

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for all those who died recently **Patrick Mc Carthy**, Templeogue, father of Pat, Glenard Road; **Eilish Hughes**, San Francisco sister of Margaret Quigley, Rockbarton Green and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God. Including -

Sat 9th	5.30pm	Donat Cantrell (15th A); Peadar Corbett (A) John Lovern (A) ; John Caulfield (4th A); Brendan (4th A) & Teresa Maher Deceased members of the Dunleavy & Doherty Families Kevin Hallinan (18th A) and decd family members	G.J.
Sun 10th	9.30am	Kitty Cashman (10th A) Patrick O'Halloran (Kelly) R.I.P.	C.S
	11 am	Frank O'Halloran (A) John Conneely (3rd A)	G.J
	12.30	John Lillis (A) John Mitchell (A) and decd family members John Mc Nama (7th A)	T B D
Mon 11th	10 am	Nicky Murray (3rd A)	G.J.
Tues 12th	10am	Helena & Michael O'Connor (A) James & Corry O'Regan (A) ; Eamon Donelan (A) Special Intention	G.J.
Wed 13th	10 am	Special Intention	MSC
Thurs 14th	10 am	Patrick Mullen (A)	C.S.
Fri 15th	10am	Thanksgiving	C.S.
Sat 16th	10am	Special Intention	G.J.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat 16th	5.30pm	Peter & Annie Lydon (A) Con Crowley (A); Conor Howley (A)
Sun 17th	9:30am	Private Intention
	11 am	Bernie & Mary Casey (1st A) Phil Lally (A)
	12.30pm	George Fennell (1st A) Séan Mc Garry (2nd A) Eileen & Patrick Hanley (A) Catherine & Michael Mc Donagh & decd family members John & Winnie Walsh (A)

PARISH NEWS

10th October 2021

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



Parish Notices.

Weekday Mass: 10 am

Saturday: Vigil mass at 5.30pm

Sunday: Mass at 9:30 and 11a.m & 12.30pm

All our Ceremonies are on-line "salthillparish.ie - live web cam" .

Communions and Confirmations

Big Congratulations to all who received Confirmation and First Holy Communion this week. Big Thanks to all involved, families, teachers and those involved in preparation and in the ceremonies. It is a special time for all involved.

Confirmation for Scoil Íde girls next Friday eve 15th Oct @ 5.30pm



Society of St Vincent de Paul (Salthill Conference) would thank all

who have generously contributed to the SVP Summer collection. The Conference continued to meet virtually each week throughout the pandemic and assisted people in the area with financial assistance, food boxes, vouchers for stores, energy bills, essential house repairs and education. If any parishioner has any financial or other difficulties Conference members are here to assist. Please phone SVP on 091 563233. All enquiries on strictly confidential basis.

Parish Finance: The "Offertory Collection" at weekend Masses at present is averaging €1,500. Every thing over that amount next weekend will be donated to the support of the Missions. We ask parishioners to include a little extra next weekend. The generosity offered will be used to support missionary activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.



Swim in Pink Fundraiser for National Breast Cancer.

On Sunday, October 31st we are asking swimmers nationwide to take a *Swim, Splash or Dip* in aid of the National Breast Cancer Research Institute. To register go to www.swiminpink.ie and receive your FREE 'Swim in Pink' swimming cap, just €20 registration fee.



THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SCATTERED THOUGHTS !



Dear Fellow Traveller,

The Irish bishops recently issued a very reflective and thought provoking article on the value of Human life and on the issue of “assisted suicide” which I paraphrase here. It’s something we all have to think about ! :

“The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In Ireland alone, more than 8,000 people have died with Covid-19. Each of these lives is precious and every life matters. The ethics of this country’s policy-makers, medics and politicians in particular dictated that the first priority was to preserve life and resources were put into that area ahead of protecting the economy. With a most amazing spirit of solidarity, the energies of our society - in hospitals, test centres, vaccination clinics, schools, churches, supermarkets and in so many other places - have been directed towards protecting those who were most vulnerable to disease. We have begun to see the fruits of those efforts.

