

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for all those who died recently and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat 14th	5.30pm	Celia & Owen Kelly (A) Tony O'Connor (Remb)	C.S.
Sun 15th	9.30am	Sarah & Francis Sweeney (A) Martin Joe & Mary Kate O'Connor (A) Madge & Peter Carey (Dublin) (A)	C.S.
	11 am	Gervase Watson (4th A) Marie & John Geaney (A)	D.W.
	12.30pm	Margaret Moynihan (10th A) Marita Murphy (7th A) Catherine & Michael Mc Donagh & decd members of the Mc Donagh & Geary families	G.J.
Mon 16th	10 am	Nicky Murray (B'day Remb) Holy Souls	G.J.
Tues 17th	10am	Bridget Greaney Lee R.I.P.	G.J.
Wed 18th	10 am	Lily Gallagher R.I.P.	MSC
Thurs 19th	9.30 am	Mary & William Cullinane (A) Thanksgiving	C.S
Fri 20th	10am	Marie Conway (B'day Remb)	C.S.
Sat 21st	10 am	Private Intention	G.J.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat 15th	5.30pm	Vincent & Teresa Doyle (23rd & 12th A) Brenda Small (B'day Remb); Mary Commins (A) Timothy & Hannah Doherty (A) & decd family members Special Intention
Sun 16th	9:30 am 11 am 12.30pm	Seán Fahy (A) Michael O'Halloran (A) Padraig Flaherty (6th A) Maureen O'Connor, Knocknarrara (Months Mind) Ann Mitchell (1st A) Mary, Ena, Josephine & Cris Conroy (A) Winnie & John Walsh (A)

PARISH NEWS

15th May 2022

"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.



BIG Congratulations to the Boys of Scoil Einde, Dr Mannix Rd., who made their First Communion this weekend. Big Thaqnks to all their teachers, families and all who helped prepare them for the occasion

Parish in Action

Ark Café: Every Monday after 10 am Mass in Conference Room at the rear of our church. All are welcome including visitors to our locality.

Gentle Exercises: 2 sessions every week, starting in Galilee House on Wed from 11.45 am to 12.45 pm and then on Friday in Conference Room at rear of church from 11.45 am to 12.45pm.

Friday Lunch Club: Every Friday in Galilee House at 1pm. Main course, dessert, tea/coffee and biscuits followed by fun bingo and if you like, a game of cards. Contact Parish Office at (091) 523413 to book your place.

Thoughts on Thursday: Starts next Thursday at 11 am in Galilee hse.

A drop-in-Meeting . Great way to get back and meet others.

Social Outing: We are organising an day trip event on Wednesday 25th May to the Country Life Museum, Victorian Gardens and Turlough House in Castlebar, followed by a visit to nearby Horkan's Garden Centre. Lunch will be arranged too. Bus leaving Salthill Church at 9.30am, returning at 5pm. Please contact the Parish Office to book your ticket. All in cost is €25 per person.

Adoration of the Sacred Heart -We hoping to restart for a couple of hours each weekday morning. **10:30am to 2:30 pm** - We invite people who may be interested to contact us or complete the form at adoration chapel.

Volunteers needed to help with some of our activities eg Lunch Club, Driving etc. Contact Parish Office.

Ukraine: We welcome Ukrainian war refugees into our midst. Our schools have made significant strides involving the children. We strive to find mechanisms that will go some way to helping the adults integrate into our community. We are looking for people who are willing to help out. Please contact Seamus Hynes in parish office.



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,

Last week Pope Francis gave what I think is a very poignant homily to those present at his weekly audience in St Peters Sq. It went like this:

“There is a story in the old Testament about an old man – named Eleazar who lived at the time of the persecution of Antiochus Epiphanes. He is a wonderful character. His character gives us a testimony of the special relationship that exists between the fidelity of old age and the honour of faith. He’s a proud man and knows who he is.

