

# PARISH NEWS

8th November 2020

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



## Our Parish in Action

**Mass: Live Web Cam:** Our regular schedule of Masses are available on Live Webcam only. [www.salthillparish.ie live webcam"] (No congregation allowed in church due to Covid restrictions).

Weekend Mass: Saturdays -5:30 (vigil) ; Sunday 9:30; 11am; 12:30 & 6p.m.

Weekday Mass at 10am, Monday to Saturday.

**Salthill Church is Open** for Private Prayer, Light a Candle or simply to say "Hello" to Jesus. Every day 10:30am to 7p.m.

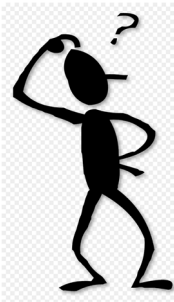
**Parish Office Remains Open:** 9:30 – 4:30pm Mon.-Friday (Lunch 1-2) .

**Flowers:** Dorothy King & Ann O'Connor

**Parish Finances:** Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who over the past couple of weeks have dropped in a donation to help keep the parish going . Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



Dear Fellow Traveller,



Recently, Pope Francis, issued an encyclical ('Fratelli tutti') on Fraternity and Social Friendship that speaks in starkly similar terms about both the darkness of the times and the need for lives that illuminate. The Encyclical aims to promote a universal aspiration toward fraternity and social friendship. In the background of the Encyclical is the Covid-19 pandemic which, Francis reveals, "unexpectedly erupted" as he "was writing this letter". But the global health emergency has helped demonstrate that "no one can face life in isolation" and that the time has truly come to "dream, then, as a single human family" in which we are "brothers and sisters all" He talks about the necessity to build a better, more just and peaceful world, with the contribution of all: people and institutions. With an emphatic confirmation of a 'no' to war and to globalized indifference.

In this letter the Pope draws light and hope from his interpretation of the Good Samaritan passage. The encounter between the wounded man lying by the side of the Jericho road and the Good Samaritan suggests that the antidote for what is most inhuman is a good dose of what is most truly human. What is most truly human is to be connected to others in relationships of love and care. We find ourselves by reaching out to others. The Pope says his letter was partly inspired by Martin Luther King Jnr. In King's final speech before he was assassinated in 1968 in USA, he also turned to the story of the Good Samaritan. King spoke of his belief that what causes us to walk by on the other side is often not indifference but fear. In our own lives we often justify walking by because to accept responsibility feels dangerous and may cost us. King explains that Jesus places the generic 'who is my neighbour?' question into the realm of the real, 'on a dangerous road between Jerusalem and Jericho known for "Highway robbers". We are sympathy and we do contribute to "Charities" now and again, but we cannot rely on compassion by proxy. If we ignore the plight of the suffering neighbour, we sell out too on our own humanity. The fear we feel is conquered only by the choice to live what Martin Luther King calls beautifully 'a kind of dangerous unselfishness'. A neighbour is someone we become by choice. My fraternal colleague Dick Lyng O.S.A. puts it this way - "*the lives that illuminate the dark times we live in are those that claim this dangerous freedom, and turn the question round: not what will happen if I stop to help but what will happen if I do not.? Who then?*"

Have a good week, hang in there and stay safe,

G.J.

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



## Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for those who died recently **Paul Duffy**, Rockbarton North, **Martin & Tom Oliver** who died tragically and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc.at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat 7th	5:30pm	John F Bourke (3rd A) Michael & Sheila Ryan (B'day Remb) John & Rita Kinneen (A) ; Michael Ward (A).	C.S.
Sun 8th	9.30am	Brian O'Connell R.I.P.	C.S,
	11 am	Tony Fitzgerald (Limerick) Months Mind Gerald & Poppy Corbett & their daughters; Cecily Hennighan & Laura Brogan (A)	D.W.
	12.30pm	Get Well	G.J.
	6pm	Winnifred (Tess) Costello R.I.P.	G.J
Mon 9th	10am	Bella Glynn (A) Special Intention.	G.J
Tues 10th	10am	Special Intention Mass for Scoil Íde	G.J..
Wed 11th	10 am	Amby O' Halloran (A)	MSC.
Thurs 12th	10am	Special Intention	C.S
Fri 13th	10 am	Maxie Mac Enri (A) Paddy Mc Donnell (A) Special Intention	C.S.
Sat 14th	10am	Mary Hogan R.I.P.	G.J

### Next Weekend

Sat 14th	5:30pm	Sinéad Martin (5th A) Michael & Bridie Conway (A) Michael & Sheila Ryan (A)
Sun 15th	9:30am	Private Intention
	11 am	Bernadette Coyle (A) Maureen & Joe Molloy (A) and their sons John & Hilary
	12:30pm	Billy Hoare (1st A)

**Communion at Home:** We are very conscious that many parishioners have been unable to receive Communion since the lockdown. Many of you join with us for Mass via the Webcam. We invite you, to join us in our Web Cam Masses and in the privacy of your homes be in 'communion with the Lord', i.e. to feel the presence of the Lord with you. House calls including First Fridays are not permitted during Phase 5 Lockdown (emergencies excepted). We can however bring Holy Communion to your front door in a pix and you can receive Jesus privately. Contact Parish Office for details and to arrange day and time.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People—ALONE** manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.