

## Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for all those who died recently including Nan Brouder Dalton Drive (Funeral arrangements later) and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat 20th	5.30pm	Beatrice (A) & Colum Spelman R.I.P. Catherine Burke (A) & decd members of the Meehan & Burke families Michael Mc Donnell (2nd A) Michael & Ita O'Flynn (A); Paddy & Nora Walsh (A); Clare Fahy (A)	GJ
Sun 21st	9.30am	Private Intention	C.S
	11 am	Antanas Miniotas, Lithuania (Months Mind) Imelda Murphy (A)	D.W.
	12.30	Paddy Naughton (10th A) Breda Caulfield (A); Coleman Folan (25th A) Paddy & May Murray (A)	G.J.
Mon 22nd	10 am	Private Intention	G.J.
Tues 23rd	10am	Private Intention	G.J.
Wed 24th	10 am	Lily Langan (A) Chris Bowden and her brother Brendan Keane (A)	MSC
Thurs 25th	10 am	Mattie Hanley (A)	GJ
Fri 26th	10am	Private Intention	GJ
Sat 27th	10am	Elizabeth Devery (A)	GJ

### Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat 27th	5.30pm	Chris & Anne Keating (A); Fintan Fogarty (A) Thomas & Sheila Mc Evoy (A) Clodagh Dunleavy (3rd A); Veronica Cuddy (A) Peadar & Norah Joyce (A) P.J. Coyle (A)
Sun 28th	9:30am	Joe Burke (3rd A) and his son Briain Special Intention
	11 am	Sally O'Halloran (A) Pascal Mc Daid (2nd A)
	12.30pm	Maureen Concannon (2nd A) Deceased members of Oaklands Residents Association

# PARISH NEWS

21st November 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](http://salthillparish.ie) - live web cam" .

**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 !

Parish Activities are still on hold until Covid numbers return to an acceptable and safe level.



### **Message from Bishop Brendan Kelly to the People of the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora and the Diocese of Clonfert**

We have been informed by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, that in the near future the Holy Father Pope Francis intends to appoint a single Bishop to the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora and the Diocese of Clonfert. This form of union of two dioceses under one Bishop is not an amalgamation and does not suppress either of the two dioceses. Both dioceses will continue to maintain their own integrity and autonomy as is. but will work closer together, where possible, through the person and ministry of a single Bishop (*in persona episcopi*).\*

As the Holy See continues its consultations on the matter, we will be organising meetings at various levels in each diocese to inform the People of God and talk to them about it.

We pray God's blessings on our respective dioceses at this important time and we look forward to a closer working together towards a new springtime of faith within each of our diocesan and parish communities.



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,

## Different kind of King.



When they sat down to pick a patron for this church in 1935 life was very different. The world was recovering from the First World War, the Wall street crash 1929 and a great period of political and economic uncertainty. We may be inclined to think that this feast of Christ the King was something that had been celebrated from the early days of Christianity. In fact its origin is much more recent and goes back to the earlier part of the last century; . The previous years had shaken the age-old institutions to their foundations. It was a time of questioning and insecurity where people were looking back to the previous years of devastation with anguish and disbelief that it had actually happened and were unable to comprehend that it might just happen all over again. The concept of “Christ the King” was put before people as a sign of “Hope” with Christ as our leader society can get through this period of upheaval and uncertainty. 1937 was a period of much uncertainty and there are a lot of parallels to the turmoil of today’s world still in the grip of the Covid pandemic and political instability in many countries. It was to remind the people of God that even though Jesus Kingdom was not of this world yet he was still the light that would conquer the darkness and he would one day reign supreme over all creation.

The fact that the forces of evil cannot and will not prevail, and that Christ has already won the victory, is a message that we all need to hear over and over again especially when our faith is being put to the test. The real test today is not the persecution of an earlier age but rather of remaining faithful in a faithless and indifferent age where moral neutrality is becoming the norm.

When we think of Christ as King he literally turns on its head everything we associate with Kingship. All our traditional notions of royalty have to go out the window in relation to him as King. Some artists have tried to depict him in such a worldly manner along with a crown of gold a royal sceptre and a kingly robe. However the reality is that: He didn’t choose a crown of gold but rather a crown of thorns. Instead of a sword he held a towel in his hand. Instead of royal robes he wore a loin cloth. Instead of loving power he choose the power of love. Instead of strength he was content to be considered weak. Instead of ruling over others he choose the way of service Instead of a reigning on a throne he hung from a cross. Instead of violence he

always opted for the way of peace. Instead of excluding anyone he included everyone. Instead of glory he accepted humiliation. Instead of victory he accepted defeat. Instead of being full of himself he emptied himself. Instead of vengeance on his executioners he offered forgiveness.

And so it was as St Paul so beautifully says: “Though he was in the form of God, Christ did not cling to his equality with God. Instead he emptied himself and took the form of a slave. And having emptied himself God raised him up and gave him the name that is above all other names so that at the name of Jesus every knee would bow and every tongue confess Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God the Father”. The age-old hymn put that truth another way when we are invited to sing:

“Hail redeemer King Divine.  
 Priest and lamb the throne is thine.  
 King whose reign shall never cease,  
 Prince of everlasting peace”.

Have a great Week  
 G.J.

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**SHOE BOXES:** Many people have participated over the years with the Annual Shoe Box Appeal by TEAM Hope and send a small box of items to children in orphanages in Eastern Europe who otherwise would have “no Santa”. Covid implications have caused difficulties but the goodness goes on, This year if you would like to participate you can create a gift box “online” - Simply Google “Team Hope” - (actually a good site) and make your box/donation that way. Any traditional boxes that come in we will pass them on.

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### 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:**

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30–1pm  
2pm –4.pm

Orna Hosty {Mon –Wed}

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#### **Parish Co-Ordinator:**

Frank Keane.

**Parish Sister:** Sr Breege Ruane

**Music Director:** Jackie Lillis.

#### **Priests of the Parish:**

### Readers

5.30pm Parish Reader  
 9.30am Parish Reader  
 11am Murphy Family  
 12.30pm Naughton Family

### Flowers

Paula Flanagan  
 Edel Cunningham

### Linens

Maureen Kissane

Huge “Thank You” to  
all our Volunteers.