

## Mass Intentions this Week - online only.

We pray for all those who died recently including **Rita Conneely** (Forster Pk); **Chris Wlash** (Ballymoneen Rd); for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat 27th	5:30pm	Fred Creaven (A) Martin & Ellen Kearney (A) Patsy Dolan (A)	G.J.
Sun 28th	9.30am	Angela Golding (Months Mind) Patsy & Gemma Golding	T.P..
	11 am	Rita Tyrell (Months Mind) Peter & Lily Burke (A) Fr James Heaney (A) Nora O'Flaherty (5th A)	C.S.
Mon 1st	10 am	Brian O'Connell R.I.P. Sinéad Beardon (nee Carney) (A) Matthew & Catherine Crehan (A)	G.J.
Tues 2nd	10am	Della & Pat Cunnane (A) Danno Heaslip R.I.P.	G.J
Wed 3rd	10 am	Kitty Mc Manus R.I.P	MSC
Thurs 4th	10 am	Kay Faherty R.I.P.	C.S.
Fri 5th	10am	Aidan Foley (A)	C.S.
Sat 6th	10am	Mary Ellen & Frank Houston (A) Michael & Catherine Dwane (A)	G.J.

### Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat 6th	5:30pm	Jack & Myra Caslin (A); Kathleen Griffin (A) Cecilia Jordan (A); Maurice Begley (A) Tom & Nora Reilly (A); Nora Hession (A)
Sun 7th	9:30am	Eoin O'Kelly (A) Dympna Waldron (A)
	11 am	Eva O'Mahony (Months Mind) Alice & Sinéad Burke (A) & decd family members Cian Comerford (10th A) Paddy Feeny (A) Mary Kavanagh (A)

# PARISH NEWS

28th February 2021

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



### Parish Notices

**No Public Masses** until FURTHER NOTICE due to Covid restrictions.  
**All our Masses are on-line** "[salthillparish.ie](http://salthillparish.ie) - live web cam". We hope you will join us on the airways in prayer for Mass, Anniversaries, Special Intentions etc.  
**Weekends** : Vigil Mass Saturdays at 5:30 and Sundays at 9:30 and 11 a.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 Mon-Fri) 9:30am to 4:30pm (lunch 1-2pm)



### "Friendly Parish Call"

Salthill Parish are missing your presence and this lockdown may continue for a while longer. There is a big campaign by groups like HSE, City Council, Lions Club, Cope, etc to encourage people to connect with each other by phone. Connectiveness is important - *"no person is an island entire unto themselves"* (John Donne). In the next few weeks as a parish we aim to reach out by phone and use it as a way to share how you're managing (or not) and also what you're missing or looking forward to. If you would like to be included in our "call out" list or if you have a suggestion or a query please phone the 523413 or text us on 083 0264442.

**Together we can help each other.**

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.

Everybody at some stage in their lives considers the question “*What is life all about?*” and ‘what is my roll in it’?. Jesus (whom we are told was a “man in all things but sin”) -- spent 40 days in the desert figuring out what was his mission in life.

Today’s Gospel tells the story when God the Father gave his approval of his Son Jesus and what He was about. We too need to be assured about our lives, where we came from and what we are about. We are not out there on our own and we are connected.

I borrowed a story from Fr Jim Cooley that might explain this weekends Gospel:

**A Story:** \_\_\_\_\_

A couple called Mildred and Michael were married for nearly 30 years. Gradually they had slipped into a place of peaceful co-existence where there were no rows but not much of a spark either. The urgent things of life had taken over from the important and real communication was neglected and practically non-existent. When he arrived home from work she wanted to talk while he was too tired and just lounged in front of the TV. Meanwhile she always kept herself busy just to distract herself from the feelings of loneliness, emptiness and sense of not being noticed. Then one day Mildred decided that she had enough and something needed to change. She would take responsibility for herself and how she felt and looked. The hairdresser was booked as was the beautician, and the afternoon was to be spent in the shops doing some retail therapy.

Those were the pre-Corona days when all that was possible!

