



Lent A Challenge! -“Operation Transformation”

- ◆ 7:30pm Evening Mass Monday-Friday during Lent
- ◆ Stations of the Cross Friday after 10am and 7.30pm mass for Lent
- ◆ Taize Mass Tuesdays at 7.30pm during Lent .

OUR PARISH IN ACTION 2017

Working together/ Serving each other/ Building community .

- ◆ **Youth DRAMA Group** for 8 to 12 year olds. Wed at 3.00pm in Conference Room
- ◆ **Teen Parenting Course** Thurs 7.30pm Conference Room
- ◆ **Card Game (25) / Scrabble** at 2 pm Fridays in Galilee Hse.
- ◆ **Gentle Exercise Class:** Fri 11.45am in Conference Room & Sat in Galilee Hse
- ◆ **Seniors Luncheon:** Day Off for St Patrick’s Day - No lunch this Friday 17th.
- ◆ **Ark Café** every Monday after 10am Mass in the Conference Room.
- ◆ **“Thoughts on Thursday”** 10.30am in Galilee Hse. Give up Criticism for lent?
- ◆ **Galway Youth Choir** - young adults (16—20+ yrs) every Sunday at 7pm.
- ◆ **Musicians:** “Jam sessions”/rehearsals Mondays at 11am in Galilee house.
- ◆ **Adoration** each weekday 10.30am to 7.30pm.
- ◆ **Men’s Shed** - Training in **woodturning** continues next Sat 25th . All welcome to see what’s involved. Regular Shift — Tuesdays & Thursdays 2.30pm - 4pm. If interested, simply turn up at garage/workshop in Church Car Park.



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The water itself is not magic. Its power depends on the prayers, faith and devotion of the person who uses it. In making the Sign of the Cross with holy water, one expresses faith in God as Father, God as Son, and God as Holy Spirit and asks God’s blessing in the name of the same three divine persons. This ritual action of blessing oneself also serves as a reminder of our baptism.



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

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Housekeeping; Every house needs regular upkeep and our church is no different. Thanks to a dedicated group of parishioners who work away polishing the brasses, dusting, cleaning the shrines, and wash out the holy water fonts etc a regular basis. Quietly and unseen yet playing an important role in making sure the church is clean and tidy.

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It is no accident that people have these little statues of the child of Prague in their houses. I mean that the devotion to the Child of Prague has to have some kind of serious root. It's history in Ireland goes back at least a hundred years if not much longer.

It probably goes without saying that believing in the power a Child of Prague statue is not a central part of the Christian faith. I mean, we don't recite belief in it as part of the creed like we believe about God becoming man or the Resurrection from the dead.

But the often overlooked child of Prague statue does tell us something important. It tells us of the power on Christ in his innocence and simplicity. An innocence and simplicity that is so contrary to the increasingly divided world we live in today. Christ doesn't struggle or grasp for power like other world leaders. The Child of Prague shows us Christ as king of peace.

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Teams for March Holy Communion

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Brian Mc Goldrick
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Noreen Loughnane
Josephine Murphy
Tom Quigley

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Annette Hanley
Delma O'Reilly

Evangeline Cummins
Colette Burke

12.30 pm

6pm
Rosaleen Carroll
Martin Brennan
Mary Geraghty
Antionette O'Neill

Collectors/Ushers

5:30pm.
Tony O'Connor
(Pollnaroona)
Eugene Dunleavy

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Thomas Nestor
John Murphy

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John Cuffe
Mattie Gilmore

12.30 pm
Barry Mitchell

6pm
Brendan Reid

MASS TIMES.

WEEKENDS

Saturday: **5:30pm (Vigil)**

Sunday: **9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm, 6pm.**

WEEKDAYS: 10am & 7:30pm
Sat.: 10am & 5:30pm

The Parish Office:

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30—4.30pm
(Lunch 1-2p.m)

Phone: (091) 523413

E-mail:

"salthillparish@eircom.net"

Parish Co-Ordinator:

Frank Keane.

Parish Secretary

Yvonne Thornton (Mon-Wed).
Rhona Bolger (Thurs-Fri).

Parish Sister:

Sr. Breege Ruane

Music Director:

Jackie Lillis.

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings 523 413

Fr. Michael Bailey 526006

Parish Deacon

Rev. Declan Lohan 523413

Adoration

Mon - Fri: 10:30am — 7:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday after 10.am. Mass.

Morning Prayer

Mon 9:45am Week 3

READERS this Weekend

5.30 pm Corbett Family
9.30 am Parish Reader
11a.m. O'Neill Family
12.30pm Mc Niffe Family
6p.m. Begley Family

Flowers

Treasa O'Flynn
Margo Cunningham

Linens this week

Maureen Kissane

Big Thanks to All.

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Mass Intentions .

We pray for those who died recently especially

We remember also all those with Month's Minds, Birthdays and Anniversaries at this time including:

Sat	18th	5.30pm	Kathleen Corbett, The Prom, (Months Mind) Michael Glynn, Eleanor Glynn Fleming (A) and Baby Sophia Brennan (A) Jerome Murray (A)	M.B.
Sun	19th	9.30 am	Eileen Jennings (A)	G.J.
		11am	Nora O'Neill (nee Kearney) (A) John Melody (A)	G.J.
		12.30pm	Richard Finnegan (A) John & May Glynn (A) Bridget & Thomas Patrick Mc Niffe (A) Kitty Quigley Connelly (A); Margaret Swords (A)	M.B.
		6pm	Maurice Begley	M.B.
Mon	20th	10am	Thomas & Mary Rooney (A) Alphonsus Hartman (A)	M.B.
		7.30pm	Private Intention	G.J.
Tues	21st	10am	Paddy & Lily Mullen (A)	G.J.
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Wed	22nd	10am	Special Intention	MSC
		7.30pm	Patrick Barrett (A)	M.B.
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