

## Mass Intentions this Week.

We pray for those who died recently **Padraic Hogan**, Perth and late of Dalysfort Rd and all those with Month's Minds, Birthdays, Remembrances and Anniversaries

Sat 26th	5.30pm	Brian Mc Goldrick, Oaklands (Months Mind) Agnes & James Dunleavy & decd family members Mary Griffin (A); Pat & Martin Whyte (12th & 10th A) Timothy & Hannah Doherty (A)	G.J.
Sun 27th	9.30am	Private Intention	M.B
	11.am	Special Intention	G.J.
	12.30pm	Do this in Memory Charolotte Finnegan (10th A)	M.B
	6pm	Private Intention	G.J
Mon 28th	10 am	Private Intention	M.B
Tues 29th	10am	Bridie & Paddy Duke (A) Kevin O'Byrne (A)	G.J.
Wed 30th	10 am	Holy Souls Peter & Agnes Dever (A)	M.SC
	7.30 pm	Mass for Healing Padraig Hynes (A); Eoin & Cecelia Kenny (A)	M.B
Thur 31st	10am	Roddy Dawson (21st A)	M.B
Fri Jun 1st	10am	Special Intention	G.J.
Sat 2nd	10am	Private Intention	G.J.

### Next Weekend

Sat 2nd	5.30pm	Joe Joyce (6th A) & Eileen Walsh (15th A)
Sun 3rd	9.30am	William, Bridget, John & Eowen Murray (A)
	11am	Private Intention
	12.30pm	Special Intention
	6pm	Private Intention

**Can You Help put Jesus to Bed ?** : We would like to keep the church open until dark for visitors and parishioners to visit on long summer evenings. Thus we are seeking the help of parishioners who would be willing to lock the church at the end of each day around 9p.m. Big "Thank You" to some people who have volunteered to be involved. If we could get a few more we would be able to put together a rota so that the load would not be too much on any one person. Contact Frank, Fr. Gerry or the Parish Office if you can help.



# SALTHILL PARISH NEWS

27th May 2018 Pentecost

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

## Our Parish in Action 2018.

### Social Club:

**Next Friday** - We're off to the **Flower Show, "Bloom"** in the Phoenix Park, Dublin on Friday next 1st June for the Fun of it. Minimum cost. Few seats left on our own Bus. Book quickly in Parish Office — "When it's full — it's Full !". All Parishioners and friends welcome. Leaving Leisureland at 8.30am and leaving Dublin at 4pm.



**Popes Visit:** There probably will be a Bus to the Pope's Mass in the Phoenix Park for Sunday August 26th. If interested check with Rhona or Yvonne in the Office re tickets etc after June 1st..

**Volunteers :** The deadline for all kinds of volunteers to work on the Pope's Visit to Ireland is - 31<sup>st</sup> May and all information can be found on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/Volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/Volunteer)

**Mens Shed.** The Shed continues to grow and one of their projects is a vegetable garden in Gort Ard. They would love a green house if one was lying idle in some back garden or maybe an unwanted tunnel. Also a garden shed for tools etc. would be useful.



### Regular Schedule:

- ◆ **Gentle Exercise Class:** . Fri 11.45am & Sat at 12 noon
- ◆ **Bridge Card Game** Mon 1.45 pm in Conference Room
- ◆ **Seniors Luncheon:** Fridays at 1pm in Galilee Hse.
- ◆ **25 Card Game Fri** @ 2pm in Galilee House.
- ◆ **Ark Café** every Monday after 10am Mass at back of Church. Coffee and a Chat. All Welcome
- ◆ **Thoughts on Thursday** @ 10.30am in Galilee Hse.
- ◆ **Musicians:** Jam session/rehearsals Mondays at 11 am in Galilee house.
- ◆ **Men's Shed** - Workshop Open and at work Tuesday & Thursday 2pm - 5 pm in Church Car Park.
- ◆ **Healing Mass** on Wednesdays Evenings at 7:30pm.

*Info on all activities from :* The Parish Office: Monday—Friday 9:30—4:30. Ph.: 523413.

**Congratulations** to First Communion Class Rois for making their First Communion this Saturday. As a parish we would like to acknowledge the great work carried out by the teachers in our schools.



Salthill Parish is committed to the protection of all children and young people in our Church.

## I was thinking !

Dear Fellow Traveller,

The result of the Referendum surprised some of us — but that’s democracy. It doesn’t change a lot - the problem remains and we have to work at developing a society that cares, and provides effective support for all those in need. Life goes on, God is still in the heavens, the sky won’t fall in and if the fine weather continues for another few weeks the farmers will be praying for rain ! We live in a rapidly different society from 30-40 years ago. That era wasn’t perfect either. Society is constantly changing and evolving—remember Slavery was the accepted norm onetime up to end of 19th century and still goes on in some places today.

One of the issues coming to the fore in our time is the issue of homosexuality. As with unwanted pregnancies, much of this issue was not addressed properly in the past - things were swept under the carpet and there was much wrong and a lot of hurt.

Pope Francis has reminded us many times that life is not black and white - that there are all kinds of grey areas that society has difficulty dealing with. A Spanish Newspaper is quoted this week as saying that a gay man named Juan Carlos recently met the Pope who said the following: “He told me, ‘Juan Carlos, that you are gay does not matter. God made you like this and loves you like this and I don’t care. The pope loves you like this. You have to be happy with who you are.’” (Greg Burke, the Vatican’s chief spokesman, did not respond to questions about whether Cruz’s statement accurately reflected his conversation with the Pope.)

