

# SALTHILL PARISH

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Our Parish — a Family of Families.



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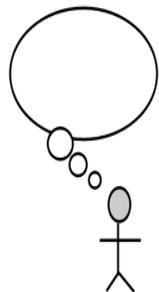
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St. Vincent de Paul, Salthill Branch -Fundraising this weekend - Church gate Collection .  
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A Thought .....



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If power ensures security, then officials should walk unguarded. But those who live simply, sleep soundly.  
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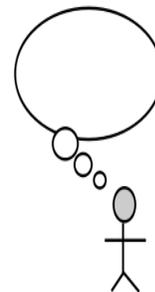
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Dear Fellow Traveller,

What is it about us - we are always looking for something else—we are never fully satisfied. There is an innate desire in us for “perfection”. Often referred to as “Utopia” which is defined as ‘a place of ideal perfection’. Utopia is shaped by the imperfections of the present. For example, the English politician, philosopher and saint, Thomas More (died 1535) had a vision of the perfect existence (Utopia) where private property was banned, individualism was suppressed and every house in Utopia was identical, containing identical household items. Every four years the residents moved house. Since identical items were to be found in every house, there would be no need to move items from house to house. All the citizens were fed and clothed from a common store, so there was no need for money. Then people would live in peace and harmony ! (I recall something of this ilk has been tried over the centuries — it was called “Socialism” or “Communism” but it didn’t work either !).



Down the years, several versions of Utopia have emerged, the most famous one being mentioned above. I read in the papers of a new idea for Utopia which suggests a focus on “space travel” and the possibilities of resettling the human race on another planet! Stephen Hawking, the famous English author and scientist, was very pessimistic about the future of mankind: “*I fear evolution has imported greed and aggression into the human genome.*” He suggested that the best hope for human survival might be “independent colonies in space”. Until we get the technology for that to happen we have issues like “Global warming” and “Ecology” to cope it as we try to live out our lives in some kind of Peace and Order.

Where scientists will point to the “selfish gene”, religious people traditionally blamed the concept of “Original Sin”. A consensus exists that greed and violence are part of human nature. However, if this is so, why would relocating us from Earth to Mars solve the problem? We’ve tried this trick before. In the 17th century, the “Puritans” left behind the decadence of Europe to build a “utopia” in colonial America. Looking at America today, you would have to conclude that didn’t work out too well !. In a few hundred years’ time I wonder will Europeans be moaning about colonial Mars in the same way that they moan today about the United States of Donald Trump ?

There is no doubt about it people have a capacity for selfishness and greed. That said, the human being has also evolved the capacity to love, to care for the weak and to imagine a more just society. Religious people will call this the God-given conscience - a capacity for decency etched into our DNA. It is this ability to reason, and not merely to act on instinct, that distinguished us from the animal kingdom and the law of the jungle where it’s “survival of the fittest”.

Today’s Gospel fits in somewhere into this reflection. “*Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.*” Mary was of course practising “Mindfulness” - 2,000 years before the word came into vogue. I suppose we won’t ever get it all sorted” - so be happy in the moment, for happiness is a state of mind —

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① 523 413

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Week 4 of the Breviary.

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11am Margo Mc Mahon  
12.30 Neil Lardner  
6pm. Parish Reader

#### Linens

Maureen Kissane

#### Flowers

Maria O’Donoghue  
Gertie Elwood

#### Ushers/Collectors

**5:30**  
Eugene Dunleavy  
Tony O’Connor  
**9:30am**  
Thomas Nestor

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Mattie Gilmore

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**6pm:** Brendan Reid

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#### July Teams

#### Holy Communion:

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John Gibbs

Joe Toner

**9.30am**

Noreen Loughnane

Maura Connolly

Josephine Murphy

Tom Quigley

**11am**

Annette Hanley

Delma O’Reilly

Evangeline Cummins

Doreen Mc Alinney

Colette Burke .

**12:30**

Joan Smith

Jack Long

**6pm**

Rosaleen Carroll

Martin Brennan

Mary Geraghty

Antoinette O’Neill

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		12.30 pm	Thomas Fanning (A) Martin & Cis Lardner (A); Special Intention	D.W.
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