

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for those who died recently including **Andrew Walsh**, (Charlestown) father of Niamh Hickey, Principal, Scoil Éinde; **Eileen Cusack**, (Moycullen) sister of Peggy O'Gara, Glenard; **Baby Hanorah Egan**, (Limerick). We pray for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat	18th	5:30pm	Bernadette Mulligan (1st A) Dr Ann Gibbons (A); Patricia Hosty (A) Liam Mc Knight (A); William Buckley (A) Gene Tierney (A) & decd family members	G.J.
Sun	19th	9.30am	Deceased members of the Donelan & Tansey families, relatives and friends	C.S.
		11 am	Baby Honora Egan R.I.P. Vinne Dever (A); Fr Tommy Heraty (A)	C.S.
		12.30pm	Margaret Courtney & sister Mamie R.I.P. Deirdre Manifold & sons Patrick & Joseph R.I.P.	D.W.
		6pm	Peg Brosnan R.I.P. Noreen & George Murray & decd family members	G.J.
Mon	20th	10am	Thierry Mulliez (1st A) Special Intention	G.J..
Tues	21st	10am	Josie & Paddy Hoban & Jason R.I.P. Special Intention	G.J..
Wed	22nd	10 am	Private Intention.	MSC
Thurs	23rd	10am	Private Intention	C,S
Fri	24th	10 am	Private Intention	C.S.
Sat	25th	10am	Private Intention	G.J.

Next Weekend

Sat	18th	5:30pm	Dolores Rainsbury (Months Mind) Paddy Coleman R.I.P.
Sun	19th	9:30am	Private Intention
		11 am	Private Intention
		12:30pm	Private Intention
		6pm	Private Intention

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



PARISH NEWS

19th July 2020

CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES



Big “Thank You” to all our Volunteers who are involved as Ushers as we come to Mass, clean, tidy and sanitize the building, open and close the church each day, organisation the scheduling, the Holy Communion etc. - enabling us to come church safely etc. It would be great if we could have a few more volunteers who would join the rota and share the load. Contact Office, Priests, Frank or Breege if you can be involved.

Another Big “Thank You” to all the parishioners who have made donations in recent weeks to help pay the bills. We cancelled The Easter Collect yet many people remembered. The Sunday “Basket Collection” is replaced by donation boxes at both front and back doors to the Church.

We ask people to continue to wear masks and to register by phone for a seat for Mass at the weekend.



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





Dear Fellow Traveller,

I hope you are well. Covid 19 or not, the primary topic of conversation for most Irish people is the “Weather”. I recall what Mary from Carragh Hill said to me the other day. ‘If we had got this wet weather early on in the lockdown we would never have coped.’ She is right. We were blessed. That beautiful weather over some nine weeks of lockdown was delightful. Every day, the sun smiled on us. It didn’t show pity for us, but rather touched us and hugged us when no-one else could, or would. It’s important in life to appreciate the good things we have been given rather than moan and complain. Even the very simple thing of being able to put out the washing, and letting the heat of the gentle breeze, doing the drying, was special. Recently with the odd shower the flowers glisten and the “greening” of our land is happening once more. The hose ban has now been lifted!

Not being in control of things is challenging. A new reality is beginning to be put in place, Social Distancing, Masks, handwashing etc. is becoming the norm. We pray for a vaccine but in the meantime we are learning to live with the presence of the virus in our world. The things that we so often saw as important – fade into the background in this new scheme of things. We continue to be careful and follow the guidelines but as the Scottish poet Robbie Burns wisely put it “*you cannot live in tin shoes and on tepid milk all your life*”. “Lockdown” is not good for us. We are “pack animals”. However it has not all been negative. Not being out and about as much we were forced to notice the little things. My good friend the same Robbie Burns writes well on the little things. When he was ploughing, he disturbed the home of a mouse. He apologised in a poem. ‘Ode to a mouse.’ He admits too, how careless humans are and disrespectful of the social status of life where every little mouse (and everything else) has a place. But then he wanders towards his own problems:

Still, thou art blest, compar’d wi’ me!

The present only toucheth thee:

But Och! I backward cast my e’e,

On prospects drear!

An’ forward tho’ I canna see,

I guess an’ fear!

He has a line too for the Pandemic : “*The best laid schemes of mice and men (and women too) go often askew.*” How true !.

Thinking about it I realise it is “the little things”. It is the gestures. The smile. The word. The phone call. The “Thank you”. The hello. The – “is there anything I can do”? The appreciation. The praise. The touch. The shopping for the neighbour. The wave — even on “Zoom” of a loved one. The Hug of a grandchild. The neighbours on the roads finding a new way to convey their support and respect as they are part of guard of honour for our funerals. The donations dropped in case the parish might be short. The disinfecting of the churches. The patience of everyone. The small talk of life; the chatter; the gossip; the trip to get the hair done – pure heaven and yet it’s just “a wash and blow ” ! It’s the tentative going back to Church for Mass, it’s the quiet prayer. It is noticing the little things. The little birds. The little people. The little gifts. The little beauty. The hidden gems. The wonder. The Prom and fresh air, the wave to a neighbour behind those dark sun glasses. It is being able to see. To bow the head. To be grateful. To being aware. To looking back and remembering the graciousness of life in people. It is looking around and seeing the Godly image in everyone. It is watching with amusement and amazement the scatter of seed in life and seeing the gentle growth. Oh it is the little things that matter. Every day should be embraced regardless whether it wet or fine, for every moment is grace and blessing. Some people dress this up and call it “Mindfulness”, good for them. We are not out there on our own, we are part of something greater than ourselves. God is in heaven and with us earth. ! We are indeed blest!

So stay safe, and mind the Little things !

MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:30am, 11am,
12:30pm, 6pm.

WEEKDAYS:

Mon — Fri: 10am,

Sat.: 10am & 5:30pm

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Readers

5.30 pm Mulligan Family

9.30 pm Dominic Burke

11am Parish Team

12.30pm Parish Team

6pm Brosnan Family

Linens

Maureen Kissane

Flowers

Maria Donoghue

Gertie Elwood