

## Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for those who died recently including **Helen Bargh (Cissie)**, England sister of Billy Hyland, Rockhill. We pray for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

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|-------|------|---------|--|-------|
| Sat   | 25th | 5:30pm  | Dolores Rainsbury (Months Mind)<br>Paddy Coleman (Dunmore) R.I.P.                        | C.S   |
| Sun   | 26th | 9.30am  | Special Intention  | G.J.  |
|       |      | 11 am   | Ciss Lardner (35th A)<br>Sr Assunta Heavy (A)<br>Finian de Brun (A)                      | G.J.  |
|       |      | 12.30pm | Dr Seán Concannon  | D.W.  |
|       |      | 6pm     | Flo & Brendan Sugrue (10th & 15th A)   | C.S.  |
| Mon   | 27th | 10am    | Brid Hussey (A)<br>Tom Scully (A)  | G.J.. |
| Tues  | 28th | 10am    | Paddy Murphy R.I.P.<br>Sr Ita Callanan (1st. A)<br>Special Intentions                    | G.J.. |
| Wed   | 29th | 10 am   | Kieran Hanley (A)  | MSC   |
| Thurs | 30th | 10am    | Eileen Mulcahy R.I.P.<br>Katie Kelly (A)   | C,S   |
| Fri   | 31st | 10 am   | Charlie Mc Con (A)<br>Special Intention  | C.S.  |
| Sat   | 1st  | 10am    | Antony Michael St George (London, Months Mind)<br>Deceased members of the Buckley Family | C.S   |

## Next Weekend

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|-----|-----|---------|--------------------------|
| Sat | 1st | 5:30pm  | Eugene Butler (A)        |
| Sun | 2nd | 9:30am  | Dr Michael O'Connor (A)  |
|     |     | 11 am   | Private Intention        |
|     |     | 12:30pm | Michael P O'Donoghue (A) |
|     |     | 6pm     | John Lyden (20th A)      |

\* (A) = Anniversary; (B.R). = Birthday Remembrance; R.I.P. = Died recently;



# PARISH NEWS

26th July 2020

*CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES*



Big “Thank You” to all our Volunteers who are involved as Ushers as we come to Mass, clean, tidy and sanitize the building, open and close the church each day, organisation the scheduling, the Holy Communion etc. - enabling us to come church safely etc. We need a few more parishioners to volunteer who would join the rota and share the load. Contact Office, Priests, Frank or Breege if you can be involved.

Another Big “Thank You” to all the parishioners who have made donations in recent weeks to help pay the bills. We cancelled The Easter Collection yet many people remembered. The Sunday “Basket Collection” is replaced by donation boxes at both front and back doors to the Church.

We ask people to continue to wear masks and to register by phone for a seat for Mass at the weekend.

We are resuming First Friday house visits—give the office a ring if you would like us to call.



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

THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR  
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN  
IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Dear Fellow Traveller,

I hope you are well and avoiding all the “Bugs”. Society is (I hope) slowly getting back to some kind of normality and I see that our new government have announced a seven billion euro package of incentives to get “the economy back to work”. I don’t understand all this high finance – governments borrowing money to be payed back over many years. Who do the government borrow from ? Who has the stash of money to lend ? So far so good, my few euro Savings for the rainy day is intact. Asking “my learned friend” Mary from Carragh Hill this question, she tells me it’s “paper money” and governments just *print more money* ! - there are no gold bars locked away anywhere to correspond with the actual money in my wallet or bank account. Amazing, but by in large the system works !

Something else that amazes me is that in a little over four months since the virus struck, paper money has almost disappeared and it is all “Tap – Tap” and direct debit and very little rattle of pennies in my pocket. The present pandemic has hit a lot of people in the pocket especially those at the bottom of the economic ladder, as it has the fundraising activities of the many Charities and voluntary bodies that need our help. Big “Thank You” too to those who remembered Trocaire and other worthy Charities both local and in the wider world. If we all do a little it will help a lot !

On a mundane level in the Parish we are slowly and carefully getting on with things. Our capacity for people to come to Mass is limited to 50 at the front and 50 at the back of the church and we continue to ask people to register if they plan to attend Mass at the Saturday evening (5:30pm) or any of our four Sunday Masses. At present there is no need to pre-register for Weekday Mass. We are trying to catch up with the requests for Baptisms and we have a few small weddings in the pipeline. We have made no firm decision about First Communion and Confirmation - were we to have these ceremonies now, we would only be able have two or three from each family. To my mind, the day of one’s First Communion or Confirmation are special happy occasions to be celebrated by the “Family” and our hope is that by September/October we might be able to expand the number of family attending.

We are all a bit tentative, washing our hands and keeping our distance etc. Normal life as we know it has been disruptive and to a large extent we are only doing what is essential. The last few months have taught

us to distinguish between two kinds of essential. There are things that I need to do to remain physically healthy, like food and medicines. But there are also things that I need to remain mentally healthy, and those things will go far beyond the formal mental healthcare sector. There’s a story told in ancient Biblical folklore about how the prophet Elijah was challenged to identify someone in the local community who is assured of a place in the world to come. Elijah scans the usual suspects, the holy clerics, the big donors to charities, the leading people in the community etc and finally points to two oddly dressed, dishevelled looking men drinking wine in a corner. The two men were asked by the local media of the time what they do that makes them so special. They explain that Elijah must have made a mistake: they are nothing special, just clowns in a circus. Their only professional objective is to ensure that everyone leaves the circus happier than they were on arrival. The point of the story is, of course, that Elijah made no mistake: helping people to feel good about themselves is both essential and valuable. Lockdown may have taught us to reclassify as luxuries some things we thought of as essential; but perhaps it has also shown that some things that are luxuries in one sense may be essential to people’s well-being in another. Lockdown has been far more traumatic for some than for others. Like the clowns in the story, beauty parlours and hairdressers aim to make people to feel better about themselves, and to make their customers well-disposed.

In many ways the work of a Parish and of Church, is to give people confidence; to help people believe in themselves; to see, nurture and appreciate the gifts that God gives each of us.

Have a good week ,  
- G.J.

## MASS TIMES

### WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9:30am, 11am,  
12:30pm, 6pm.

### WEEKDAYS:

Mon – Fri: 10am,  
Sat.: 10am & 5:30pm

### The Parish Office:

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30–1pm  
2pm –4.30pm

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### Parish Co-Ordinator:

Frank Keane.

Parish Sister: Sr Breege Ruane

Music Director: Jackie Lillis.

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings 523 413

Fr Charlie Sweeney MSC  
523413

### Readers

5.30 pm Rainsbury Family  
9.30 pm Tom Burke  
11am Mary de Brun  
12.30pm Parish Team  
6pm Parish Team

### Linens

Maureen Kissane

### Flowers

Maria Donoghue  
Gertie Elwood