

## Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for those who died recently including **Myles Higginbotham**, grandson of Paul & Joan, Rockbarton; **Dr John Lynch**, Taylors Hill brother of Bernadette Lynch, Lenaboy Gardens/ We pray for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat	7th	5:30pm	Maura Tonge (1st A); Juliett Mc Hugh (A); Nuala (1st A) & Mick Coogan (A) Jimmy Ward Senior & Junior (A).	G.J
Sun	8th	9.30am	Leo & May Uhlemann (A); Harry Begley (2nd A) Philip & Nora Duggan (A) Peadar Condon (A. Barna Village)	C.S.
		11 am	John Joe Fleming (6th A); Michael Morris (A) Paul Colleran (A); Paddy Walsh (A); Clare Fahy (A) Cora & Michael Dowling (A); Ita & Michael O'Flynn (A) Joe, Maureen & Michael Heaslip (Remb)	G.J.
		12.30pm	Ronnie & Beryl Waldron (A); Coleman Folan (A) Joe & Sal Mellotte (A); Monica Wallace (A) Martin Scully (A); Tom Quigley (10th A Foster Pk.)	D.W.
		6 pm	Billy & Josephine Ward (A); Alexis Kavanagh (2nd A) Peadar Gorman (R.I.P); Michael Hanlon (R.I.P.)	C.S
Mon	9th	10am	Joseph O'Brien (RIP); Special Intention	G.J.
Tues	10th	10am	Thanksgiving	C.S.
Wed	11th	10am	Paddy & Julia Ryan (A) Special Intention	MSC
Thurs	12th	10am	Michael J O'Donnell (R.I.P.)	C.S
Fri	13th	10 am	Vinny Byrne (Remb); Maria Ema Fernandes (1st A) Michael & Sally Casserly & decd family members	G.J
Sat	14th	10am	Ita Lynch (A)	G.J.

### Next Weekend

Sat	14th	5:30pm	Brenda Small (A); Phil Kenny (A) Michael & Frances O'Mahony (A); Tony O'Connor (Remb)
Sun	15th	9:30am	Jeanette Mc Carthy (A) and Naughton family
		11 am	Eddie Brennan (A)
		12:30pm	Phil Mc Dermott (A) Collette Mc Morrow (A) & Austin Mc Morrow (B'day Remb)
		6pm	Vincent O'Sullivan (R.I.P.)

\* (A) = Anniversary; (B.R). = Birthday Remembrance; R.I.P. = Died recently;



# PARISH NEWS

8th December 2019

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



## Our Parish in Action this ADVENT

### This Sunday 8th @ 3.30 pm Carol Service

**by local choirs;** Carol Singing to get in the Christmas Mood with our Parish choirs and local Guest Choirs. Last about 80 mins.

All welcome, no charge just simply Enjoy.



### Sunday Next 15th at 3pm Children's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony (30 minutes)



We invite the children to decorate the tree and take a little memento home for their own tree as we sing a few popular carols.

A lovely way to connect with church.

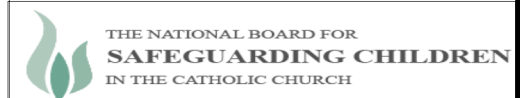
## Our Parish in Action

- \* **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 rear of the Church. Also - Tues & Sun.8p.m. & Fri 8:30p.m. Info: 01-8420700



**Our Christmas Verbum** and envelopes will be ready for collection and collection next Sunday. If your area isn't covered please tell the office.

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.

## What are you looking for this Christmas??

### Christmas Meditation

Nobody expected Him just like that: a baby, a manger, a young woman, a young man. Nobody expected that His first visitors would be shepherds, little thought of in the eyes of the great. Yes, He has come but not as we expected.

The kings of the time had sons and daughters, but who remembers them now?

Who would know of Herod, except that He had spoken of him? Who would have thought that more people in today's world know Nazareth, a poverty-stricken, sleepy townland, than know Antioch or Alexandria – the places big in the minds and on the tongues of the time?

Our notion of fame and success are turned upside-down. Long after Herod's castles have turned to ruin, the cave in Bethlehem stands strong and holy, a place of hope for generations yet unborn because one starry night the Son of God was born there.

Only the heart that wants to love and love forever can recognise the beauty of God in the darkness of the cave.

Only such hearts can see greatness and dignity in the shepherds.

Only such hearts can see in this child the glory and life of God.

