

## Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for those who died recently including **Donal & Dympna Moloney**, Glenard Crescent; **Paddy Whelan**, Carragh Hill; **Breda Canny**, Sweden, daughter of Pat and Kathleen, We pray for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat 21st	5:30pm	Joan O'Connor (1st A); Thomas & Abigail O'Connor (A) Jack Fitzpatrick (3rd A); Pat & Peggy Stack (A); Coleman & Maureen Joyce (A); Vincent Harrington (A) Brid Curran- Joyce (A); Evelyn & Con Finan (A)	G.J.
Sun 22nd	9.30am	John, Anthony & Maureen Mannion (A) Tess O'Brien (A) Sarah Burke (A)	D.W.
	11 am	Therese Cunningham (A); Betty & Tom Green (A) Pat Mc Donagh (A) ; Austin Keogh (A); Martin & Ciss Lardner (RIP)	C.S
	12.30pm	Tony Raftery (1st A); Joe Kenny (A) Jim Flavin (A) & decd family members Richard & Ellen Walsh & decd family members	G.J.
	6 pm	Vincent O'Sullivan (R.I.P.)	C.S.
Mon 23rd	10am	Sean Mc Manamon (A); Patrick & Bridget Ruane (A) Decd members of the Sugrue & Higgins Families	C.S.
Tues 24th	10am	Ben & Peg Campion (A); Kathleen Casey (R.I.P) Queenie O'Bric (A);	C.S
<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	<b>4pm 6pm 9pm</b>	Toddler Mass Childrens Mass Vigil Mass — Mary Sweeney (1st A);	G.J C.S G.J
Wed 25th <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>9.30am 11am 12.30</b>	Anne Gallagher (A); Special Intention Private Intention Noreen & George Murray (Remb) & decd family members	C.S. D.W G.J
Thurs 26th	10am	Phyl Long (A) Michael & Tess Horan (A)	G.J
Fri 27th	10 am	Maureen O'Donnell (A)	G.J
Sat 28th	10am	Frank Murray (Remb); Kevin Jennings (A)	G.J0.

### Next Weekend

Sat 28th	5:30pm	Sean Mc Garry (Months Mind) Michael Croker (Birthday Remb) Frank Mc Carthy (10th A) Thomas Moran (2nd A) Bridie & Padraic Gill & decd family members
Sun 29th	9:30am	Private Intention
	11 am	Billy Kelly (A)
	12:30pm	Paschal mc Daid ( Months Mind) Denis Byrne (7th A); Stan & Margaret O'Reilly
	6pm	Richard Pearson (1st A) Richie Cazabon (10th A);



# PARISH NEWS

22nd December 2019

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



## Our Parish in Action

### Christmas Masses in Salthill

**24th Christmas Eve:** 4pm - "Toddlers Mass" Please leave to toddlers  
6pm. Children/Youth Mass  
9pm. Parish families

**Christmas Day:** 9:30am; 11am. 12:30 (No Evening Mass on Christmas Day)

**After Christmas** Mass daily at 10am weekdays and regular schedule at weekends  
**Parish Office** will be closed over Christmas Holiday Period.. Dec 23rd—January 2nd.  
**Priest will be on duty** and contactable each day after the 10am morning Mass or via phone for urgent matters (091-523413)

**Adoration** closed for Christmas from Friday 20th until the New Year.

**Adoration will be at the Crib during .**

**Our Christmas "Verbum"** Thanks again to all who distributed the Verbum envelopes. There is still a small few left and if your missing one then give the office a call. We ask that parishioners drop their donation into either "Offertory Baskets" at Mass, the Donation Box in the church [ a new (extra secure) "Donation Box" beside the Sacred Heart Shrine) or the Parish Office over the Christmas period. Extra envelopes at the church door. Many, many thanks for your continued support of the parish and it's activities.

Working together we can achieve a lot. !

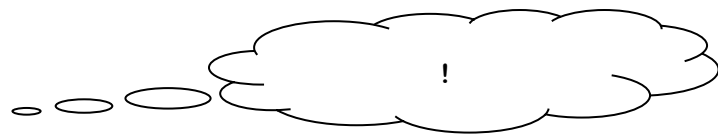


## Our Parish in Action Resumes in 2020

\* **A.A. Meetings:** Every morning 8/8:30am in the Conference Room at the rear of the Church. Also - Tues & Sun.8p.m. & Fri 8:30p.m. Info: 01-8420700. Also Christmas morning at 8 am

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





From the Pastor's Desk. -

I received this letter this week as a reflection on Christmas.

'A Baby Changes Everything' is my new No.1 Christmas Song. While this song was released in 2008 I only heard it for the first time this year and immediately a wonderful new appreciation of Christmas struck me. I ask myself why it took me so long and why now? Life has a way of waking you up and this year for me had many such lessons. The main event was the birth of Eva our grandchild. Her due date was Dec 25th but as the saying goes 'Make God laugh and tell Him your plans' her mother had high blood pressure so she was admitted early for observation and safety.