In Life the honour of faith periodically comes under pressure, even violent pressure, from the culture of the rulers, who seek to debase it by treating it as an archaeological find, or an old superstition, an anachronistic fetish, and so on. The biblical story tells of the episode of the Jews being forced by a king’s decree to eat meat sacrificed to idols. When it’s the turn of Eleazar, who is in his 90s; and highly respected by everyone – an authority – the king’s officials advised him to resort to a pretence, that is, to pretend to eat the meat without actually doing so. Hypocrisy. Religious hypocrisy. There is so much! There is so much religious hypocrisy, clerical hypocrisy, now as then. The people tell him, “Be a little bit of a hypocrite, no one will notice.” In this way Eleazar’s life would be saved, and – they said – in the name of friendship he would accept their gesture of compassion and affection. A hypocritical way out. After all, they insisted, it was a small gesture, pretending to eat but not eating, an insignificant gesture. It is a little thing, but Eleazar stuck to his guns and refuses to do what he believed not to be right. The central point is this: dishonouring the faith in old age, in order to gain a handful of days, cannot be compared with the legacy it must leave to the young, for entire generations to come. But well done Eleazar! An old man who has lived in the coherence of his faith for a whole lifetime, and who now adapts himself to feigning repudiation of it, condemns the new generation to thinking that the whole faith has been a sham, an outer covering that can be abandoned, imagining that it can be preserved interiorly. And it is not so, says Eleazar. Such behaviour does not honour faith, not even before God. And he says, the effect of this external trivialisation will be devastating for the inner life of young people. Eleazar is thinking of the young! He considers his future legacy, he thinks of his people.

It is precisely old age – and this is beautiful for all you old people, isn’t it! – that appears here as the decisive place, the irreplaceable place for this testimony. An elderly person who, because of his vulnerability, accepts that the practice of the faith is irrelevant, would make young people believe that faith has no real relationship with life. It would appear to them, from the outset, as a set of behaviours which, if necessary, can be faked or concealed, because none of them is particularly important for life. *Perhaps it is for us older people to give faith back its honour, to make it coherent, which is the witness of Eleazar: consistency to the very end. The practice of faith is not the symbol of our weakness, no, but rather the sign of its strength.* We are no longer youngsters. We were not kidding around when we set out on the Lord’s path!

Faith deserves respect and honour to the very end: it has changed our lives, it has purified our minds, it has taught us the worship of God and the love of our neighbour. It is a blessing for all! But the faith as a whole, not just a part of it. Like Eleazar, we will not barter our faith for a handful of quiet days.

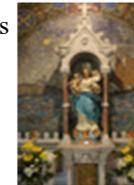
Dear elderly brothers and sisters – not to say old, we are in the same group – please look at the young people: they are watching us. They are watching us. Don’t forget that. I am reminded of that wonderful post-war film: “The Children Are Watching Us”. We can say the same thing with young people: young people are watching us and our consistency can open up a beautiful path of life for them. Hypocrisy, on the other hand, will do so much harm. Let us pray for one another. May God bless all of us old people. [Pope Francis May 4th 2022.]

Have a good week and as my grandfather used to say—
“Keep the Faith”. G.J.

Rosary on Line will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of May We thank all those volunteers who took the time out to recite the Rosary from the altar as well as those who joined us in the church and through the webcam. Our final Rosary session will be Tuesday 31st May.

Triduum in Honour of Our Lady of Galway:

Fri 20th-Sun 21st May in the Claddagh Church. Mass Fri & Sat @ 7.30pm with anointing of the sick at-Mass Friday. Concluding Mass of the Triduum at 12noon on Sunday. This year marks the Centenary of the erecting of the statue of Our Lady of Galway.



Parent and Toddlers Group Cuidiu Toddler group has started in the Conference room, at rear of church, every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12pm. TEXT Karen at 086 6087348 to book your place.

Community Help: A team of staff in Hewlett-Packard, has offered to help the local parish out by undertaking Gardening, Carpentry or painting jobs for senior people in our parish who may not be able to do those jobs themselves. If you would like to benefit from this charitable help, please contact Seamus Hynes in the parish office on 091 523413.

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their **Telephone Support & Befriending** service for older people. ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit www.alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

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

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Parish Sister: Sr Breege Ruane

Music Director: Jackie Lillis.

Projects: Seamus Hynes

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings 091-523413

Fr Charlie Sweeney MSC

Readers

5.30pm Parish Reader

9.30am Parish Reader

11am Watson Family

12.30pm Moynihan Family

Flowers

Carmel Mahoney

Linens

Maura O’Halloran

Huge “Thank You” to
all our Volunteers.