

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for all those who died recently **Pat Fallon**, Pointe Boise: **Patricia Fannon**, Toronto and formerly Oaklands and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat 28th	5.30pm	Martin Joyce, University Park (Months Mind) Olive Joyce, Rockbarton Rd (Months Mind) Seamus Cuddy (1st A) Des Mc Greevy (25th A)	G.J..
Sun 29th	9.30am	Noel Burke (A) Valerie Foley R.I.P.	G.J.
	11 am	Private Intention	C.S..
	12.30pm	Sarah Rutland (A)	D.W..
Mon 30th	10 am	Holy Souls	G.J.
Tues 31st	10am	Special Intention	G.J.
Wed 1st	10 am	Peter Hogan RIP	MSC
Thurs 2nd	9.30 am	Special Intention	C.S
Fri 3rd	10am	Thanksgiving	G.J
Sat 4th	10 am	Betty Duggan (85th B'Day Remb) Thomas & Mary Conneely (A)	G.J.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat 28th	5.30pm	Joe Joyce(A) & Eileen Walsh (A)
Sun 29th	9:30 am	Private Intention
	11am	Private Intention
	12.30pm	Evelyn Kearney (B'day Remb) Rose Anne Connolly (A).

PARISH NEWS

29th May 2022

"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.

Parish in Action

Ark Café: Every Monday after 10 am Mass in Conference Room at the rear of our church. Casual Cup of Tea/Coffee All are welcome including visitors to our locality.

Gentle Exercises: 2 sessions every week, starting in Galilee House on Wed from 11.45 am to 12.45 pm and then on Friday in Conference Room at rear of church from 11.45 am to 12.45pm.

Friday Lunch Club: Every Friday in Galilee House at 1pm. Main course, dessert, tea/coffee and biscuits followed by fun bingo and if you like, a game of cards. Contact Parish Office at (091) 523413 to book your place.

Thoughts on Thursday: Thursdays at 11 am in Galilee hse. A drop-in-Meeting. Great way to get back and meet others.

Social Outing: We had a successful bus tour to the Country Life Museum and Horkans Garden Centre in Turlough, Co Mayo, last Wednesday. A great day had by all with nearly 40 people taking part. It was great to see many local Ukrainians join us on the trip. Thanks to Tom the bus driver of Healy coaches. Seamus and his Team are working on the next trip. Any suggestions to Office.

Adoration of the Sacred Heart -We hoping to restart for a couple of hours each weekday morning. **10:30am to 2:30 pm** - We invite people who may be interested to contact us or complete the form at Adoration Chapel.

Volunteers needed to help with some of our activities eg Lunch Club, Driving etc. Contact Parish Office.

Salthill Mens Shed are looking for a donation of a garden shed — Contact the office.



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,

It's been a bad week for violence. We had more killings in Ukraine, we had the horrific shooting of children and their teachers in Texas, an attempted killing in a Dublin suburb to name but a few. Criminal feuds and killings no longer make headlines.

I remember a photo of when in 1984 the then Presidents of Germany and France, Helmut Kohl and Francois Mitterrand, held hands outside the First World War cemetery in Verdun, many people commented on the gesture's historical significance. 1989 saw the collapse of the Berlin wall. Past hatreds were now buried. In our own country, 1998 saw the signing of the Good Friday Agreement to which most of the "warring factions" signed up to and Paisley and McGuinness agreed to work together. In South Africa and Archbishop Tutu were to the fore. There were many other "Peace agreements" around the globe - all purporting no more killing. No one believed anymore that war would ever be possible in Europe again. It seemed that the world was more or less at peace.

However as Russia's invasion of Ukraine enters its third month, we find ourselves back in a world many people thought they had left forever - one where terms such as annexation and partition, security guarantees and neutrality are bandied about while bombs fall, trenches are dug and cities are left in ruins and school children get shot in their classrooms. Violence in all its forms is a challenge to us all, not just to military strategists. It's a challenge to all of us, to face some indigestible realities. Thousands are being killed daily by guns. Our world is quite unsettled at the moment. Being at the edge of Europe, we here in Galway are sheltered somewhat from much killing. Our national laws have by and large prevented the general population from carrying guns unlike USA. and democracy is part of our culture.

