

## Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for all those who died recently including **Paul Flannery**, Dalysfort Rd; **Joan Madden**, Roscrea sister of Mary Killeen, Ard na Mara and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat	11th	5.30pm	Terry Barrett (2nd A); Brenda Small (10th A); Maura Tonge (3rd A); Tony O'Connor (Remb) Maeve Kelly (6th A) & Roddy Kelly ; Holy Souls	G.J.
Sun	12th	9.30am	Deceased members of the Joyce & Barrett Families Special Intention	G.J.
		11 am	Gus & Gertie Kerin (A) Special Intention	C.S.
		12.30pm	Charles Lynch, Oaklands (Months Mind) Bernadette Davern (Months Mind) Dympna & Donal Moloney (2nd A)	D.W.
Mon	13th	10 am	Vinny Byrne (A); Ita Lynch (A) Joan Madden R.I.P.; Holy Souls	G.J.
Tues	14th	10am	Joe Caffrey (A); Dr Peter O'Beirne (A) Paddy Feeney (90th B'day Remb ) Holy Souls	G.J.
Wed	15th	10 am	Michael J Mc Loughlin (A) Mairéad, Sorcha & Murt Folan (A) Holy Souls	MSC
Thurs	16th	10 am	Paddy & Julia Ryan (A); Kate O'Neill (A) Jack, Maureen, Harry & Liam Bailey (A) Margaret & Tom Gaffney (A)	C.S
Fri	17th	10am	Denis Carey (1st A) Patrick Mullen (B'day Remb) Thanksgiving; Special Intention Holy Souls	C.S
Sat	18th	10am	Sarah Burke (A); Peter & Agnes Houlihan (A) Deceased members of the Stanley & Whelan families. Holy Souls	GJ

### Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat	18th	5.30pm	Evelyn Connolly (10th A); Joan O'Connor (A) Therese Cunningham (A); Tony O'Connor (A)
Sun	19th	9:30am	Jim Fives (1st A)
		11 am	Yveline Chasseraud (10th A); Joe Kenny (18th A) Brian Mc Kenna (A) and his parents Marie & John Mc Kenna Jim & Peggy Kearney (A) and decd family members Phil & Charlie Mc Dermott (A)
		12.30pm	Breeda Canney Jacobsen (2nd A) Martin Scully (A); Paddy Whelan (2nd A) Carrie & Christy Barnwall (A); Tom & Betty Greene (A) Pat & Peggy Stack (A)



# PARISH NEWS

12th December 2021

**"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"**



## Parish Notices.

**Weekday Mass: 10 am**

**Saturday: Vigil mass at 5.30pm**

**Sunday: Mass at 9:30 and 11a.m & 12.30pm**

**All our Ceremonies are on-line** *"salthillparish.ie"* - live web cam.

## Christmas in our Church

While government Covid restrictions regarding places of worship have been lifted we will be limiting the number of people at our various Masses at Christmas so as to ensure people are as safe as possible. Over the Christmas weekend December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25, 26th - Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and St Stephens Day we will have Nine Christmas Masses. The Bible doesn't actually tell us what day Jesus was born and we invite people to come to one Mass over the period. **Pre-booking is necessary** so please phone ahead (091-523413) over the next 10 days and let us know what Mass you would like to attend. People with colds and flu like symptoms are urged to stay at home and get well.



We are presently preparing the Church for Christmas and we will have the usual lights, decorations, two cribs - one inside and one outside. It's appropriate to decorate the church as we commemorate to celebrate a very special event that had and still has, an enormous effect on our world. Huge thanks to Frank (overall co-ordinator); Seamus ( Projects); Rhona and Orna in the Office; Sr Breege (Church) etc. Special thanks to the Men's Shed especially Eamon and Tom, Paddy & Ray for the construction of a new outdoor crib and much of the "heavy lifting", together with a host of other parishioners giving of their time and skill. We hope to have music at all Christmas Masses.

### Christmas at Salthill Church:

Christmas Carols 7-8p.m Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - Next Sunday

Christmas Eve - December 24<sup>th</sup> Mass at 4p.; 6p.m; & 8p.m.

Christmas Day - December 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30a.m.; 11a.m.; 12:30p.m. (No evening Mass)

St Stephens Day December 26<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 9:30a.m; 11a.m. 12:30p.m.



