

Mass Intentions this Week - online only.

We pray for all those who died recently including **Mary O'Farrell**, Knocknacarra Village and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat	6th	5:30pm	Jack & Myra Caslin (A); Kathleen Griffin (A) Cecilia Jordan (A); Maurice Begley (A) Tom & Nora Reilly (A); Nora Hession (A) Rita Kinneen (A); Catherine (Kitty) Geoghegan (2nd A) Tony O'Connor (Remb); Paschal O'Brien (A)	C.S.
Sun	7th	9.30am	Eoin O'Kelly (A) Dympna Waldron (A) Bridie Collins (A)	G.J...
		11 am	Eva O'Mahony (Months Mind) Mary Kavanagh (A): Cian Comerford (10th A) Alice & Sinéad Burke (A) & decd family members Paddy Feeney (A); Eoin O'Kelly (A) Martin Lardner (A)	D.W.
Mon	8th	10 am	Margo Martin R.I.P. Tommy & Mary Hardiman (A) Edith & John Burke (A)	G.J.
Tues	9th	10am	William & Nora Brogan (A) Sonny & Mary Mulderrig (A) Sharon, Dana & Tony O'Malley (A)	G.J
Wed	10th	10 am	Joseph Kilgannon R.I.P.	MSC
Thurs	11th	10 am	Phil Callanan (A)	C.S.
Fri	12th	10am	Private Intention	C.S.
Sat	13th	10am	Private Intention	G.J.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat	13th	5:30pm	Mai Croker, Bridget Croker, Cecilia Jordan & Ann Gavin (Remb) Michael & Sheila Ryan (A) Eugene Dunleavy R.I.P. Tony O'Connor (Remb)
Sun	14th	9:30am 11 am	Private Intention Mary & Patrick Ryan (A) Prof. Matt Mc Carthy

PARISH NEWS

7th March 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 - 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,

“A Year of Covid in Salthill Parish”.

This week we celebrate a special Anniversary - it is a year since Covid struck and we closed the doors of the church here in Salthill, asked that the parishioners “stay at home”, and all Masses and ceremonies were cancelled as were choir practices, parish meetings and gatherings, seniors lunches etc, little knowing what lay ahead. Initially both Fr. Charlie and yours truly were “off the pitch” - “cocooning” (over 70 !). The parish was put in the hands of our parish co-ordinator Frank Keane and his team who kept the parish open and functioning to some degree. Initially funerals were transferred to neighbouring churches where there was younger clergy available to celebrate the Funeral Mass. After a few weeks of total lock-down, the cocooning for over 70s ended and we began to celebrate daily Mass on the Web cam and have continued doing so since.



This pandemic has effected everybody. Funerals are the worst effected. Ireland generally “does death well” and the gathering of the community is a hugely important element in the grieving process. However, under current restrictions, not only are the bereaved family denied the community recognition due to their loved one, but the community has no means of grieving its cherished members. We understand the rational but they are still very difficult for family and friends. In the past year we have had 36 Funerals (all with very restricted numbers in attendance), only a few Covid related. Interestingly, in the same period the year before (March 1919 to March 2020) we had 46 Funerals in our parish. (Maybe we are taking better care of ourselves !). Baptisms are down from 66 to 35 and weddings down from 10 to 5. Confessions in the box as was traditional (which were on the wane anyway) are gone and Pastoral care involving house visits etc are very difficult.

Having no gatherings/congregations at Mass means the opportunities to raise finance are denied. To date, thankfully, parishioners have been extremely supportive, contributing generously towards the upkeep of the parish by way of Christmas and Easter Collections and ongoing donations. The “Weekly Offertory Collection at Mass” usually about €2000 per week, is down to a dribble and we are probably down a third overall. Fortunately, as a parish we went into the pandemic debt free but I suspect there are huge financial challenges ahead. Huge Thanks for your continued support.



Over the year, connections with the diocese and larger church have been contrived and artificial, having a few meetings by Zoom; the superstructure of bishops and administration, is at best distant in most parishioners’ lives. I forget who first said “All politics is Local” but if religion is to function it must happen at a local level.

Have a Good Week - C.U. on the Prom !
G.J.

P.S. Coming Up: Mother’s Day next Sunday March 14th

CROI NUA LENTEN PROGRAMME ON ZOOM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10th, 11th, 12th March – Lenten Retreat 7.30pm. Led by Patsy Kelly MSC
For Link email Patsy Kelly direct at patsyk60@gmail.com

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>

The Poor Clares are hosting an online Q&A vocations event on Wed, March 10th, from 7:30pm to 9.00pm, to help those who are exploring the possibility of a religious vocation to learn more about the Poor Clare way of life. If you are under 40 and would like to attend contact: vocations@poorclares.ie. For more info see: www.poorclares.ie/online-qa

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
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]

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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

5.30pm Maria Reilly

9.30am John Tierney

11am Michael Kavanagh

Flowers

Maureen Gibbs

Anne Markland