

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for those who died recently including **Paddy Murphy**, Taylors Hill father of Brenda Thornton, Rockbarton and Mary Hardiman, Dalysfort Rd; **Peg Brosnan**, Kilorglin mother of Mike, Dalysfort Rd; We pray for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God

Sat	4th	5:30pm	Private Intention	C.S.
Sun	5th	9.30am	Judy Duggan (2nd A) Dympna, Paddy and John Mc Nicholas (A)	C/S..
		11 am	Brian Dunne R.I.P.	G.J.
		12.30pm	Thanksgiving	D.W.
		6pm	Private Intention	G.J.
Mon	6th	10am	Dan O'Sullivan R.I.P. and family	
Tues	7th	10am	Peter & Agnes Houlihan and decd family members	D.W.
Wed	8th	10 am	Private Intention	MSC
Thurs	9th	10am	Private Intention	D.W
Fri	10th	10 am	Private Intention	D.W.
Sat	11th	10am	Annie & Peter Lydon (A)	D.W.

Next Weekend

Sat	11th	5:30pm	Pat & Della Cunnane (A) Margaret (1st A) and Michael Callanan Billy Mulholland (A)
Sun	12th	9:30am	Private Intention
		11 am	Joe & Doris O'Grady and grandson Daniel (A) Thomas Fanning (A) Joe Donoghue (15th A) Michael Holian
		12:30pm	Private Intention
		6pm	Private Intention

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



PARISH NEWS

5th July 2020

CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES

Welcome Back - good to be together ! Normal service resumes with changes.

Fellow Traveller,

Slowly (but I hope surely) we are returning to normal or more likely to a *new normality*. Big welcome to all. I hope you are well . Religion like so much of our way have life has been shaken up and attending Mass will be very different for a while. We can only allow a maximum of 50 people at any one indoor ceremony, In an effort to fair to everybody we have put in place a reservation system for the time being. Parishioners who wish to attend a Mass are asked to contact the Parish office (091-523413) during working hours to reserve a seat in church that will ensure social distancing. It's against all our instincts to say "No room in the Inn" to people who wish to come to Mass but safety is paramount. We follow the guidelines. I hope you understand.

Protocol for Mass - gatherings for the Eucharist .

Some people may not feel comfortable in attending Mass due to underlying medical conditions that they have or someone in their household may have, so please be assured that the dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays remains in place until further notice. Safety is the primary issue. If someone doesn't feel well please, please don't come to Mass, - **stay at home** until you feel well.

Mask: It is highly recommended that Parishioners attending Mass **wear a face** covering in the Church if they can. Please bring your own Our ushers have extra face masks available at the door. (We ask those who get a face mask to put an extra €1 in the donation box to cover cost.)

Communion: On arrival our ushers will show you to a seat. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass as you exit the church, Front and Back doors - Jesus comes home with us in a very demonstrative way ! The Eucharistic Minister/Priest will be behind a Perspex screen, wearing a face covering. When you have received Holy Communion please exit the church (If you wish to continue to pray please come back in to the church using one of the side doors). Ushers will also monitor and control the exiting of people after Mass and we are asking that you do not congregate in the Church yard after leaving the Church. We have only one toilet which is for emergencies only, - (talk to an Usher).

Sanitation: Once a week we have the entire church sprayed with the same high-power agent as it used in I.C.Us in hospitals. This is expected to kill any virus for a week. After each ceremony we will de- sanitise highly used areas. We ask parishioners to remove any tissues, prayer sheets, newsheet etc they may have used and bring them home to their bin. Hand washing is important and facilities for this is available as you enter and exit the church.

Finance : Due to the inability of parishioners to gather and attend Mass the finance of the Parish has been seriously affected. We didn't have the usual "Easter Collection" for the support of the Parish. Huge Thanks to the many parishioners who have dropped in donations. We are extremely grateful. While Mass attendance has partly resumed we won't be having an Offertory Collection. We ask parishioners to donate as you leave the church (or consider direct debit, cheque dropped in to the Office etc.) Sincere Thanks for your continue support, patience and solidarity.

Charities: Mention of Finance reminds me that Charities have been seriously affected. "Trocaire" is one such "good cause. Many have dropped in donations or contributed directly on line . The need continues. And we hold the Trocaire Fund (presently at €15,000) open for another while should people will to help through the parish structure.

