

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for those who died recently including :- **Seán Mc Garry**, Salthill; **Eileen Gumbrell**, England sister of Ambrose Cosgrave, The Maples; **Fr Jim Kirby** (Limerick) son of Peggy (ex the Nurseries) We pray for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year who have gone to God.

Sat 20th	5:30pm	Nora O'Malley, Rockbarton Rd (Months Mind) Tony O'Connor, Oaklands (1st A); Jack Mahon (A) Diamond, Concannon & Costello families; Brian Callaghy (A) Noel & Maureen Finan (A) and decd family members Eileen & Michael Hogan; Joan & Bert Heald Angela Laheen (20th A); Nelius O' Connor (8th A) Thomas (Mossy) Walsh (A) & decd members of the Walsh family	G.J.
Sun 27th	9.30am	Lena & Martin Donnellan & decd members of the Donnellan & Crowe Family.	C.S..
	11 am	Frances Quiqley, Glenard Crescent (Months Mind) Patrick Jennings (A)	D.W.
	12.30 pm	Anna Kelly (A); Pat O'Grady (A) John & Elizabeth O'Connor (A); Christy & Darren O'Connor (A) Sean & Rosemarie O'Connor (A); Eileen King (A) May & Paddy Murray (A)	G.J.
	6 pm	Sally Mulhern R.I.P. Eileen Trapmore (nee O'Reilly) R.I.P.	C.S..
Mon 28th*	10am	Ellen & John Madden (A)	G.J.
Tues 29th	10am	Mary & David Mc Cormack (A) Joseph & Kathleen Mullen (B'day Remb) Denis MC Carthy (A)	G.J.
Wed 30th	10am	Michael & Ann Morris (A) and decd family members	MSC
Thurs 31st	10am	Michael, Delia, Andy & Canon Tom Finan (A)	C.S.
Fri 1st	10 am	Patrick & Margaret Heavey (A)	G.J.
Sat 2nd	10am	J P Murray (A) ; Mary Corbett R.I.P.	C.J.

Next Weekend

Sat 2nd	5:30pm	Frank Murray (1st A); Mary Brennan (A) Michael Ward (A); John Kinneen (A) Michael O'Donovan (A)
Sun 3rd	9:30am	Private Intention
	11 am	Padhraic O' Flaherty (1st A) Sean & Rita de Burca (A); Kathleen O'Halloran (A) John O'Connor (A); Eddie Bennett (A)
	12:30pm	Private Intention
	6pm	Ita Costello R.I.P.

*Parish Office Closed on Bank Holiday Monday October 28th

PARISH NEWS

27th October 2019

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



Our Parish in Action. Some Weekly Events:

- **Adoration** - — Mon - Fri: 10:30am — 7pm
- **Ark Café** Mon after the 10am Mass in the Conference Room. Coffee and a Chat.
- **The Gospel and Me- Thursdays** 10.45 am in Galilee hse. A chat on next Sunday's readings
- **Musicians on Mondays** at 10.45am in Galilee. Beginners welcome.
- ♦ **Gentle Exercise Class:** Fridays at 11.45am & Sat at 12 Noon
- ♦ **Seniors Luncheon:** Every Friday at 1p.m
- ♦ **Bridge:** Mondays @ 2pm in Conference Room
- ♦ **25 Card Game Fridays** Every Friday @ 2pm in Galilee House
- ♦ **A.A. Meetings:** Every morning 8/8:30am in the Conference Room at the back door of the Church. Also - Tues & Sun.8p.m. & Fri 8:30p.m. Info: 01-8420700

NOTE: The Thursday morning group are trying a new approach. At Thursday's meetings they will familiarise themselves with the following Sunday's readings and have a chat on what it may say to us.

All welcome with a cuppa at 10.30 am.

Meeting now called **'THE GOSPEL & ME'**

- * November is traditionally the month when we remember our Dead in a special way,
- * Mass Times: In addition to the regular schedule 10am daily Mass we will have a **7:30p.m. Evening Mass each Wednesday night during November for the Holy Souls.**
- * **Parish List of the Dead: We will have special prayers throughout November for family and Friends who have gone to God.** "November Envelopes" are available in the porch We invite people to submit their personal/family List. (There is no charge but if people wish to give a small donation towards the maintenance of the parish and it's activities it is appreciated. Please use the "Donation Box" beside the Sacred Heart Shrine)
- * **Special Remembrance Service** 3p.m. Sunday 10th for all our Dead especially those who went to God in the past year (with planting of bulbs) .

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,

Big "Thanks You" for your support and generosity last Sunday towards "The Missions". It was good to meet a real live Missionary and it is good for us to be reminded of our connection with "The Foreign Missions" and to hear of some of the good work going on .

However, given the condition of the Church in our society today, we can no longer confine our notion of "missionary activity" exclusively to foreign fields. The lack of enthusiasm among young people for religion today indicates a church in deep trouble. Most of you will be aware of the sobering statistics: the average age of the Irish Catholic priest today is 69. He retires at 75.. In Galway diocese there is less than one diocesan priest per parish.. At present the gap is being plugged by the help of a dozen or so priests from religious communities and returned Missionaries and we are "half" managing. A few more statistics may clarify the context further: 72% of French Catholics never attend Church. 67% per cent in Britain; 53% per cent in Germany. In Ireland, attendance has dropped from 92% to 60% in 20 years and is probably now between 30% - 40%. In Europe, however, while the Church survives as a cultural vessel, it has been largely emptied of its spiritual contents and energy. As circumstances change, the response of the Church must change accordingly. As Pope Paul VI liked to point out, *'The need today is not just to preach the gospel to those who have not heard it. A more urgent need is to preach the gospel to those who have forgotten it.'* In other words, Europe and Ireland needs to be re-evangelised.

