

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for those who died recently **Martin Grealish, Australia and ex Salthill** including We pray for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat	12th	5:30pm	Bert Lynch, Glenard Crescent (Months Mind) Terry Barrett (1st A); Brenda Small (A) Thomás & Abigail O'Connor (A); Tom Hession (A)	G.J.
Sun	13th	9.30am	Special Intention	G.J.
		11 am	Vinny Byrne (A) Mary Ellen & Leo Murphy (A)	D.W
		12.30pm	Donal & Dympna Moloney (1st A) Martin Scully (A) Bridget & James Rice and decd family members	C.S
		6pm	Special Intention	C.S.
Mon	14th	10am	Joe Caffrey (A) Michael & Sally Casserly & decd family members	G.J..
Tues	15th	10am	Carmel Carr & Dermot & Pauline Faller (A) Sarah Burke (A); Michael Mc Loughlin (A)	G.J..
Wed	16th	10 am	Bert Lynch R.I.P Decd members of the Hanley & Sexton families Pat Mullen (B'day Remb) Mc Cormack Family; Lally Family	MSC
Thurs	17th	10am	Breeda Jacobsen (1st A) Della & Johnnie Connolly (A); Patrick & Ann Hanberry (A)	C,S
Fri	18th	10am	Gerry Murray (Ballymacward) R.I.P. Breda Lally R.I.P.; Padraic Gill (A)	C.S
Sat	19th	10am	Maria, Dan , Jack & Joe Greaney (A)	G.J.

Next Weekend

Sat	19th	5:30pm	Donal & Dympna Moloney (1st A) Joan O'Connor (2nd A) Pat & Peggy Stack (A)
Sun	20th	9:30am	Paddy, Bridie, Rose & Dan Mahoney (A) Frank Murray (Remb Mass)
		11 am	Jim & Peggy Kearney (10th A) & Tommy & Kay Nevin Phil (2nd A) & Charlie Mc Dermott
		12:30pm	Breeda Jacobsen (1st A) Joe Kenny (A) Paddy Whelan (1st A) & Carrie & Christy Barnwall
		6pm	Private Intention

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



PARISH NEWS

13th December 2020

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



Dear Fellow Traveller,

Our phone has been "hopping" with enquiries about Mass at Christmas. Rhona and Yvonne in the office have been playing a "blinder", dealing with a vast number of enquiries and issues including the issue of "Mass at Christmas". Nearly everybody likes to "connect" with their God in a formal way at Christmas and celebrate that "God is with us". We need that message of Hope in a special way this year and the assurance that God is involved in our Lives and will see us through it.

Our Plans for Christmas at Christ the King Church, Salthill:

The overriding consideration is to keep everybody safe.

- Please stay at home if you have any colds flu or in "vulnerable category." Better be safe than sorry !
- All our Masses will be particularly focused on connecting with our God from home — on line, and will be available at [www"salthillparish.ie"](http://www.salthillparish.ie) . There will also be Mass on T.V. and from other parishes. Our church capacity has been reduced from 800+ to 100 per Mass
- We are asking people to come to Mass as a family **Once** over the Christmas period Dec 24th—January 3. We will have 20+ Masses in Salthill Church over that period. All Masses will be "Christmas Masses. We are presently organising the Liturgy, - music, readings, hymns, cantors etc. (No choirs allowed).
- It will be **Tickets only at all Masses in Salthill Church over Christmas**. People are invited to apply for tickets by registering with Parish Office by Dec 15th.. In an attempt to be fair to everybody we will allocate tickets by Lottery. We aim to send out the tickets by post this coming Thursday. For safety reasons we cannot allow people into the church unless they have been allocated a ticket.
- Masks need to be worn, social distancing needs to be observed. There can be no gatherings outside.
- Those allocated tickets are asked to please come to church 10 minutes before Mass and avoid "social contact both coming and going outside the church.

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



- **Our Crib:** We ask people to make a family trip to the Crib over Christmas, light a candle etc and connect with their God in that way if unable to “get to Mass”. Huge thanks our parish co-ordinator Frank and to the members of “**The Mens Shed**” volunteers who erected the outside Crib for us, and those who decorate the church. Lovely Job - well done. Our church will remain open every day during Christmas -10am—6p.m. for private visits.
- **Help Needed.** We are only allowed to have Mass if the building observes social distancing and there are sufficient Ushers to ensure peoples safety and distancing. We need more volunteers to help with the Stewarding. Minimum of 4 per Mass. (15minutes before Mass, Cleaning and sanitising (15minutes after a Mass). Phone the Office if you can help. (Younger people particularly appreciated as they are less vulnerable than “Golden Oldies” !).
- **Communion at Home:** We can arrange to bring Holy Communion to people who won't be out over Christmas. Contact the Office
- **Christmas Offerings:** Covid 19 restricts our ability to circulate Christmas Envelopes and organise finance for the parish. Big “Thank You” to all those parishioners who have donated to the parish over the past 9 months. We greatly value and appreciate all your support and financial donations. We trust parishioners will continue to be involved in the upkeep of the parish. Please drop a donation into the church/Office in your own time if you can.

I think everybody is growing a bit “weary” of this Covid 19 virus and Patience can be on short supply. This pandemic has effected people in many areas, - medically, physically (We could do with a “hug”!), mentally, socially, (limiting our coming and goings), etc. I think it has been particularly difficult time for our Young Adults (18 to 30 aged group). Huge “Thank You” to all involved in our Parish. Special Thanks to Our Parish Team and to all involved in keeping the work of the parish up and running right throughout the various restrictions and lock-downs since last March. Like your good selves we keep going as best we can. I thank you for your continued patience.

*Christmas has not been cancelled
and neither is Hope
If we lean on each other
I know we can cope.*

Hopefully with the coming on stream of the vaccine the end is in sight.
We continue to be extra careful and keeping the guidelines
Have a good week and stay safe
G.J.

Galway Centre For Older People will be holding their annual Church Gate Collection, on Saturday and Sunday, 12th and 13th of December 2020. I would be grateful if you could mention us in your weekly announcements.

Charity Donations For St Vincent de Paul and Trocaire can Dropped in to the Parish Office. Thank you to all who have donated.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal is being run differently this year. Due to the effects of Covid-19 restrictions, it is not possible to send gift-filled shoeboxes from Ireland this year, so we're asking schools, families, friends, communities and businesses to TeamUpForTeamHope by donating gift-filled shoeboxes online. Visit website www.teamhope.ie

CROÍ NUA ADVENT RETREAT: Patsy Kelly M.S.C. On Zoom Three evenings @ 7.30
THEME: COME LORD JESUS COME
Wed16th, Thurs 17th, Fri 18th. Email croinuacentre@gmail.com or patsyk60@gmail.com.

Invitation to join us for Seasonal Prayers and Reflections online from The Chapel of St Columbanus at NUI Galway. Wed 16th Dec 8.00pm to 9.00pm. **Theme:** Amidst all that remains challenging in our world this retreat provides a sheltering place for prayerful reflection during Advent. Inspired by the values of Christ, the retreat cultivates hope and healing as we navigate our way forward towards the LIGHT. This retreat is facilitated by Fr Ben from the Chaplaincy Centre at NUI Galway. The retreat is open to everyone.

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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Parish Sister: Sr Breege Ruane
Music Director: Jackie Lillis.
Priests of the Parish:
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Fr Charlie Sweeney MSC
523413

Readers

5.30 pm Lynch Family
9.30 pm Dominic Burke
11am Parish Reader
12.30pm Moloney Family
6pm Parish Reader

Linens

Maura Connolly
Noirin Barrett

Flowers

Big Thank You to All !