On the evening in question Michael arrived home to find a very different looking wife that he had left that morning. Seeing her beautiful new dress, her nice shoes and so well groomed he immediately appreciated the effort she had made. He just took her in his arms and told her not just how beautiful she looked but repeated it several times, ‘Mildred I really love you’. Hearing her name being called in such a loving manner meant more to her than anything else. It was as if she began to glow from the inside out, you could even say she was transfigured by those simple words she badly needed to hear, ‘Mildred I love you, Mildred I really love you.’ Michael immediately realised how lucky he was and he also changed the way he related to Mildred.

In a way that little incident carries something of what was happening to Christ at the scene of the transfiguration. In the gospel we see Jesus becoming radiant and aglow as he is recognized by the Father as His beloved Son, He has had less success in being recognized by others. Because of all he had said and done people were continually asking questions about him. The neighbours think they know who he is, just a preacher carpenter’s son from Nazareth. Others are not so sure and the disciples ask who is he that commands the wind and the waves, heals the sick ? etc. They all sense there is more to Jesus than meets the eye.

Nobody gets the answer right, so Jesus goes up the mountain to pray and in so doing he gets affirmation as to who he really is. There it becomes clear that he is not Moses or Elijah, that the people thought he might be, but the fathers beloved son, the chosen one, the one that alone deserves to be listened to, because he is the voice of the Father on this earth. This is where he finds out who he really is and not only that but what he must do and what his life is all about. We pray we too may discover who we really are, discover too that the goodness and potential that is in us and what our roll in life is. Then having a sense of who we are and what we are about we pray for the grace as my granny used to say - “enough talking, now and get on and do it !

**Have a good week.**

C.S.

## **CROI NUA LENTEN PROGRAMME ON ZOOM**

**Led by Nollaig O’Donnell and Croi Nua Team**

**Wed 3rd Mar A Journey of Discovery of Our Own**

**Goodness 7.30pm**

Fr Benny McHale will lead us into to discovering how we can cope better with the lockdown and make this time of Lent a time of growth and renewal and how our different personality’ traits can enable us to adapt and grow during this time.

Lenten Wed Evening Zoom meetings below.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84268386279?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84268386279?pwd=Q2IjMGRYS1FmbVQ2WFdCZnZHOEhL)

[pwd=Q2IjMGRYS1FmbVQ2WFdCZnZHOEhL](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84268386279?pwd=Q2IjMGRYS1FmbVQ2WFdCZnZHOEhL)

**The Sacred Space** website, run by the Irish Jesuits continues to be one of the most popular prayer sites worldwide. Well worth a look.

**Age Action**’s “Getting Started KIT” programme provides free remote tutoring to Seniors on how to use the internet on their smartphone, laptop, pc, iPad, or tablet. <https://www.ageaction.ie/how-we-can-help/getting-started-kit>

**H.S.E** is running a free 6 week programme, to help anyone who is living with any long-term health condition (mental or physical). Plenty of tech. support is available. **Contact** Bonnie King, on 087-9176354 or [bonnie.king@mayocil.ie](mailto:bonnie.king@mayocil.ie) for more info or to register. **Dates:** Spaces are available on the following dates: Mornings (10.30-1pm) Tues 9<sup>th</sup> March *and* Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April, for 6 wks. Evenings (7pm – 9.30pm) spaces currently available on Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> March *and* Tues 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**The Galway Lions Club** have joined with HSE Community Services and the Galway City and County councils to support people to mind their physical and mental health and wellbeing over the coming months by distributing a 20 page booklet. You will find some ideas there to help you through this difficult time. This can be downloaded at: [www.galwaycity.ie/wellbeing](http://www.galwaycity.ie/wellbeing)

Below are Support Services to Reassure us all in these difficult times.

**Mental Health Information: 1800 111 888**

**Pieta Crisis Helpline. 1800 247 247**

**Samaritans. 116 123 or Text Help 50808**

## **MASS TIMES**

### **ON-LINE ONLY**

#### **WEEKENDS**

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:30am, 11am,

#### **WEEKDAYS:**

Mon – Sat.: 10am.

#### **The Parish Office:**

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30–1pm

2pm –4.30pm

Yvonne Thornton [Mon-Wed]

Rhona Bolger [Thurs-Fri]

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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

## **Flowers**

**Peigi Murphy  
Muriel Silke**