

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for all those who died recently and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God. Including -

Sat	30th	5.30pm	Nelius O' Connor (10th A); Tony O'Connor (A) Angela Laheen (22nd A); Noreen Morgan R.I.P. Mossy Walshe (5th A)	C.S.
Sun	31st	9.30am	Special Intention	C.S
		11 am	Kevin O'Dea (2nd A); Patrick Jennings , (Oaklands) A) John O'Connor, (The Maples/ ex A.I.B (A) ; Sarah Rose Keane (A) & decd members of the O'Carroll & Tansey Families; Kathleen O'Halloran R.I.P.	D.W.
		12.30	Padhraic (3rd A) & Nora O'Flaherty (Dr. Mannix); Eamon Goggin (36th A); Sarah Rutland (Remb) John & Elizabeth O'Connor (A) Sean & Rosemary O'Connor (A); Christy O'Connor Jnr & his son Darren (A) & decd family members	G.J.
Mon	1st	10 am	Holy Souls	G.J.
Tues	2nd	10am	Holy Souls Special Intention (B'day)	G.J.
Wed	3rd	10 am	Holy Souls	MSC
Thurs	4th	10 am	Frank Murray (A) Josie Hartnett (A)	C.S.
Fri	5th	10am	Private Intention	C.S.
Sat	6th	10am	Private Intention	C.S>

Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat	6th	5.30pm	Martin & Tom Oliver (A) John (10thA) & Rita Kinneen (A)
Sun	7th	9:30am	Tommy, Julia & Alice Burke & decd family members
		11 am	Seán & Rita de Burca (A)
		12.30pm	Paul Duffy (1st A) Dolly Mc Donagh & Mary Doorley Deceased members of the Corbett family. Micheál Mac Sweeney (A)

PARISH NEWS

31st 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" .

Our Parish in Action

We are reviewing when and how we can restart our various Parish activities again. We hope to resume various meetings and gatherings, schedules for Adoration, Eucharistic Ministry, Senior Yoga, Mass servers, Choirs, etc. etc. Men's Shed already resumed activity. We need lots of people involved. Details soon as numbers improve.



Wanted: "Flower Volunteers": We are reorganising the schedule of parishioners who would arrange the Flowers for the church each week and we invite Volunteers to participate. Teams of two or three to cover one month per year would be great. Sr.Breege, Ann Flanagan or Parish Office if you can help. Parish pays for flowers bought. .



Covid Update: There are no restrictions to the number of people who can attend Mass, etc. People need to continue to wear masks in church, sanitise hands and generally keep their distance. Lifting of restrictions means we need to be careful with our meetings and social contacts, (no shaking hands or hugging), stay at home if we have any symptoms, etc. Big thanks to all our Ushers, Cleaners, and volunteers who kept the doors open during the lockdown . Working together we can achieve a lot !

Remembering our Dead.

During November we remember and will have special prayers for our Dead. People who would like to enrol family and friends are invited to submit names which make up Our Parish List of the Dead. Envelopes at the Doors. The Novena with special prayers at all Masses Oct 31st to Nov. 8th. "Remembrance Service" in Salthill Church Sunday November 7th. 3.-3:30pm.

Confessions : Saturdays after 10am Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



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,

During November it is traditional that as Christians, we commemorate and honour our dead, and the bereaved among us find encouragement and consolation. This Weekend in this parish we begin a Special Novena. Tuesday next November 2nd will be All Souls Day (Mass here at 10am and Remembrance Service at 7p.m) but the day may pass many of you by unnoticed, since Church feasts have lost their grip on a great number of us. Furthermore, a belief in resurrection, in life after death, is not so strong or so clear (or so naive, perhaps?) as it once was. A firm belief in the eternal power of Christ's resurrection has given way to some hazy, nebulous 'hunch' about the persistence of the spirit after death. This vagueness is potentially bad for our wellbeing because our emotional response to death is inseparable from how we make sense of it. If we struggle intellectually, we flounder emotionally. Maybe this is why we now seem to need an army of grief counsellors to see us through the death of a loved one.

So what is happening? It's not that we cannot talk about death as the Victorians were alleged unable to talk about sex. Ever since C.S. Lewis wrote about his reactions to the death of his wife, Joy Gresham, in the 1960s, magazines and newspapers have regularly carried accounts of death and bereavement. The genius founder of Apple Computers Steve Jobs who died about 9-10 years ago, confronted a class of graduating Stanford University students with the subject of death in a very powerful speech. With his own days numbered, he invited the young people to explore this taboo topic with him: No one wants to die. Even people who want to go to heaven don't want to die to get there. And yet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it. Death is very much part of Life. It is Life's change agent. It clears out the old to make way for the new. Right now the new is us, but someday not too long from now, we will gradually become the old and be cleared away. Sorry to be so dramatic, but it is quite true.

The death of a loved one is an intense experience for which we can never prepare ourselves. The death of a loved one throws our own lives into the sharpest relief. The loss of one on whom we leaned, behind whom we sheltered, exposes us now to our own lack of security, exposing our fragilities to ourselves. We miss them. In truth we never "get over" the death of a loved one but we do "get used" to not having them around. The maxim "*Accept the things we cannot Change, Change the things we can, and the Wisdom to know the difference*" is very good advise.. We have to find our way in life without their physical presence. Nevertheless, we can bear that

loss and grief provided we can make sense of it. The Christian understanding of death begins by recognising that we cannot find our security in things or even in those we love. We find it in God. For if God troubled to seek us out by becoming one with us, he will not allow death to make a nonsense of that - which is where we come back to resurrection. It is with that understanding that Christians across the world commemorate the faithful departed this week. It does not change the reality of loss but it can make it more bearable.

Remembering the departed, recalled the presence of a life well lived, is good for us. We can give thanks for their presence among us, and learn. Maybe during November we should visit the family grave if we can, visit a church and light a candle to go with your prayer and give thanks for those special people we were blessed to meet/have part of your lives. We need to Remember, give Thanks and look forward to the day we join them. In the meantime we get on with life (Covid and All that!) as best we can and live it to the full, taking one day at a time.

Have a Good week and Stay Safe.

G.J.

(*material for this article compliments of Dick Lyng)

Trocaire Emergency Appeal Special Collection next Sunday
7th November to help people in East Africa, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia.

MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:30am,

11am,

12.30pm

WEEKDAYS:

Mon – Sat.: 10am

Confessions:

Saturdays after 10am Mass
in the Adoration Chapel

The Parish Office:

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Music Director: Jackie Lillis.

Priests of the Parish:

Readers

5.30pm Parish Reader

9.30am Parish Reader

11am Maeve Coyle

12.30pm O'Flaherty Family

Flowers

Freda Whyte

Mary Purcell

Linens

Bridie O'Mahoney

Huge "Thank You" to
all our Volunteers.