

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for those who died recently **Tommy Kelly**, Oaklands and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat	22nd	5:30pm	Mary Sherlock (1st A) Alicia Casserly (A)	C.S.
Sun	23rd	9.30am	Private Intention	C.S.
		11 am	Aileen Kelly (26th A) Thanksgiving	G.J.
		12.30pm	Kevin (1st A) & Therese Murphy and their son Aonghus Pat Mullins (A) Anne & Chris Keating (A)	G.J.
		6pm	Frank Burke R.I.P.	C.S.
Mon	24th	10am	Maura O'Connell Collins R.I.P.	G.J.
Tues	25th	10am	Vincent Glynn RIP Pat Glynn Sheila O'Broin R.I.P.	G.J.
Wed	26th	10 am	Special Intention	C.S.
Thurs	27th	10am	Special Intentions Gertrude Rice (Remb) Owen Mc Conville (Remb)	C.S.
Fri	28th	10 am	Kathleen Heavy (A)	G.J.
Sat	29th	10am	Helen Andrews Higgins (A) Michael Carroll (A)	C.S.

Next Weekend

Sat	29th	5:30pm	Patrick Curran, Furbo (Months Mind) David Cunningham A); Eamonn Carney (A) Martin Patten (A) and decd family members Special Intention
Sun	30th	9:30am	Julia, Tommie & Alice Burke (A)
		11 am	Private Intention
		12:30pm	Private Intention
		6pm	John Armstrong (A) and his son Seán Hannah Kelly R.I.P.

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



PARISH NEWS

23rd August 2020

CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES™



Our Parish in Action

Mass: For a lot of people Mass is very central to our way of life. Gathering for worship, having the Scripture read to us, and meeting Jesus in Holy Communion is part of our psyche and DNA. . If the truth was told, we miss it when we can't go. Covid related restrictions and the demands for "Social Distancing" limit the recommended capacity of the church. Thank You for your patience and understanding. Big "Thank You" to our volunteers who organise the coming and going. We ask people to continue to register for weekend Masses. (At present there is no need to pre-book for weekdays.) - Phone Parish Office Mon-Fri 9:30 to 4:30 (lunch 1-2pm) to reserve a seat or more Info [091-523413].



We wish all our students and teachers a safe return as they go back to School this week after the long break. Well done to all the teachers who have been working so hard over the past numbers of weeks to ensure that their schools are able to open safely adhering to the Covid guidelines and procedures.



Housebound: First Fridays: The priests are available to visit people who are housebound and would like Holy Communion.

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



Dear Fellow Traveller

Scattered thoughts on reaching 80 years of age in the middle of the Covid19 pandemic. Reaching ones 80th Birthday is a milestone yet it is only one day at a time. My family had planned a big party for me but all that went out the window with Covid 19. I'm not sure I really wanted a party but I would have liked to see all the family and friends gathering to celebrate Life in general as well as mine. Instead I was co-cocooning, hardly outside the door for five months. For me and I suspect many people, the restrictions associated with the pandemic have meant a moment to think again about what is vital and important to me. Welfare of Family, personal good health, sufficient financial resources to maintain a decent standard, a proper house with the basics of life and neighbours who mind their own business yet are always there for friendship and support in good times and in bad. Add in to that a peaceful street or estate, a good hairdresser, access to shops, a good medic to call if necessary and "we are hunky dory!". The restrictions made some but not major difference in my life anyway. Being retired and aging I have slowed down a bit and I haven't been at a night club for years anyway

I miss Mass more than I expected. It is a community activity and we are "herd animals" - it's good to be together. We get Mass on the Computer and the Online Masses have proved popular. People have become "Mass pilgrims", seeing from their armchair how the Liturgy is enacted across the globe. Yet for most of us we miss the "gathering" in our parish church. Traditionally, at Sunday Mass there is a huge mix of people and they are all there together. Part of what it is about is solidarity and community. It's fine to watch a football match on T.V. but it's not the same as being actually there in the crowd. We are among other things, "sensory beings" and Mass feeds the senses. Solidarity is not just a nice cosy feeling that ends when Mass ends, but what happens at Mass should feed and sustains our relationships with each other and can have a noticeable positive impact on my world.

As I grew up there was quite a bit of "Religion" in our house. We had Holy Water font at the front door, Rosary in the kitchen every night, fish on Friday, polished shoes and Mass every Sunday without fail, great fear/respect for church and it was "Yes Father, No Father Three bags full Father"! - whatever answer "Father" wanted he got. There was a moral certainty and there was much good about that. Having said that in the early part of my life there was more Religion than Faith, more Law than Grace. I grew up to a lot of "guilt", that sense of "never being good enough". If there was a God, it was that I had to earn his approval and his affection - "God won't like you if you are not good"! A few years back I got quiet sick and went through a rough time. My connection with God and church drifted into the background. I subsequently gently began to pray again through the help of with a friend. Over time I got a new understanding of God. Gradually I came to understand that Yes, God loves me as I am". I am not perfect - far from it but I am (I hope) faced - like the Prodigal son in the Gospel towards God, - and God has come out to meet me. I still get things wrong at times but the guilt is gone. I am invited by God to be his friend and I respond by trying to do what is right.

So I take one day at a time, continue to take the "Smarties" prescribed by the doctor, I get to the Prom four or five days a week when it's quiet and follow the guidelines and recommendations. I hope you can do the same. God loves you.

Stay safe and smell the Roses.
Have a good week.

S.C.

Psalm Response: Covid restrictions do not permit us to print a leaflet with the readings on it. This week the response to the Psalm (when read) is: "O God let all the peoples praise you !".

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Redemptorist Retreat—Due to Covid 19 our annual novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help was cancelled in June. We are now doing the novena online novena via our webcam from September 1st to 9th. Times -10am and 8pm daily. For more details visit our website www.eskerreds.ie or 091 844007

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National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2020—Broadcast live on Sunday 13 September at 3pm from Knock Basilica

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Accord CLG facilitators were looking forward to recommencing face-to-face marriage preparation courses this coming weekend with all venues complying with public health advice. However as the coronavirus continues to spread and with new government guidance announced we have no option but to again suspend face-to-face marriage preparation courses until at least after 13 September.

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The Galway Memorial Walk in aid of Galway Hospice is a special way to celebrate and remember loved ones. This year, we can't all come together so Galway Hospice is asking everyone to walk somewhere special to them on Sunday 13th September. To celebrate the 15th annual Memorial Walk, everyone who registers for the Memorial Walk receives an oak sapling to plant in memory of their loved ones. Register at www.galwayhospice.ie/walk or call Galway Hospice on 091-770868.



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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Readers

5.30 pm Sherlock Family
9.30 pm Parish Reader
11am Parish Reader
12.30pm Keathing Family
6pm Parish Reader

Linens

Noirín Barrett
Maura Connolly

Flowers

Mary Mc Namara
Madge Broderick