

### Mass Intentions this Week include:

We pray for those who died recently including **Richard Pearson, Clybaun Road** laid to rest on Friday. We pray for all those with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances at this time. Etc

Sat	5th	5.30pm	Juliett Mc Hugh, St Ronan's Close (Months Mind) Jimmy & Kathleen Mc Namara (A); Patrick Lambe R.I.P. Annie & James Henry (A); Richard Kinneen (A) John and Bridget O'Brien (A); Tim Naughton & Dec. Family	G.J.
Sun	6th	9.30am	Private Intention	C.S
		11 am	Sean & Rita Cullinan (A) Frank & Maureen Mc Dermott (9th & 14th A) Tony, Sharon & Dara O'Malley (A)	D.W.
		12.30pm	Eddie Rice; John & Winifred Walsh (A) Christy O'Connor (Junior) & Dec. Family	C.S.
		6 pm	Private Intention	G.J.
Mon	7th	10am	Kathleen & Damien Gearty (A); Special Intention	G.J
Tues	8th	10am	Páid Mc Gee R.I.P. ; Special Intention	C.S
Wed	9th	10am	Michael Patten R.I.P.	MSC
Thurs	10th	10am	Private Intention	C.S
Fri	11th	10am	Mairead, SORCHA & Murt Folan (RIP & Anniv.)	C.S
Sat	12th	10am	Private Intention	M.B

### Next Weekend:

Sat	12th	5:30pm.	Nuala O'Flaherty (A); Patricia Dolan (nee Kearney) (A) Brigid & Neil Whoriskey (A); Louise Martin (A) Pattie Sweeney (A); Austin Cunney (A)
Sun	13th	9.30am	Joe Burke, Rockbarton Park (Months Mind) Briain Burke (A)
		11 am	Harry Lyden (9th A); Teresa Scannell (A)
		12.30pm	Private Intention
		6pm	Private Intention

No Wednesday evening Mass until further notice.

[All our Masses are broadcast on our Web Cam - [www"salthillparish.ie"](http://www.salthillparish.ie).]

# SALTHILL PARISH NEWS

6th January 2019 Feast of the Epiphany



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

**Adoration resumes Monday 7th 10:30 to 7pm Monday—Friday**



### Achoo !

In this season of colds, flus and infections, if somebody prefers to greet you at the Sign of Peace with a smile and bow rather than a handshake please reciprocate in a like manner. They are not being uncivil. It may be because they do not want to pass on an infection or are afraid of the consequences of one. The important thing is that we support, care about and respect one another.



### Three Kings:

The Christmas story is also a reminder that those who "come from afar" are not coming as a threat to us but may actually be "bearing gifts" as the Wise Men did to Bethlehem.. Jesus' birth was not welcomed by everyone. The innkeeper—usual lame old excuse—"No room !" - fob the poor off—10 cents into the collection box and move on ! The establishment, in the form of Herod, saw him as a threat to his way of life, the Pharisees the same when he began his mission. The attempts by President Trump in the USA and Mrs May in Britain to build walls to keep people out is of the same ilk. For our society to continue to exist in any semblance of normality and peace we must be committed to discovering more of what it means to be citizens together, even amid great challenges and changes. Hope lies in our capacity to approach this new year in a spirit of openness towards each other. That will involve choosing to see ourselves as neighbours to all mankind. Happy New Year to one and All !.

### Our Parish in Action this week

#### Regular Schedule:

- ◆ Adoration weekdays 10.30am to 7 pm ( Mon - Fri).
- ◆ Gentle Exercise Class: . Resumes on Friday Fri 11th. 11.45am & Sat at 12
- ◆ Seniors Luncheon: Resumes Friday 11th January at 1p.m
- ◆ Bridge: Mondays at 2pm in the Conference Room, back of the church.
- ◆ 25 Card Game Fridays @ 2pm in Galilee House- resumes this Friday Jan 11th

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



I was thinking ..... !

Dear Fellow Traveller

There is general acceptance that a major climate change is afoot in the form of global warming. The exceptional mild weather over Christmas was unprecedented. Data collected by satellites has enabled scientists to see the bigger picture. The ice is melting. It needs to be taken seriously. Pope Francis in an encyclical warns that we are approaching 'tipping-point'. Scientists warn that if we fail to act now, the damage will be irreparable.