*While all of this was going on, the Oireachtas was being asked to discuss legislation to provide for assisted suicide. That particular piece of legislation, has been rejected by the Oireachtas Committee for Justice on the grounds that it was deeply legally flawed. The surprising and disappointing thing is that the Oireachtas Committee did not reject the principle of Assisted Suicide and has proposed that Assisted Suicide be discussed further by a special committee, which would report within a specified timeframe. **Compassion** is often presented as a justification for assisted suicide, but having compassion means “suffering with” someone. Assisted suicide reflects a failure of compassion on the part of society. It is a **failure to respond to the challenge of caring for people who are terminally ill**, or who have disabilities or dementia, as they approach the end of their lives. Those who assist with a suicide, whatever their motives, co-operate with the self-destruction of another person. It is one thing when life is allowed to take its natural course, with appropriate management of pain and stress, but is not artificially prolonged by burdensome treatment. It is something else entirely, when one person actively and deliberately participates in ending the life of another. A feature of the legalisation of Assisted Suicide in other jurisdictions is that, once it becomes lawful, it is then presented and perceived as something “Good” to do. Instead of being surrounded by love and care, people who are already vulnerable and dependent on others due to their illness, may be made to feel that assisted suicide would be “the decent thing to do”.*

Having Assisted suicide presumes that there will be somebody with the required skills who is prepared to “assist” in bringing about the death of another person.

Wherever assisted suicide is legalised, healthcare professionals are assumed to be the “suitably qualified persons” because they are already licensed to use drugs. It is important to be clear that healthcare professionals are given privileged access to the human body and to drugs for the express purpose of healing and alleviating pain. Any suggestion that they should be expected to assist and, under certain circumstances, actually perform the act that ends the life of

another person, is seriously damaging to the ethos and the credibility of the healthcare professions.

Jesus gave us the image of the good Samaritan as the model for our compassion and our solidarity with those who find themselves vulnerable and who fear being abandoned in their final illness. The Good Samaritan is one who “crosses over”, who “binds up wounds” and who, most important of all “stays with” the person for as long as is required.

There is much that we can do to foster a culture of life. We can begin by overcoming our fear of talking honestly about death and dying. Dying is as natural and universal as being born and breathing yet our society can make it difficult for people to talk about it. As Christians, of course, our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus will stand to us. For some, if not for all, the support of prayer, and the opportunity to share faith can be of great help.

The Hospice Care Movement is wonderful and it fosters a culture of living well until the end. By doing normal things with people who are terminally ill, we can contribute to fostering their sense of being “normal”, which can often be undermined by the “routine of illness”. The experience of presence, companionship and even the acceptance of limitation and dependency, when we take time to appreciate them, can greatly enrich the later stages of life. The attitude of Jesus towards the sick and towards those who are in any way marginalised, has much to teach us about the value of time spent caring for one another. Many of us, at times, are called to be carers in our own circle of family and friends. Others may find it possible to care for the carers. The bonds of friendship and solidarity that are developed and strengthened in caring relationships extend beyond the carer and the one who is cared for to the whole of society”.

I was watching a video on T.V, last night and a reporter held up a €100 note. She said when it was made it was crisp shiny paper with no wrinkles. That same €100 bill was used in a drug deal, on prostitution, on groceries. It had been in the mud. It was worn. It had torn corners. How much is that €100 note worth now? It is still worth the same as the day it was made. That’s how God see us. No matter our past, no matter what we’ve gone through and no matter how damaged we are now, how infirm and crumply we are we are worth just as much to Him today as we were the day He created us.

*Life is a gift. Live it !
Have a good week and stay safe
— G.J.*

MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:30am,
11am,
12.30pm

WEEKDAYS:

Mon —Sat.: 10am.

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Readers

5.30pm Corbett Family

9.30am Marie Devitt

11am Tony Barrett

12.30pm Lillis Family

Flowers

Freda Whyte

Mary Purcell

Linens

Bridie O’Mahoney