The fact is that if weapons are available, be they personal handguns, large military missiles or may I say knives and daggers are available, they will be used. There's no question the notion of war crimes and the existence of an International Criminal Court are healthy steps. So too do our National Criminal Courts and the work of our own Gardai. They point to some form of deterrent.

But evil itself doesn't seem to be going away. My good friend Fr Dick Lyng puts it this way: *"We should draw a distinction between Sin and Evil. Evil isn't sin with a loud voice: they're qualitatively different. Sin is where you've personally transgressed. You know it's wrong, but you tell yourself a false story - everyone does it, "no one will notice!", it's only a small thing, look at all the good things I've done that outweigh it, I'm not a bad person etc. But evil has an alternative logic: you tell yourself what you're doing is actually good. Your story has dispensed with guilt and shame and replaced it with pride. — I'm not shooting innocent people in the back; I'm de-nazifying a whole country. I'm not doing it behind the bike sheds; I'm doing it in the village square.*

We've had two years of Covid to observe how a virus works. Evil in a sense is like a virus. It tells a false story that justifies sacrificing other people for a hideous false god. Sin is living in a world without God, without good and bad, without judgement. But evil is creating a whole new and demonic god, and reshaping your entire

Evil on a international scale creates a mythical story - slaughtering of so-called enemies will be rewarded. To defeat evil takes more than weapons. It requires a very different kind of story. Jesus lived a story that said 'the truth will set you free'. To overcome evil you have to discredit the story that makes it seem good".

Isaiah put it this way: *"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more".* A total change of mind-set is needed. Every human life is valuable, and the right to life is paramount, - be it a soldier or civilian in Ukraine or a school child in Texas, or a petty criminal in one of our city slums. As we mark the Feast of the Ascension we pray for that day

Have a good week. G.J..

Lough Derg Pilgrimage from Galway Fri 10th June to Sunday 12th. Departing Renmore Church Friday @6.45am. For further info and booking contact Patrizia 086 4073192

Ark Life Prayer Group meeting is back. Every Tuesday 8pm to 9pm in the Upper Room behind the Claddagh Church. For info contact Tom 087 6209090

Esker Novena 2022 Tuesday May 31st to Wed June 8th. Daily @ 8am, 10am, 4pm, 6pm & 8pm. Anointing of the sick on Sat 4th June at 12 noon & on Sunday 5th June blessing of all children at the 10am, 12 noon and 6pm sessions. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Knock Pilgrimage Friday 17th June 7.30pm to 10pm And Saturday 18th June 10.30am to 5pm. See notice board for full schedule.

Galway Hospice Sunflower Days Collection Friday 10th & Saturday 11th June and Galway Hospice is looking for volunteers to help in Salthill. If you can help please call the fundraising team at Galway Hospice on 091 770868 or text 087 1933032.

Galway Alzheimer Café returns to the Menlo Park Hotel next Fri 3rd June. This monthly gathering providing a warm and welcoming space for people with dementia, their families and friends and anyone affected by dementia is welcome to attend. Guest Speaker: Francis Kane Age Friendly Homes followed by music from: 2p.m.Medtronic Harmonics Time: 2pm - 4pm For further information and to register please contact Maureen Mannion 086 8211540 maureen.mannion@alzheimier.ie

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 —4pm

Orna Hosty {Mon —Wed}

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Frank Keane.

Parish Sister: Sr Breege Ruane

Music Director: Jackie Lillis.

Projects: Seamus Hynes

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings 091-523413

Fr Charlie Sweeney MSC

Weekend Readers

5.30pm Joyce Family
9.30am Burke Family
11am Parish Reader
12.30pm Parish Reader

Flowers

Patricia Donohue
Maura Connolly

Linens

Maura O'Halloran

Huge "Thank You" to
all our Volunteers and
Helpers..