

## Mass Intentions this Week - online only.

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

Sat	10th	5.30pm	Thomas & Kate Caslin (A); Mary Mullan (A) Tony O'Connor, Oaklands Charlie & Amy O'Connell (A)	G.J..
Sun	11th	9.30am	James & Ellen Murphy (A) and decd family members Patrick & Josephine Murray (A) and their daughter Josephine (A) Ingrid Needham (3rd A)	T.P.
		11 am	Rita Conboy, Dalysfort Rd (1st A) Barry Mitchell, Rockbarton Rd (3rd A) Rebecca Goggin (A); Ned, Rita & John Flynn (A) Ignatius & Margaret Smyth, Glenard Cres (A) Laurence & Eveleen Burke (A) Michael Howley, Betty Howley and Bunnie Howley (A)	C.S.
Mon	12th	10 am	Mattie Davis R.I.P. Marcella Daly (A) John Clarke (B'Day Remb)	G.J.
Tues	13th	10am	Eileen Morris R.I.P. Special Intention	G.J
Wed	14th	10 am	Tommy & Julie Burke R.I.P. Holy Souls	MSC
Thurs	15h	10 am	Alice & Sinead Burke R.I.P. Special Intention	C.S.
Fri	16th	10am	Tommy Conroy R.I.P.	C.S.
Sat	17th	10am	Private Intention	G.J.

### Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat	17th	5.30pm	Tony O'Connor, Oaklands
Sun	18th	9:30am	Con & Kay Murphy & Fr Tadgh O'Mahony (A)
		11 am	Des Whelan (A) Decd members of the Collins & Galvin families

# PARISH NEWS

11h April 2021

"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"



## Parish Notices.

**No Public Masses** until FURTHER NOTICE due to Covid restrictions.

**All our Ceremonies are on-line** "[salthillparish.ie](http://salthillparish.ie) - live web cam". We hope you will join us on the airways in prayer for some of them.

**Daily Mass:** 10 am

**Saturday:** Vigil mass at 5.30pm

**Sunday:** Mass at 9:30 and 11a.m.

Church Open daily for private prayer (after Mass til 7p.m.)

**Parish Office** open as usual Mon-Fri) 9:30am to 4:30pm (lunch 1-2pm).



Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Trócaire needs all the support we can give— the Poor of the Third world has suffered most from the pandemic. . Donations can be made directly online or dropped in to the Parish Office and we will pass it on. Every donation , no matter how small, makes a significant difference. those using Trocaire boxes can drop them in to the office .



Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday

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



## Another view !

### A Letter from Doubting Thomas reflecting on the Passion and Resurrection.



Dear Fellow Traveller

I'm called "Doubting Thomas." But of all of them, I was the only one who proposed, "Come, let us go up to Jerusalem and die with him." But it was long time ago, a thousand yesterdays, but I continue to exist surviving centuries of questions and doubts. What was / is Christ all about anyway ?

Today I come to you — yes, you—and say, "Look out your windshield of your car or into the window of your television, and let us go up to "Neon" Jerusalem and see what's going on. Come along with me to the city park of Gethsemane, where Jesus suffers the sweaty-palm agony of the sick and those dying of the deadly diseases, AIDS, Covid, Cancer and Depression. Tomorrow is their Good Friday; tonight their lonesome vigil.

"Come and look , - stare if you like" - Jesus is stripped of his clothing, exposed to shame in those stripped of their jobs, naked by the loss of their homes and possessions, disrobed of their dignity. "Come, stand and watch, helpless by habit, as Jesus is mocked and ridiculed by the centurions of our society, in being the butt of crude minority or ethnic jokes, or cruel comments on "Faceless" Facebook.

As you stare from the side-lines, "Don't turn away from the pain; see the crown of thorns upon his head in the form of each one who is mentally ill, their foreheads pierced by deep depression. There Jesus is as a "bag lady" muttering to herself, or, there, see him sitting and staring out the window of a hospital ward. Notice the crowd press closer, and you can view him being scourged by physical or mental abuse. Watch, don't turn away your prudish eyes: see him sexually abused in a confused and forever crippled little child.

"Turn your head, we're passing a prison; behind those walls and bars sits Jesus as an innocent man or woman — even in those guilty of some crime. See Jesus — in the person of one unjustly tried and condemned, lacking a clever lawyer or a victim crippled by poverty or substance abuse or a broken home — caged in a crowded cell.

"Come with me up Main Street of Neon Jerusalem; watch Jesus go by in all disabled persons carrying their crosses in the daily passion parade and in those back-bent with the heavy burdens of life. Where is a Simon from Cyrene, Galway or Rockbarton, who will lift and help, a hand to raise a wheelchair, to open a door or lift with compassion the crosses they bear. Ah, how quickly he has passed.

"Come with me, let us go up the trashy hill of 10,000 Calvarys, look how in the body of the greedy society that has nailed him secure for life to the icy cold cross of poverty. Stand with me at the foot of millions of crosses shouldered in the midday darkness of hopelessness. Listen to that piercing cry riding on the wind of a year of Good Fridays, 'My God, why, why have you abandoned me?'

"Come, let us go up to Neon Jerusalem and die with him — suffer with him, be shamed with him, be imprisoned with him, feel the lash of laughter, be mocked for a lack of money, sweat blood with him in a slow painful death or poverty and derision.

I know you're late, have pressing matters to attend to. I know you have "Things" to do. You don't want to get involved, obedient to your culture's commandment, "Mind your own business." I understand - I, of all, understand. I too was afraid to get involved; the risk, you know was really great. I understand: brave words come easy, it's defeat and shame that test convictions. Remember, I am "Doubting Thomas", I exist as much today as I did 2000 years ago. I'm your patron. Can He. .. be dying of neglect and injustice?

I doubt today, as long ago. Christ's Mission still remains largely unfulfilled. I doubt seriously that if on meeting someone homeless or broken on Main Street of Neon Jerusalem, we would say, " Oh My Lord and my God."

Ultimately it is all personal. Jesus came to invite "Me" to have eternal life.

My response is Personal too !

Have a good week and stay safe, - "Doubting Thomas"  
- (alias G.J.)

## 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

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#### Parish Co-Ordinator:

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#### Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings 523 413

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### Readers

5.30pm

9.30am Parish Reader

11am Conboy Family

### Flowers

Nuala Fitzpatrick

### Linens

Noirín Barrett