An Anglican clergyman, Colin Morris, told this cautionary tale. 'Genesis in Reverse' he called it. If one were to write a bible for the 21st century, he said, we would start with the story of how human beings dismantled the world, rather than how God created it. And it might run like this:

*"In the end, mankind systematically demolished the home God had given them even though they had nowhere else to go. They plundered the earth, slaughtered one another, and their brothers and sisters of the animal kingdom. And this was the seventh day from the end. They polluted the clear air with the fumes of their machines, poisoned the sea with their garbage and turned rivers into foaming torrents of chemical waste, and began ever so slowly to choke themselves to death. And this was the sixth day from the end.*

*They stifled all truth that wasn't their truth and scoffed at the warnings of the prophets and were deaf to the ominous sounds of the earth in torment. Arrogance and self-righteousness drowned out wisdom and humility. And this was the fifth day from the end.*

*And they said the strong are entitled to most of what's going and the weak can have the rest. But the more they had to lose, the more they feared those who had nothing to lose, so they built ever bigger walls and larger armies to protect their self-interest. And this was the fourth day from the end.*

*They slept uneasily and awoke afraid and set to work to create the ultimate weapon. Then they said, 'Now we feel really safe!' But their enemies didn't feel safe, so they too created an ultimate weapon, and the whole world lived under the shadow of extinction and called it peace. And this was the third day from the end. Then having proved by their cleverness that they could make anything, they said, now let us make God in our own image, let us gaze into a mirror and worship the one we see there. And this was the second day from the end.*

*And they were mesmerised by the gleaming products of their ingenuity, and they cried 'Bigger! Faster! Stronger! Richer! Louder! More!' And they became obsessed with a desire nothing could satisfy. And this was the day before the end.*

Then there was chaos and uproar, and when the din subsided, human life had vanished. And the ravished earth rested on the seventh day. Then God broke the silence. 'Back to the drawing board,' he said sadly."

It all sounds apocalyptic and alarmist, doesn't it? However, like the old Greek philosopher, 'I have told this truth so that it may not become true!'

Have a Good Year!

G.J.

**Galway Sick Kids Foundation** would like to sincerely thank the people of Salthill who contributed so generously to our Church Gate collection last weekend. We raised €1022 which will be of enormous benefit to the children and their parents attending St Bernadettes Ward in U.H.G.

**Beginner Tai chi classes** Mon 7th Jan 7-8pm and Tue 8th Jan 3-4pm in the Youth Hub, beside Barna Church. Contact Eileen 086-8533395,

**Women of the Well — Day Retreat:** Sat 19th Jan 10am-4pm at the Prayer Centre, Knock. Cost €30 (includes lunch). Info/Booking: jesuitcentregalway@gmail.com or 086 877 6537

**Catholic Family One Day Conference** on Saturday 12th January 10.30am to 5.30pm in the Salthill Hotel. Adults €14, Students €5. Info@roundtower.org or 083 8994560

**Live Course** – 4 week beginner course Ardilaun Hotel Tues Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm or 8.30pm Great fun. No partner Required. Info 087-3995877

**Galway Pilgrimage to Lisieux** will take place 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. Pilgrimage will include visits to places associated with St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Notre Dame Cathedral Paris, Chartre Cathedral and Mont St Michel. Trio will be led by Fr. Martin Whelan. Info: Joe Walsh Tours at 01 241 0800.

**FREE Computer Training:** Classes are available through The Dept of Communications, Environment and Climate Change together with the Irish Computer Society. The main objective is to take the fear out of going online and help people of any age in using the internet and email. Courses will be run in Galway in early 2019 provided we have enough numbers. If you are interested please contact Ann Marie at 091 567701 to book your place.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon** ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th/14th June .Full Board €675 pps; single supplement €32.Contact James 061 921470

#### Teams for January

##### Holy Communion: 5:30pm

Anne White  
Marie O'Connor  
Billy Hyland  
9.30am  
Suzette Liddy  
Anne O'Connor  
Mary O'Mahony  
Sr Angela Maughan

##### 11am

Ann Flanagan  
Margaret Mc Loughlin  
Mary Nee  
Val Mc Nicholas  
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  
(Pollnarooma)

##### 9:30

Thomas Mc Guire  
Noel Carr

##### 11am

MI Flanagan  
Joe Tyrell

##### 12:30

Hugh Kavanagh  
Myles Mc Padden

6pm: Brendan Reid

#### MASS TIMES

##### WEEKENDS

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

##### WEEKDAYS:

Mon – Sat: 10am,  
Wednesdays: 10am & 7:30pm

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☎ 523 413

Fr. Michael Bailey OFM, C.C.

Fr Charlie Sweeney MSC, C.C.

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##### In Residence:

John Acton. (Student.)

##### ADORATION

10:30am to 7p.m.

Monday to Friday.

(except Bank holidays

##### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: following 10am Mass

##### MORNING PRAYER

Monday 9:45am - except Bank Holidays.

Week 3 of the Breviary.

#### This Weekend

##### READERS

5.30 Mc Hugh Family  
9.30 Parish Reader  
11am Cullinan Family  
12.30 Walsh Family  
6pm. Parish Reader

##### Linens

Maura O'Halloran