Music, Servers and Readers: We hope to have Music and a Cantor at most weekend Masses. There can be No choirs and no community singing. (It seems we send droplets three times further when singing than when talking). We don't intend to have Mass servers for a while. Special Volunteers Ushers have been briefed and trained and will meet you when you come to church and monitor the coming and goings according to recommend safety procedures. Other than these Special Ushers who will meet you at the door we don't intend to have our regular Ushers/ Collectors or Eucharistic ministers on duty for a while. Huge Thanks to everybody willing to be involved.

Communion to the Housebound/ First Fridays. We hope to slowly resume house visits as it becomes safe to do so. In the interim it is possible for a family to designate a family member to be an " Interim Eucharistic Minister" and bring home Holy Communion to a family member who is not out. As of now we are unable to visit the Nursing Homes in the interests of patients. Huge credit to all involved in our Nursing Homes and Hospitals. We blest to have such skilled and dedicated people in our midst.

Web Cam; All our ceremonies continue to be on Web Cam ("www. salthillparish.ie") and we invite people to "tune in" from home and pray with us. When church has reached capacity (50 at present) and all allocated seats are occupied it may be appropriate for people to return to parked car, follow the Mass on the Web Cam on their phone and come to the church after Mass for Holy Communion. This facility may be appropriate some people who are anxious about "Gatherings" in general.

Sacraments: We have resumed Baptisms but numbers are confined to 10 family Members. Generally we are suffesting that people wait for a few weeks when hopefully it will be safer for families to gather. No decisions have been made Regarding First Communion and Confirmations but it will be a while before we can celebrate these events in a traditional way—Looks like September/October at the earliest.

Memoria, Months Minds and Anniversary Mass Intentions as normal—check in the parish office

Have a good week

G.J.

Guest Columnist

With this being the first weekend of public masses it feels like a significant milestone on our journey out of lockdown. It is very likely that the children of this generation will become known as the *children of the lockdown* and it is an event that will be told to their children and their childrens children. A worldwide pandemic leading to a global shutdown is really the stuff of movies that six months ago our minds could not have comprehended.

While the Corona virus could be said to be the teacher of our age what have we learned from the experience ? Corona placed society into a position of enforced reflection where we had no option but to sit and simply be with ourselves. Prior to the virus we had in many ways become more human "doers" than human "beings" and had come to value ourselves and others in terms of how busy and productive we were rather than the kind of person we happened to be.

The lockdown came just a few weeks after Ash Wednesday. On that day many of us got ashes placed on our foreheads probably without giving it too much serious thought. It was meant to be a reminder that everything will one day turn to ashes and that nothing in this world is permanent. That's fine as long as its thousands of years in the future but this year it was just two weeks away when the rug was pulled from under our feet. Almost everything we were so familiar with got very shaky. We were forced to be with ourselves, and many of us found that we weren't too impressed with our own company. Where we shared lockdown with someone else lots of issues arose that may have been lying dormant and unspoken for years and they began screaming for attention. It's no wonder that incidents of domestic violence rose so high because not everybody has the skills to handle conflict. Where "what I did" and the role I played was important up to now suddenly many of us were out of work and the labels were no longer important.

Forced to reflect on our existence and the manner in which we lived our lives, caused many to begin to really pray and connect with a higher power. Searches on Google for prayer and spirituality have expanded greatly. Thousands logged in to Mass-on- line with great enthusiasm. It is very likely that this pandemic will have heralded a pandemic awakening to deeper realities because never before did we realize that outer supports could be taken from us so fast. How that awakening will pan out and what form it will take may not be clear for many years. I would suspect that conversations about spirituality and such matters will now become the norm rather than the exception and that there will be a far greater openness to things of Spirit.

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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523413

Priests In Residence:

Fr. Michael Bailey, OFM

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Morning Prayer: *Week 3*

Readers

5.30 pm Eugene Dunleavy

9.30 pm Duggan Family

11am Gerry Dunne

12.30pm Billy Rooney

6pm Emer Whyte

Linens

Maureen Kissane

Flowers

Maria Donoghue

Gertie Elwood

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