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

# SCATTERED THOUGHTS !



Dear Fellow Traveller,

Christmas time brings out a great deal of goodwill as we reflect whether we realise it or not on the significance and implications of the birth of Jesus “in a stable in Bethlehem in piecing cold”.. I recently came upon a letter by Fr Peter McVerry on homeless in Ireland and I produce it here as part of “Scattered Thoughts”

Dear John and Mary,

*I believe that there are five basic needs that are required to live a humanly dignified life, namely, access to adequate food, access to healthcare, access to education, access to employment and access to housing. The right to housing is actually the most basic, as without a home it is difficult, if not impossible, to access the other rights adequate food, education, or employment and a person’s health will deteriorate. This applies to everyone, no matter what part of the world they live in. We are called by the Gospel to try to meet these needs. None of us can meet the needs of everyone else, we can only play a small part in doing so. Certainly, the needs of millions of people in other countries are more extreme than here in Ireland, but if we wait until the needs of those millions of people have been met. Before we try to meet the needs of people in Ireland, we will be waiting hundreds of years!*

*The first thing that goes when you become homeless in Ireland is self-esteem. Your sense of your own value disappears. This is not the case in poorer countries, where hundred of thousands of people live in slums and so poverty does not necessary mean a loss of self esteem - it just means you are like everyone else you know. ! But in Ireland, homeless people ask, “What is wrong with me that I cannot have a home like everyone else ?”. If someone is hungry, it is easy to feed them but if someone loses that sense of value, it may not happen in their lifetime. I always say that in housing people in good quality accommodation, we are doing more than giving them a place to stay, we are giving them the message that they are just as important and just as valuable as everyone else.*

*With best wishes,*

*Peter McVerry, S.J.*

Covid has very much limited the fundraising ability of the many charitable associations involved in helping the poor. As a parish we are conscious of those less fortunate and as has been our practise for many years we will be making a direct four figure contribution to a number of local charities - Simon, C.O.P.E., The Hospice, St Vincent de Paul, and “Special Needs” on your behalf. We also think of the wider picture - Trocaire/Concern etc. It’s great to know that very many of you have written cheques, donated on-line making private donations to “Good Causes. On a wider scale as a caring society we need to put into place at political level, a social welfare system that address the five issues identified by Peter MC Verry (above) as necessary to live a humanly dignified life. In the mean-time - If we all do a little it will help a lot !

Many Thanks for your Goodness, Have a good week - G.J.



Our local St. Vincent De Paul Annual Society have again cancelled the Door to Door collection this year because of the Pandemic. However, the Society needs your help more than ever and thank you for your generous contributions in the past. Envelopes will be delivered through An Post and parishioners are asked to please put your donation in an envelope and hand in to the Parish Office or deliver or post to Ozanam House, St. Augustine St., Galway, or donate on-line.

**Volunteers Needed—Aware** is the national organisation



providing free support, education, and information services to those impacted by anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, and related mood conditions. Aware was founded by Dr McKeon and a team of volunteers, many of whom had their own experience of depression or bipolar disorder, and who wanted to support others. That is still Aware’s ethos today: volunteers are the backbone of the organisation. If you are interested in volunteering, please see: <https://www.aware.ie/get-involved/volunteering/> – all the relevant information, training dates, and full application form can viewed on that page.



**Parish Survey** - We are undertaking a review of our Website and would love to hear your views . Please complete the short survey which can be found on our Web Homepage. The website address is -“[www.salthillparish.ie](http://www.salthillparish.ie)”. Survey will close this week. Thank you for taking the time to complete.

## MASS TIMES

### **WEEKENDS**

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:30am,  
11am,  
12.30pm

### **WEEKDAYS:**

Mon —Sat.: 10am

### **Confessions:**

Saturdays after 10am Mass  
in the Adoration Chapel

### **The Parish Office:**

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30—1pm  
2pm —4pm

Orna Hosty {Mon –Wed}

Rhona Bolger [Thurs-Fri]

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### **Parish Co-Ordinator:**

Frank Keane.

**Parish Sister:** Sr Breege Ruane

**Music Director:** Jackie Lillis.

### **Priests of the Parish:**

### Readers

5.30pm Tonge Family  
9.30am Barbara Garvey  
11am Kerin Family  
12.30pm Moloney Family

### Flowers

### Linens

Noirín Barrett  
Maura Connolly

Huge “Thank You” to  
all our Volunteers.