New plans were discussed around birth by section and earlier dates. God laughed again and baby Eva surprised us all and arrived without fuss on Dec 8th, 17 days early. She was a tiny, helpless, perfect human being, so vulnerable, delicate yet so beautiful. The sense of relief, surprise and emotion was enormous. Her father, who works in the hospital and surrounded by pain, suffering, sadness each day, explained how he thought his chest would explode within him, such was the overwhelming power of love he felt. I remembered also, like every parent, what he was going through and felt from that moment on both their lives are changed forever more.

Their story was for me the perfect Christmas story. Maybe it was because of the significant due date of Dec 25th and the birth date Dec 8th or the uncertainty leading up to the birth itself or their first child or all of the above. Only when I met them afterwards I didn't see just a child, a mother, a father but simply love itself in all its glory. We all have what that child has within us 'once a child, always a child'. We may have grown up and think that we know and are in control but, we only make God laugh again as we are still as vulnerable yet perfect as the day we were born. Earlier this year we said our last farewell to granny, the last of a generation, and I remembered the truth is that 'the story remains the same (love) while the characters come and go'.

**A baby changes everything.**

May the LOVE that is Christmas brighten your life and warm your days forever more..

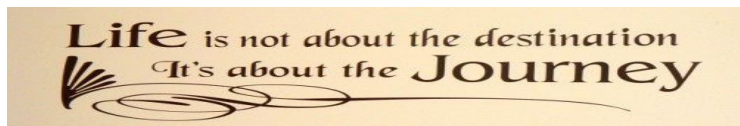
- A Very Happy and Proud Grandad

On behalf of the Fr Charlie, the parish staff and myself may we wish your and your families a very Happy Christmas and Peace in the New Year. Huge Thanks to all involved in our parish, The Parish Team; Our Choirs, All involved in making our parish a "Family of Families"

Looking forward to meeting you over the Christmas. Have a Good One !

G.J.

**'The bounty of the universe begins with the gift of life'. Sr. Stan**



### Community Notices — "What's On ?"

**Croi Nua, Rosary Lane -Ph 520960 . www.croinua.com**

**Trocaire Gifts:** Price from €5 for soap, €8 for a chick, to €50 for a goat and upwards. Available in the Parish Office, Trócaire On-line, or phone 1850 408 408, or at the Trócaire stand in the Galway Christmas market in Eyre Sq. or Parish Office.

**Galway Sea Scouts** would like to thank all who generously contributed to their recent collection. €580 was raised.

**Training for Change & Growth**—6 weekend workshops February to May aimed at community leaders, sports coaches, Self help groups and employees. Further info on [www.pernetlayassociates.com](http://www.pernetlayassociates.com) or 086 6098887

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorge** - Holy Week 2020, April 8th for seven days . Spiritual Director Canon Brendan Kilcoyne . €689. For more info ring Bernie on 087 9353953.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage** with Fr. Robert Mc Namara from 26 October to 3 November 2020. Contact Anne on 0877530132.



### Teams for December

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**5.30pm**  
Ann White  
Marie O'Connor  
Billy Hyland  
Seamus Hynes  
Mary Mc Donnell

**9.30am**  
Ann Costello  
Rosemarie Houlihan  
Carmel Mahoney  
Ellen Mc Carthy

**11am**  
Pauline Fitzgerald  
Martina Murray  
Mary Mc Namara

Anne Kitt  
Val Mc Nicholas

**12.30pm**  
Catherine Quinlan  
Mary Comer  
Patricia Buckley  
Rosemary Murphy  
Zoe Donohoe  
Mia Conneely

**6pm**  
Grace Lyden  
Billy Rooney  
Kate Henry

**Stewards**

**Co-ordinators**  
**5.30pm**  
Gerry O'Connor  
Paddy Hennelly

**9.30am**  
John Hannon  
**11am**  
Paul Colleran  
Jim Dillon  
Sean Martin

**12.30pm**  
Vincent O'Connor  
Tom Murphy  
**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

Yvonne Thornton [Mon-Wed]

Rhona Bolger [Thurs-Fri]

Phone: (091) 523413

E-mail:

[salthillparish@eircom.net](mailto:salthillparish@eircom.net)

#### Parish Co-Ordinator:

Frank Keane.

Parish Sister: Sr Breege Ruane

Music Director: Jackie Lillis.

#### Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings 523 413

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 4

#### Readers

5.30 pm Fitzpatrick Family

9.30 pm Jim Sugrue

11am Cunningham Family

12.30pm Raftery Family

6pm Parish Team

#### Linens

Maura Connolly

**Big Thank You to All !**