

### Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for those who died recently **Supt Anthony Finnerty**, Kingston and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc..at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.



# PARISH NEWS

16th August 2020

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

Sat	15th	5:30pm	Michael Croker (A); Jennifer Silke (A) Tony O'Connor (18th A Beach Ave.)	G.J.
Sun	16th	9.30am	Special Intention	C.S
		11 am	Delia O'Halloran (A); Jerry Murray (Birthday Remb) Decd Family members of the Nevin, Kearney, Burke & O'Shea	C.S.
		12.30pm	Private Intention	D.W.
		6pm	Private Intention	G.J.
Mon	17th	10am	Michael Concannon (A) Damian & Kathleen Gearty (A) Thanksgiving	G.J..
Tues	18th	10am	Maria, Dan & Jack Greaney (A0)	G.J..
Wed	19th	10 am	Patrick Heavy (A)	G.J..
Thurs	20th	10am	Colin O'Donnell R.I.P. Kevin Nolan R.I.P.	G.J
Fri	21st	10 am	Catherine Mooney (A) Tom & Ellen Donohoe (A)	G.J
Sat	22nd	10am	Private Intention	C.S

### Next Weekend

Sat	22nd	5:30pm	Mary Sherlock (1st A) Alicia Casserly (A)
Sun	23rd	9:30am	Private Intention
		11 am	Aileen Kelly (26th A)
		12:30pm	Kevin (1st A) & Therese Murphy and their son Aonghus Pat Mullins (A) Anne & Chris Keating (A)
		6pm	Private Intention

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



## Our Parish in Action

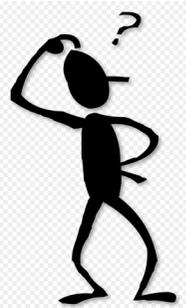
Despite the difficulties there is a lot to be grateful for and society continues to function. We owe so much to our health care workers, those who ensure we have food, post, bin collection, local government, policing, essential repairs and to all those in shops, deliveries, hair saloons, working from home and manufacturing etc. etc who have kept all essential services going. We thank the Lord for the goodness of so many generous, brave people who have given, without counting the cost, often putting themselves at risk. It's called "Communal Spirit" They are the face of Christ for us. Times of crisis bring out the best in people. Others have stayed at home observed social distancing, and stayed apart because it saves lives and lessens suffering. All age groups, young and old, have shown that they care for each other.

Regarding our church, I thank the many volunteers and ushers, eucharistic ministers and readers, music people, those involved in cleaning and sanitation etc. so that we can come together as safely as possible. We need more volunteers who would help to "direct traffic" as we come to Mass and help us continue to "flatten the curve" ! Covid restrictions continue to apply and the numbers we are allowed to attend Mass are limited. We continue to ask people to "Register" – phone /call Parish office if you intend to come to weekend Mass. When people Register/Phone in we hold a seat **up to ten minutes before Mass**. If seats not taken by then we try to accommodate extra people on a first come first served basis. We are generally over subscribed at 9:30 and 11am Sunday Masses. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Housebound: First Fridays:** The priests are available to visit people who are housebound and would like Communion. Give the Parish Office a call.  
**Cemetery Sunday** for New Cemetery, Bohermore this Weekend August 16th Mass at 11am on Galway Bay FM and link [://studiorove.ie/graveyardmass/](http://studiorove.ie/graveyardmass/)

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,

We all need our heroes and heroines. The church, the state, various sporting, cultural, political and vocational organisations as well as communities and families have produced historical roll models of all kinds. In some cases the cosmetic make-up is off-putting. There is a roll-call of characters in all our lives; in every community; in every section of life. Some are flawed geniuses, a mixture of great public persona and skills and also human or personal weaknesses. But if their humanity touches us and lifts our hearts; then we become better ourselves. Butch Cassidy had words for the Sundance Kid: “Boy, **I got vision**, and the **rest of the world wears bifocals.**” The line comes in one of many memorable moments in the 1967 film. I rather like that line and it is to my mind very true. The major and dangerous difficulty so often is, that we don’t notice such precious times, or we take people, places and memories for granted. Jesus himself wasn’t noticed – *a prophet is never accepted in his own land* etc. .... We often fail to recognise or to appreciate the good in front of us. In terms of religion for example, - in many ways we took for granted access to Mass and Holy Communion. Similarly, with being able to gather for Funeral and Weddings and family functions.

Most of us spent the best part of twenty years in education and still few enough have vision. If the truth be known heroes /saints are those who have the vision; who are bigger than themselves and bigger than the present moment; who have those far-seeing eyes which can call us out of ourselves to be more, better and wholesome. Some seek power, adulation and celebrity status, while true heroines seek to inspire, to empower and to lift up. Many of us miss the obvious. We can think small and be too limited and too caught up in the immediate.

The rapid invention and use of “Social Media” is having a major effect on life. At the core of the Gospel is that there must be justice, respect and dignity for all. The recent death of John Hume (RIP) brings to mind a modern

day “hero” who sought to unite people of every creed and none. One of his memorable sensible visionary phrases came from his father who told him: “You can’t eat a flag.” We may not be called to operate in the Public arena but we all have an influence in that part of the world and among the people in which we live our lives. So “Bloom where you are Planted” and be “the Wind beneath someone’s Wings !.

We start - with what’s local. What contribution can I make to my own patch? Belonging to God’s chosen people does not mean that we are necessarily better than people who follow their own conscience and seek God in a different way.

This weekend we honour the Assumption of Our Lady (15<sup>th</sup> August.). Mary is a role model who didn’t say much, “didn’t look for fame or fortune” and by her lifestyle of loyalty, kindness and dedication show us how life should be live.

Let’s reflect on true heroes, examine their vision and start local - with our own lives and our own contribution to society. The ultimate hero is of course Jesus himself – *learn from me for I am Gentle and humble in Heart*”.

Have a good week and stay safe -

G.J.

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Covid 19 restrictions do not permit us to print a leaflet with the readings on it.

This week the response to the Psalm (when read) is: **“O God let all the peoples praise you ! ”.**

### 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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#### Readers

5.30 pm Parish Reader

9.30 pm Parish Reader

11am Mary Mc Lynn

12.30pm Parish Reader

6pm Parish Reader

#### Linens

Noirín Barrett

Maura Connolly

#### Flowers

Mary Mc Namara

Madge Broderick