, Adoration, combined with those involved in the activities of Galilee House—running the Seniors lunch, the Men's Shed, "Thoughts on Thursdays", and so on. We are blessed with a host of self help and charitable groups (esp. V.de P) that do so much good work. Special thanks to you the parishioners for your support, encouragement and help. During 2018 we hope to build on what we have - asking "not what our parish can do for me, but what I can do for our parish"

Again I wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year —

Working together we can achieve a lot .

G.J.

OUR PARISH IN ACTION 2018

- ◆ **Card Game (25) / Scrabble** at 2 pm Fridays in Galilee Hse.
- ◆ **Childrens Drama** resumes next Tues 9th Jan in Conference Room.
- ◆ **Gentle Exercise Class:** . Fridays 11.45am in Conference Room & Saturdays at 12 noon in Galilee Hse.
- ◆ **Seniors Luncheon:** Resumes next Friday at 1pm in Galilee Hse. Followed by Bingo/ Cards . Info from Parish Office or Frank or Sr Breege.
- ◆ **Ark Café** every Monday after 10am Mass in the Conference Room at the back of the church, Tea, Biscuit and Chat . All Welcome.
- ◆ **"Thoughts on Thursday"** Resumes Jan 18th @ 10.30am in Galilee Hse.
- ◆ **Musicians: Jam session/rehearsals** Mondays at 11 am in Galilee house.
- ◆ **Men's Shed** - Open and at work Tuesday & Thursday 2.30pm - 4pm.
- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** resumes on Monday January 8th, 10:30am to 7pm Monday to Friday in the Adoration Chapel when people may come and spend a little time with the Lord.



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,

This week I marked the end of Christmas by having to bring my only son to Dublin airport as he returned to America. This trip had a new ingredient in that he would not be able to return until next Christmas. While he had come and gone several times now I asked if it gets any easier to which he replied "No; not really". He is a real home bird and hopes to settle back in his native soil some day.

Then there is that dreaded moment of the 'last goodbye' with hugs and kisses. It is the moment when you get the lump in the throat or a knot in the tummy along with a tear in the eye. It is the moment when all the memories of the past collide with the hopes for the future. For this brief magical moment you experience that you love and are loved; where love is present, visible and active in one's life. As this moment passes and we part our different ways I stop and look around the airport departures and witness this same moment appearing and disappearing as loved ones repeat the moments. As I leave to the car park I witness it some more as some choose to separate sooner rather than drag it to the last possible time. These are moments of magic going on all about us in a very real and ordinary way. Moments that happen so often in our lives, when our child has that first day in school, goes to college, wins a race, graduates, gets married etc. Moments when we meet someone special for the first time, when we decide to undertake an adventure, moments filled with emotion and often times marked by some ritual or event. Such moments are often a time of a new beginning, a new challenge a moment of growth.

For me in that moment of departure the occasion of today's theme of the Baptism of Jesus became real as I could relate to the words "This is my son that I love and in whom all my trust lies". My job so to speak is over and my hopes and wishes for my future rest in some way in his future. A part of me is in him and a part of him is in me. In truth where love is concerned we will never part.

F.K.

[This piece first appeared a few years ago but we reprint it today as it expresses in a very real way how we are connected with each other]



Salthill Active Retired recommences on Wed 10th Jan at 11am in the Captains Deck, Leisureland. New members welcome.

Big thank you to all who dropped in Christmas Dues to help support the running of the parish.

St Vincent de Paul Society give a huge "Thank You" to all who donated to their door to door collection. Peoples response has been terrific this year, even though things are tight.

Eucharistic Ministers: Our thanks to all our Eucharistic Minister who help with Holy Communion both in the church and in bringing Jesus to those unable to get out. Parishioners who may have a Pix they are not presently using are asked to drop it in to the sacristy . We are running short of these vessels.

Women's Wellness Day invites you to spend time with others to experience the healing power of mediation, music and movement. Sat 13th Jan in the Galway Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Newtownsmith 10am to 4pm cost €55. Info Lizzie on 087 2462034 or liferetreatteam@yahoo.ie

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2018 - See notice board for full details or for further info 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

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

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Parish Co-Ordinator:

Frank Keane.

Priests:

Fr. Gerry Jennings ☎ 523 413
Fr. Michael Bailey ☎ 526 006

ADORATION

Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Mon - Fri: 10:30am – 7:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: following 10am Mass

MORNING PRAYER

Mondays 9:45am - except Bank Holidays.

Week 1 of the Breviary.

This Weekend

STEWARDS

5.30 pm Tony O Connor

9.30 am Tom Maguire
Noel Carr

11:00am Ml. Flanagan
Myles Mc Padden

12.30pm
Hugh Kavanagh
Peadar Burke

6:00 pm Brendan Reid
Barry Mitchell

READERS

5.30pm Mc Namara Fam.

9.30 am Parish Team

11a.m. Parish Team

12.30pm Parish Team
6p.m. Parish Team

LINENS

Maura O'Halloran.

Many Thanks to all involved in our Parish Community.

Teams for January

Holy Communion

5:30 pm

Ann White
Marie O'Connor
Billy Hyland

9:30 am

Suzette Liddy
Mary O'Mahoney
Ann O'Connor
Sr Angela

11:00 am

Ann Flanagan
Mgt. McLoughlin
Ray McGuire
Mary Nee
Val McNicholas
Bridie Sullivan

12.30pm

Maura Grealish
Colette Whelan
Peggy Breslin

6pm

Sr. Ml. Noone
Grace Lyden