Nor did we expect that he would say things like 'He who sees you sees me.'

or 'What you do to the least of my people you do for me.'

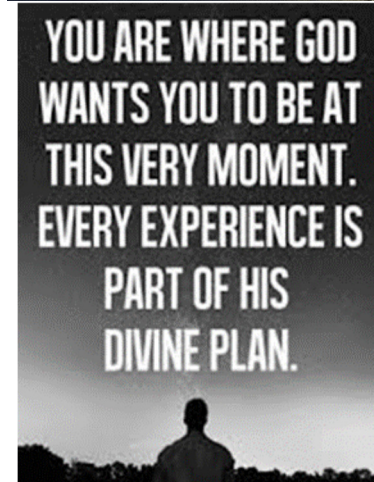
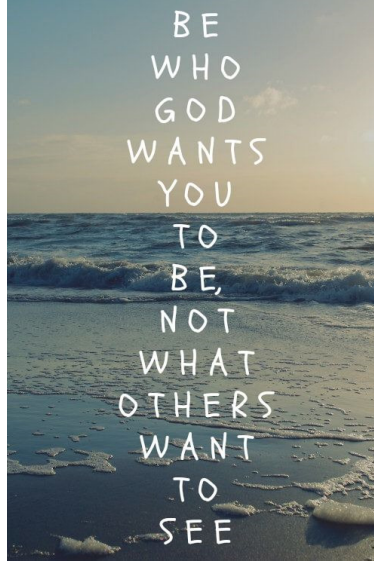
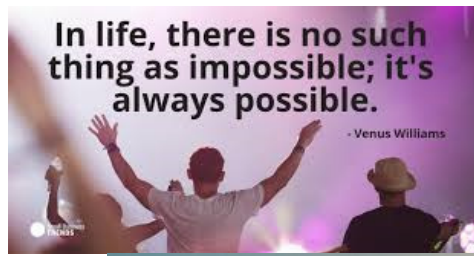
It's strange and unexpected that God would reach out to touch the people of our world through the hands of an infant in a poor farmyard.

And it's strange, though beautiful, that our song, 'Glory to God and peace on earth', is a call to be his peace, justice and his music on earth.

Can we honestly sing 'Come all ye Faithful' when what God means is 'Come to my Bethlehem, and my Bethlehem is no longer a hillside cave but it is where you create friendship, justice and love among each other and bring Christ, my Son, to birth again...

Christmas Blessing to all.

E.B.



## Community Notices — “What's On ?”

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

3 Day Retreat in preparation for Christmas 11th, 12th, 13th Dec 10am to 4.30pm, Facilitator: Patsy Kelly MSC

**Monthly Family Cycle for Barna Greenway.** Meeting 11am at Claddagh Hall on Sunday 8th December. Finishing at Blackrock for mince pies and music. Contact: 085 7026815

**Human Rights Christmas Concert** this evening Sunday 8th Dec @ 7pm in the Town Hall. Great line up of musicians. Tickets available from the Town Hall Theatre www.tht.ie or call 569777

**Old Galway Society** on Thurs Dec 12 @ 7.30pm in the Claddagh Hall. Speaker: Gerard Hanberry Author & Musician - 'On Raglan Road - Great Irish Love Songs & the Women who Inspired them'

**Galway Baroque Singers concert** - 'Let There Be Light' - Friday 13th Dec, 8pm, St. Joseph's Church, Tickets €20, under 13s free, available from Charlie Byrne's Bookshop and online via Eventbrite.ie

**Annual Remembrance Mass** for all babies who have died on or around the time of birth (stillbirth, neonatal, miscarriage) will be held on the 15th Dec at 6pm, in NUIG Chapel, Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, family and friends are all warmly invited to this special mass.

**The A Capella Knights Annual Concert**, 'The Knights Before Christmas' on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec in the Cathedral @ 7.45pm in aid of Galway Simon. Special guests include Skehana Folk Group, The Frenchville Brass Ensemble, The Hession School of Dance and Galway Simon's Music Project. Tickets €15 for adults, €10 for concessions (children, students or OAPs) and €40 for families (2 adults and 2 children) and can be bought on www.galwaysimon.ie or 381828.

**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.

### 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  
Mary Caulfield  
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

### 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 2

### Readers

5.30 pm Tonge Family

9.30 pm Begley Family

11am Colleran Family

12.30pm Scully Family

6pm Ward Family

### Linens

Maura Connolly

Big Thank You to All !