

Mass Intentions this Week

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

Sat	4th	5.30pm	PJ & Mark Guckian (A) Michael Murphy (A) Phil Ruddle (A)	C.S.
Sun	5th	9.30am	Private Intention	G.J.
		11 am	John O'Halloran (A) Mary Ellen & Leo Murphy and decd family members Decd members of the Hanley family	D.W.
		12.30	Private Intention	G.J.
Mon	6th	10 am	Kevin O'Dea (B'day Remb) Finian & Frances Farrell (A) Special Intention Thanksgiving	G.J.
Tues	7th	10am	Bridie, Paddy, Rose & Dan Mahoney (Remb)	G.J.
Wed	8th	10 am	John O'Malley R.I.P.	MSC
Thurs	9th	10 am	Maria, Dan, Jack & Joe Greaney (Remb) Enda Joyce (A)	C.S.
Fri	10th	10am	Martin Scully (B'day Remb)	C.S.
Sat	11th	10am	Maura Hayes, Mincloon (Months Mind) Ashton O'Brien (A)	C.S.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat	11th	5.30pm	Noreen O'Dowd, Carragh Hill (Months Mind) Pascal Mc Daid Jnr (4th A)
Sun	12th	9:30am	Private Intention
		11 am	P J Flaherty, Lr Salthill (Months Mind) Sr Catherine Friel RJM (A) Michael & Rita Barrett (A)
		12.30pm	Nora O'Malley (A) Odran O'Leary (25th A)

PARISH NEWS

5th September 2021

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



Parish Notices.

All our Ceremonies are on-line "salthillparish.ie - live web cam". We hope you will join us on the airways in prayer for some of them.

Weekday Mass: 10 am

Saturday: Vigil mass at 5.30pm

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

Church Open daily for private prayer

Parish Office Open: 9:30am to 1p.m. 2p.m-4pm. Monday to Friday (Lunch 1-2)

Ease of restrictions

- ◆ Capacity of church is 800 so we can now seat 400 (50%)
- ◆ No need to pre-book seats for Masses
- ◆ Sanitise hands
- ◆ Masks need to be worn in church
- ◆ Continue to respect 'Social Distancing'
- ◆ Please take 'Personal Responsibility' and consider each other.
- ◆ Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell.



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,

This week's announcement by the Taoiseach of plans to remove a lot of the restrictions related to Covid over the next 6/7 weeks is welcome and with 90% of the adults in the country vaccinated we must be approaching "herd immunity" the experts talked about early on. The optimistic "Good News" is that people can with care gather again. Covid wreaked havoc on very many sections of our society. In this country we had 5,000 deaths associated with Covid out of a population of five million people. – that's a lot of people and a lot grieving families. The pandemic has damaged and battered a lot of the norms of how we lived our lives. Hopefully we can get "Life" going again.

In terms of religion it means that we can hold ceremonies again and "Teach an Pobail" can resume to functioning as Teach an Pobail. For many Liturgy/Mass on-line became an alternative. Covid has forced us to look at what is necessary and essential and what is not. Questions like "Where is God to be found in all this, and how is God to be celebrated among us, in these new times? Covid has changed us. Church has been changed. Our communities have been changed. We are challenged to rethink the whole edifice of faith-life. How should our society be run? Our good Taoiseach recently suggested the issues relating to Covid be dealt with by people being "responsible" rather than have restrictions imposed by legal dictate. Who, How will "Responsibility be enforced? The convenient, the habitual the attitude of "Whatever I feel like" won't do. We needed to rethink "why we do what we do" and why we "think the way we think"! **Responsibility** – is our opportunity to look out for each other in the true Spirit of our Christian Faith.

There is something deeper and more profound needed. Our challenge is not just to take down the tapes the seats, revert to pre Covid practices, to hold ritual "catch -up" Confirmations and Holy Communion Ceremonies, Baptisms and Weddings and all will be well. There is a bigger demand on us. Questions like What is faith? Where is God? How do we worship? We all have to be involved in this reconstruction of our world.

Covid has seriously damaged "Community" and we need to begin to reconstruct the way we live our lives. We need to meet for bridge, and sport and shopping and a chat. We need family gatherings to invigorate our relationships. At a Parish level we need to bring people together again. We need to meet and plan. Over the next few weeks we hope to form the beginnings of an interim Parish Pastoral Council which will we hope plan for the future in terms of activities connected with the parish e.g. Social gathering, Senior Lunches, Outings, Choirs, Bible study, Neighbour to neighbour support, as well as Prayer and Mass.

As and from this coming Monday we will be able to have 400 people at Mass (our church capacity is 800), there will be no need to pre-book seats, masks need to continue to be worn and we must continue to be careful. We plan to hold Confirmation and First Holy Communion ceremonies postponed from earlier in the year within the next few weeks. Precise dates, times will be announced next week and individuals will be contacted.

So take care and stay safe, - mind each other
- have a good week.

G.J.

MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9:30am, 11am,
12.30pm Booking
Necessary).

WEEKDAYS:

Mon – Sat.: 10am.

The Parish Office:

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30–1pm
2pm –4pm
[Mon-Wed]

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Frank Keane.

Parish Sister: Sr Breege Ruane

Music Director: Jackie Lillis.

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings 523 413

Fr Charlie Sweeney MSC

Readers

5.30pm Guckian Family

9.30am Parish Reader

11am Parish Reader

12.30pm Parish Reader

Flowers

Gertie Elwood
Maria O'Donoghue

Linens

Maura O'Halloran