

PARISH NEWS

27th September 2020

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



We remember, pray for and honour the Lives of our Dead, especially - those who died recently **Darry Ryan**, Sea Rd sister Edwin, Dalton Drive; **Dr Mai Franklin**, (England), sister of Grace Keane, (Monksfield) and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God

Sat 26th	5:30pm	Sally Mulhern (A) Bob & Mary Mc Donald (A) Jennifer Greaney-Whelan & decd family members Paddy Whelan (B'Day Remb)	G.J
Sun 27th	9.30am	Maureen Feely (A)	C.S
	11 am	John & Matilda Hoare (A); Breege Murphy (A)	D.W.
	12.30pm	Tommy Kelly (Oaklands) Months Mind Aiden Carroll (A) & his Dad, Ambrose R.I.P. Peter Flannery R.I.P	G.J
	6pm	Holy Souls	G.J.
Mon 28th	10am	Margaret Morgan (A) John & Anne Hoare (A)	G.J..
Tues 29th	10am	Mossie, Walter & Gerard Keeley (A) Jerry Mac Namara (A) Special Intention (50th B'day)	G.J..
Wed 30th	10 am	Diarmuid Rooney (A) Peter & Agnes Dever (A) Holy Souls	MSC.
Thurs 1st	10am	Thanksgiving	C.S
Fri 2nd	10 am	Tony O'Connor (ex AIB) (B'day Remb)	C.S.
Sat 3rd	10am	Private Intention	G.J

Next Weekend:

Sat Oct 4th	5:30pm	John Lovern (A)
Sun 5th	9:30am	Thomas F & Nora O'Connor (A)
	11 am	Nora O'Dea (A); Lily Langan (A) Christy & Yvonne O' Connor (A)
	12:30pm	Thomas Kelly (Monksfield) Months Mind & Breege Kelly RIP Robert Molloy (A) & Kevin & Marie Barry (A) John Conneely (2nd A)
	6pm	The Deceased members of the Molloy Family



Weekend Masses reaching capacity.

To attend the celebration of Mass at weekends, it is essential that you book/register, in advance, through the parish office, the Mass you wish to attend. We have to close the doors as soon as Mass begins and when capacity ie 50 x 2 is reached The last thing Stewards wish to do is turn away anyone at the door but we have no choice as we do not wish to risk the church being closed because of not adhering to the Government rules. So please don't put the Stewards in a difficult situation. If late or church is full Mass is streamed live in your car and you can come in to church for Communion as the crowd leave if you wish. Our thanks for your co-operation and for your understanding. Phone Parish Office: (091- 523413)

Special Thanks to those parishioners who act as Ushers at all our Masses and who help with sanitation. It would be great if we could get a few more volunteers to lighten the load, especially non retired younger parishioners. Contact the Sacristy or Parish Office if you can be involved on a rota basis..

Thank you for your patience as we try and work our way through this challenging period. Remember to stay home if your feeling anyway unwell. Anniversary Masses limit of 8 people per family at weekends.

Home visits: The priests of the parish are available to visit parishioners who are not going out much at present and who might like Holy Communion at home. Call the Office to arrange a suitable day and time. First Friday schedule this week. Now visiting on Thursdays too.

New Parish email.

Please use our new email; ["sallhill@parishes.galwaydiocese.ie"](mailto:sallhill@parishes.galwaydiocese.ie)
The old "eir/eircom" email is no longer in use.

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



I was Thinking !



Dear Fellow Traveller,

I hope you are well a safe. By way of comment on today's Gospel, I came upon the following article in the AC P website that raises and explains an issue we are all familiar with. Enjoy. -G.J.

Church not a "Members-Only Club".

