

## Mass Intentions this Week - online only.

We pray for those who died recently **Finbarr Lillis**, Devon Park; **James Harrison**, Devon Park; **Paddy Barrett**, Crossmolina brother of Sr Mary, Jesus & Mary Convent; **Mary Norris**, Dublin sister of Tom Geraghty, Seamount; **Shellagh Barry**, Mallow mother of Dave, Hillcrest Court and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat 9th	5:30pm	Phyllis Fahy, Upper Salthill (Months Mind) Bernie & Rita Gannon (A) Frank Glynn (A) and decd members of the Glynn family	C.S.
Sun 10th	9.30am	Private Intention	G.J.
	11 am	Decd members of the Mc Carthy & Patten families Christy O'Connor (Junior) & his son Darren & Deceased family Jim Flavin (A) and deceased family members Ellen & Richard Walsh (A)	C.S.
	12.30pm	No Mass at this time during lockdown	.
	6pm	No Mass at this time during lockdown	.
Mon 11th	10 am	Ciaran & Mary Ann Boran & Leo Murphy (A) Pat Taaffe (A) Ann Marie Brouder Leeming (A)	G.J.
Tues 12th	10m	Maureen Cunnane (R.I.P.)	G.J.
Wed 13th	10 am	Pat Griffin (A)	MSC
Thurs 14th	10 am	Frank Sweeney (A)	C.S.
Fri 15th	10am	James Harrison R.I.P.	C.S.
Sat 16th	10am	Private Intention	

### Masse Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat 16th	5:30pm	John Lee (A) Frank & Maureen Mc Dermott (A)
Sun 17th	9:30am	Rishworth Family
	11 am	Dan Naughton (1st A) John Crotty (A) Phyllis (2nd A) & Dermot Byrne Deceased members of the Walshe Family

# PARISH NEWS

10th January 2021

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



## Parish Notices

**No Public Masses** until end of January due to Covid restrictions.

**All our Masses are on-line** "[salthillparish.ie](http://salthillparish.ie) - live web cam" and we hope you will join us in prayer for Anniversaries/Special Intentions etc.

**Weekends** : Vigil Mass Saturdays at 5:30 and Sundays at 9:30 and 11a.m.

**Weekday Mass**: 10 am daily Mon-Sat.

**Church open** for private visits after Mass until dark each day. All Welcome.

**Parish Office** open as usual from Jan 4th 9:30am to 4:30pm (lunch 1-2pm)

Dear Fellow Traveller

The Christmas Season is nearly at its end. Traditionally January 6th marks the end of the season with households taking down their decorations and packing everything away for another year. For the Christian though the Christmas season runs until the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, which is this Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Today the Church reflects on Baptism as we commemorate the Baptism of the Lord. We read stories of parents baptising their children to get them into particular schools. I believe this issue has been greatly exaggerated by people who are proposing an alternative, atheistic society. However, this should prompt us to reflect on the significance of our own baptism and the world we entered through it. We are born into a community. We begin our lives in a state of high dependence. We learn to speak, to walk, to trust, to negotiate our way around a sometimes unfriendly world. We quickly learn that this world has unavoidable limitations. We naturally crave basic security. We desire to be surrounded by an environment that is secure enough for risk-taking. Otherwise we will find it impossible to learn anything. We need to form relationships that are unconditional, relationships that are not dependent upon our getting things right every time. Building relationships and finding your way in the world is especially difficult for our young people in the midst of the present Covid pandemic. One's family is the indispensable foundation as we learn to handle life.

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



In a supportive family we can experiment and make our mistakes, and still be cherished. If you live in a world where everything encourages you to struggle for your own individual interest, it will ultimately be at the expense of others. The “*What’s in for me syndrome*” results in the law of the jungle – the strongest wins and the weak get trodden upon. What is encouraging is how very few people seem to want a society composed of people driven by individualism. If the present Covid pandemic teaches us anything it is that we are “pack animals”, that we need each other and that what I do as an individual does effect others. The message of John Donnes poem “*No man is an Island*” needs to be releartn. We have two primary examples of this recently with Mr Trump in the USA (where the gap between rich and poor is enormous) and Britain which still has to it learn no longer “rules the waves” (if it ever did) and we need to share all that this world offers.

*No man is an island entire of itself;  
every man is part of the main;  
..... any man's death diminishes me,  
because I am involved in mankind.  
And therefore never send to know for whom  
the bell tolls; it tolls for thee !*

*John Donne*

Much talk is promulgated by social media that when Covid is gone we will go in to a “New Reality” a new way of living, environmentally, socially, politically etc. For the Christian the roots of a new reality are deep in religious vision and commitment. In religious terms the unconditional nature of family love is a faint mirror of God’s unconditional commitment to be always there for us and that we are all loved and lovable. The essential character of human inter-dependence, connects me with the Christian belief that if someone else is damaged, frustrated, offended or oppressed, everyone’s humanity is diminished. Now more than ever, we need to be able in the political and economic context to spell out what are our commitments and attachments and why,. We need a vision; and, whether we are religious or not, we need all the resources available for deepening that vision. Modern industrial companies have “Mission Statements” guiding their activities and aspirations. Baptism can be seen as the “Mission Statement” of parents for their child. It is not a trivial matter, but a doorway into living an altruistic, caring way of life. Baptism is act of dedication, a commitment ceremony to follow the way of life as taught by Jesus. Today we renew that commitment. Let’s get too it.

Have a good week and stay safe

G.J.



Now more than ever it is important to have internet skills and to keep in touch with family and friends so Age Action is offering 5 hours of free remote tutoring by phone / video call to help older people use their smartphone, computer, tablet or ipad. The programme called **Getting Started KIT** takes place in your own home at a time that suits you and includes a free guide. For further information call 091 527831 or e-mail [gettiingstartedgalway@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettiingstartedgalway@ageaction.ie).

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**Jesuit Centre - Sacred Listening:** a timely 4-part course on a way of listening to oneself & others. Begins 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Further info: [spiritualitywest@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualitywest@gmail.com) or ph. Sr Moira on

086 877 6537

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**MASS TIMES  
ON-LINE ONLY**

**WEEKENDS**

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

**WEEKDAYS:**

Mon —Sat.: 10am.

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**The Parish Office:**

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