It is not the first time it has been suggested that Pope Francis has an open and tolerant attitude toward homosexuality, despite the traditional historical Catholic church’s teaching that gay sex was wrong. In July 2016, in response to a reporter’s question about homosexuality he said “I am glad that we are talking about 'homosexual people' because before all else comes the individual person, in his wholeness and dignity," he continues. "And people should not be defined only by their sexual tendencies: let us not forget that God loves all his creatures and we are destined to receive his infinite love." Francis said: “Who am I to judge?” The new remarks appear to go much further in embracing homosexuality as a sexual orientation that is designed and bestowed by God. It suggests that Francis does not believe that individuals choose to be gay or lesbian, as some religious conservatives argue.

Christopher Lamb, the Vatican correspondent for the Tablet, said the comments were remarkable and a sign of a shift in attitudes taking place. “It goes beyond ‘who am I to judge?’ to ‘you are loved by God,’” said Lamb. “I don’t think he has changed church teaching but he’s demonstrating an affirmation of gay Catholics, something that has been missing over the years in Rome.”

The remarks come as several high profile members of the clergy have sought to publicly make inroads with gay Catholics, many of whom have felt shunned and unwelcome in the church and have been ostracised. Father James Martin, a Jesuit priest in New York has led the outreach effort and was chosen last month to serve as a consultor to the Vatican’s secretariat for communications. Martin has argued in his book “Building a Bridge” that the onus is on the church to make LGBT Catholics feel welcome in the church and to stop discriminating against people based on their “sexuality”.

Each of us needs to do the best they can according to their own lights !

Have a good week. - G.J.

**Croí Nua** - TAIZÉ An hour of spirituality and prayer, Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m.

**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART** Church of Resurrection, Ballinfoyle. The theme this year is family and family life. .May 31st to June 8th. Weekdays 9.30am and 7.30pm. Sat 9.30am & 6.30p.m, Sun10.30am, 1.00pm & 6pm. Included in the Novena - Monday praying for the dead, Tuesday a day on forgiveness, Thursday a day on healing with a special extra Healing Mass at 4pm.Facilitators: Croí Nua Team

**Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage** to Lourdes will take place on July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 6th led by Bishop Brendan Kelly. Fare about €700. Info: Fr. Martin Moran,Ph. 550106 or Fr.Dáithí Ó Murchú, Ph. 544544.

The **Alzheimer Café** is a monthly gathering and anyone affected by dementia is welcome. This month Historian Mr. Peadar O Dowd will give a reminiscence talk on “The Story of Galway” followed by the Medtronic Chorale. Menlo Park Hotel Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> June 2pm – 4pm.

**Croí Heart and Stroke Charity** Annual Tour de Lough Corrib cycle Sunday June 10th. 3 distances 45km/80km/120km to learn more and to pre-register visit [www.croi.ie](http://www.croi.ie) or call Edwina 544310.

**Lough Derg 2018:** Season opened for One Day Retreats. Booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) Three Day Pilgrimage Season begins on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Special Pilgrimage from Renmore June 8-10th - Info 086-4073192

**Holy Land at Christmas** Spending 3 nights in North Israel with 5 nights in Bethlehem. A trip of a lifetime contact James: 061-921470

**Buggy Buddies** is an exercise group, which supports mothers to get back to fitness in a fun, social environment. Every Tues from 10-11am. Start and finish at Salthill Hotel. New members are always welcome. Contact Katie Codyre to register or for more info—087 1642463 [csdo@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:csdo@galwaycoco.ie).

### MASS TIMES

#### WEEKENDS

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

#### WEEKDAYS:

Mon – Fri.: 10am,  
7:30p.m Wednesdays  
Sat.: 10am & 5:30pm

#### THE PARISH OFFICE

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#### ADORATION

10:30am to 7p.m.

Monday to Friday.

(except Bank holidays)

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: following 10am Mass

#### MORNING PRAYER

Mondays 9:45am - except Bank Holidays.

**Week 4** of the Breviary.

#### This Weekend

##### READERS

5.30pm Mc Goldrick Family

9.30 am Parish Team

11a.m. Parish Team

12.30pm Do this in Memory

6p.m. Parish Team

##### Linens

Bridie O'Mahony

##### Flowers

Nuala Fitzpatrick

#### Teams for June

##### Holy Communion

5:30 pm Ethna Regan  
Tony O'Connor

9:30 am Margaret Quigley  
Mai Burke  
Joe Burke  
Rita Donelan

11:00 am

Patrick Devitt  
Mary Bleeker  
Florentine Hayden  
Tony Lyons

##### 12.30pm

Kay O'Riordan  
Marion Mitchell  
Maura Ford3e

##### 6pm

Angela Forde  
Margaret O'Dwyer  
Gerry Purcell  
Judy Collins

##### STEWARDS

5.30 pm  
Tony O'Connor

9.30 am Sean Killeen  
Thomas Quigley

##### 11am

Peadar O'Culain  
Tony O'Connor

##### 12.30pm

Vincent O'Connor  
Hugh Kavanagh  
Peadar Burke

6:00 pm Brendan Reid