Until about the middle of the 19th century, bishops in Ireland were chosen only from the ranks of the aristocracy. Of course, there was a good economic reason for this: they had to be self-supporting because the people were too poor to pay them. But it was equally true in wealthy parts of Europe. There too the first requirement in a bishop was that he be from the ranks of the nobility. The great mass of the lower clergy, parish priests and curates, were excluded from bishoprics. Some of the trappings of aristocracy still survive in the church, titles like "princes of the church," living in "palaces", forms of address like "Your Lordship" and offering a ringed hand to be kissed rather than shaken. One of the last notable aristocratic appointments in Ireland was in 1763 when John Butler was appointed Bishop of Cork, where he served for twenty-three years. When his brother, Lord Dunboyne died, he abandoned the Catholic church, became a Protestant and married a cousin hoping to ensure an heir to the family. Ironically, he failed to produce an heir and died in 1800. Rome had lost a bishop while that particular Dunboyne lineage died out.

The beginning of the end of the aristocratic world came when the French Revolution abolished hereditary titles and made all citizens equal before the law. The world of the "common man" was begun and now what titles remain are largely honorary. But old habits die hard, and not only in the church. A new elite has replaced the old. Aristocrats have given way to "plutocrats". The exclusive world of privilege never really dies. It only changes hands. The modern rich have all the trappings of the old nobility, save the titles. They live in security-guarded palatial homes and frequent exclusive clubs, to protect themselves from "contamination" from the common herd.

The desire for exclusivity and superiority seems imbedded in human nature and has invaded religion too. The Jews were happy with their exclusivity, excluding not only pagans from God's favour, but even the Samaritans who failed their rigid test of orthodoxy. Jesus was indignant when he told the chief priests and elders, "Wrong doers of all kinds are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.". From the Jewish elders to Calvin's elect, to our own former mantra "outside the church there is no salvation", exclusivity is a temptation to religious people. With the diminishing numbers of church-goers and religion no longer a mass phenomenon in our culture, we may be more than ever tempted to circle the wagons. So Jesus' warning to the Jews has a special relevance for us today, as a warning against seeing the church as a "Members-Only" Club. Every human being is special and equal before God. We are all his people and we are in this together.

- May they all be one (Jn 17 v.21) ! Our Hymn—"All are welcome" says it all. !

Have a Good week and Stay safe. G.J.

This week the response to the Psalm (when read) is:
"Remember your Mercy Lord."

Mass on line: Many people are tuning in daily and at weekends to Mass on computer. All our Masses are streamed on the computer "salthillparish.ie live web cam".

You'll get lots of Masses from around the country and beyond, if you Google "MCN Media Church Services Schedule" or "Churchservices Schedule"

First Holy Communions & Confirmations postponed from May are taking place in small groups over the next month. Congratulations and our Thanks to all involved.

Parish Finance:

Due to present uncertainty we don't propose to issue envelopes by way of traditional Autumn Dues Collection. We simply invite parishioners to be conscious of the ongoing needs of the parish. We really would appreciate donations towards the upkeep and running of the parish in whatever way you can, when you can. Grateful Thanks to all those parishioners who have dropped in cheques, use weekly/monthly envelopes or have Direct Debits to the parish over the past six months. In terms of weekly "Offertory Collection" we are down €1,000 per week on previous years.

We are muddling through and will examine the finances of the parish in a few months. We need about €3,000 a week to meet ongoing day to day running expenses of the parish, - utilities, insurances, supplies, wages, general maintenance and repairs, cleaning and sanitation, servicing the Web Cam Mass (4,500 hits a week) etc. Added to that is approximately €2,000 per week as support by your parish to designated front-line Charities - including Trocaire and Third World, Peters Pence (Pope), Missions, Hospice, Vincent de Paul, C.O.P.E, Simon, contribution to running the Diocese, etc.

Thanks again for your support, in so many ways, now and throughout the year. The People of Salthill have always supported their parish and I have no doubt will continue to do so. - G.J.

New Parish email.

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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

Yvonne Thornton [Mon-Wed]

Rhona Bolger [Thurs-Fri]

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Parish Co-Ordinator:

Frank Keane.

Parish Sister: Sr Breege Ruane

Music Director: Jackie Lillis.

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings 523 413

Fr Charlie Sweeney MSC 523413

Readers

5.30 pm Mulhern Family

9.30 pm Parish Reader

11am Parish Reader

12.30pm Kelly Family

6pm Parish Reader

Linens

Maura O'Halloran

Flowers