As Christians, we live by the conviction that every human being is born with a hunger for God. This longing for wholeness is part of what we are. We must now seek out ways of satisfying that hunger, to seek out new ways of preaching the gospel. This will not be done by traditional missionaries. As the baptism ceremony puts it, the first preachers of the gospel will be the parents of every baptised child. The influx or "Non Irish refugees etc adds to the diversity of our society. This fits in too with Paul VI's 'take' on today's needs: *"People today are not looking for preachers but witnesses"* he held. What we do, rather than what we say, will bear witness to the gospel working, or failing to work in our lives .

At present there is a Synod of Bishops going on in Rome looking at the issues effecting the Pan Amazon region (South America) in particular. Changes on how the church does it's business are expected to emerge. The principal items effecting the Amazon region are to identify new paths for the evangelization of God's people in that region. Shortage of Priests – have married priests ,woman deacons, Global warming, protect the environment , a more localised church were decisions are made at a local level mainly by the representative of the laity .

When lived and preached faithfully, the gospel can be an agent of salvation, saving the human race from its own selfishness and its inbuilt instinct for self-destruction. One of the major challenges facing the ordinary Christian in our time is to appreciate that we are as central today to the spread of the good news as the disciples were in their day. God is as dependent upon us as he was upon the early disciples at the birth of the church. In fact the new missionary challenge facing the Church is far more daunting that ever faced the missionaries in Africa or South America.

Two weeks ago we initiated a series of "Open Meetings" of the Parish to consider the future of our Parish, to look at the issues of our time and hopefully address some of them. We plan another "Open Meeting" for the middle November at which we hope to identify way we can build community and fulfil our mission of bringing Christ's love to that part of the world in which we live our world. Together we can !

Have a good week
G.J.

P.S. Immediately after Halloween we will be gathering Christmas Presents for the annual Shoe Boxes for poor children in Eastern Europe and Africa. Time to start collecting the Boxes etc.

Community Notices — "What's On ?"

Croi Nua, Rosary Lane -Ph 520960 . www.croinua.com
Life's Healing Journey - A pathway to forgiveness, If you have experienced a hurt or a loss you can benefit from this Healing Journey. Fri 8th Nov 7.30pm, Sat & Sun 9th & 10th Nov 10am to 4pm

Salthill Active Retired every Wednesday morning at 11am in the Captains Deck, Leisureland. New members Welcome

Feel Good With Pieta - Afternoon Dance today Sunday 28th in The Connacht Hotel 3pm to 6.m. Admi €10.00 Music by Joe Glynn. Funds raised to Pieta House Galway City. Please support .

Two Concerts by Male and Female Welsh choirs will be held in Barna Church on Thurs 31st Oct and in St Nicholas Church on Friday 1st Nov in aid of Galway Hospice. Both concerts begin at 8.00pm. Tickets €10.00 at the door. Children under 12 free and all welcome.

The Galway Hospice Annual Mass will be held in Renmore Church on Sunday, 3rd November, at 3:00pm. The celebrant is Bishop Brendan Kelly. All are most welcome to attend, with refreshments afterwards at Galway Hospice.

Forthill Cemetry Sunday 3rd Nov Mass celebrated @ 12.30pm

Faith in Your Future with Fr. Michael Conway. Wed 13th & 20th Nov, 8pm-9:30pm in the Galway Bay Hotel. €30 for this 2 evening seminar. Booking www.jesuitcentregalway.ie jesuitcentregalway@gmail.com or 086 877 6537/091 725 363.

Yoga with Hannah and Rachel in Aras na Trá Mondays 10am to 11.15am. Tues & Wed Salerno Sports Dome 7am to 8am . See Yogamaraescapes.com for full range of classes.

Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia. An afternoon of information and support. Nov 16th 1pm-4.30pm in the Ardilaun hotel. info@cll.ie or 086 4115195 for registration details.

Teams for November

Eucharistic Ministers

5.30pm

John Gibbs
Joe Toner
Emer Toner

9.30am

Noreen Loughnane
Maura Connolly
Josephine Murphy
Tom Quigley

11am

Annette Hanley
Delma O'Reilly
Evangeline Cummins
Doreen Mc Alinney
Colette Burke

12.30pm

Mary Caulfield

6pm

Rosaleen Carroll
Martin Brennan
Mary Geraghty
Antoinette O'Neill

Stewards

Co-ordinators

5.30pm

Tony O'Connor/Poll
Eugene Dunleavy

9.30am

Thomas Nestor
Vincent Jennings

11am

John Cuffe
Mattie Gilmore

12.30pm

Vincent O'Connor

6pm

Brendan Reid

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:

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30—1pm
2pm —4.30pm

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Fr Charlie Sweeney MSC

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Priests In Residence:

Fr. Michael Bailey, OFM

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Adoration

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon - Fri: 10:30am — 7:pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: After 10am Mass

Morning Prayer—Week 2

Readers

5.30 pm O'Malley Family

9.30 pm Parish Reader

11am Quigley Family

12.30 pm O'Grady Family

6pm O'Reilly Family

Linens

Bridie O'Mahony

Flowers this week

Freda Whyte

Phil Murray

Big Thank You to All !