

## Mass Intentions this Week - online only.

We pray for all those who died recently **Celia Sheridan**, Irishtown, Co Mayo sister of Josephine Kelleher, Lenaboy Park; **Mary Mc Carthy**, Cork mother of Peter, Rockbarton Pk; **Anne Cummins**, Dungarvan sister of Joe, Carragh Hill; **Stephanie Boylan**, Clontarf sister of Tom, Threadneedle Rd; **Hans Reichenbach**, Munich, father in law of Mairead, Rockbarton Rd; **Eugene Murphy**, Perth formerly Threadneedle Rd, bother of Mary and Noel and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat	1st	5.30pm	Carmel Maher (1st A) Nóirín Scully (A) Mai Croker (A)	C.S.
Sun	2nd	9.30am	Pat & Maura O'Connor (A) Special Intention	D.W.
		11 am	Jack & Dympna Quinn (A) Deceased members of the Comer and Glynn families Deceased members of the Barrett & O'Dowd Families Mary Norris R.I.P.	G.J.
Mon	3rd	10 am	Charlie Mc Dermott (A) Eugene Murphy R.I.P. Australia (ex Threadneedle Rd)	G.J.
Tues	4th	10am	Des Mc Greevy (A) Thecla Finnan (A)	G.J.
Wed	5th	10 am	Tony & Ciarán Lambe (A) Hugh Mc Govern R.I.P. Paddy & Julia Ryan (A)	MSC
Thurs	6th	10 am	Pilar Santos Martinez, Leon, Spain (Months Mind)	C.S.
Fri	7th	10am	Reggie Walker (A)	C.S.
Sat	8th	10am	Private Intention	C.S.

### Mass Intentions Next Weekend include:-

Sat	8th	5.30pm	Private Intention
Sun	9th	9:30am	Private Intention
		11 am	Peggy & Jim Kearney (A) People of Yemen

# PARISH NEWS

2nd May 2021



*"CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"*

## Parish Notices.

**Public Mass**—we will be able to return to public Mass Monday 10th May.

**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).

## Parish News.

### Croi Nua News: The Enneagram:

A brief introduction to the ancient wisdom of the Enneagram. 12th May, 2021 7 - 9pm on Zoom. Join us for a brief journey of self discovery and understanding. Led by: Frances Waldron and Deidre McHugh

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88970903895?pwd=dzJiQzcxTkpvSTM3dnh4QXpweJ1dz09> .

### **Sacred Heart Novena- June 3rd-11th**

Led by The Team from Croi Nua

Mass at 10.00am & 7.30pm each day except

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 7.30pm will be a prayer service



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



## SCATTERED THOUGHTS !



Dear Fellow Traveller,

The Good news that we will soon be able to gather for worship again. From May 10<sup>th</sup> a maximum of 50 people will be allowed to attend Mass in church. We propose to operate much the same system as previously, Booking at weekends will be essential, face-masks, social distancing, Holy Communion as you leave the church and so on. Again we will need lots of volunteers to help with ushering, sanitation/cleaning etc – if you can help please contact one of the parish team. The important thing is to ensure a safe return for everybody. Full details will be announced next week and our first weekend Public Mass will be 15/16<sup>th</sup> May. All ceremonies will continue to be available on line as usual. Initially we will probably continue with the present arrangement in terms of times - our usual 10am weekday Mass and weekends - 5:30pm. vigil Saturdays and Sundays 9:30am and 11am we will see how it goes.

Looking at the effects of Covid etc. long term it's clear that "things will not be same again". Society has changed and we will have a "New" normality. In terms of "Church", the arrival of the pandemic co-incided with a "reordering" of religious practice in our society. In recent times we have seen declining attendances, declining number of priests and religious, declining finances, declining influence by the Church in our society. Covid hastened a decline of practices that had served us well for a long time. In recent years some aspects of Church took a bashing, some of it well deserved, and people hankered after "the good old days". It is now clear they weren't all "Good old Days" and whatever about meeting the needs of the past, the church as it existed a year ago and beyond needs major renovation and reform. As we reopen our churches, I fear that we might mistakenly think that once the current Covid restrictions are fully lifted and once we return to public worship everything will be all right. To return to the way things were, without any attempt to learn from the experience or to embark on a serious effort to consider where, as a faith community, we go from here would be truly short-sighted indeed. Since Easter Sunday our readings at Mass have been about the history of the early church - what people did immediately after Jesus left this world.

We, like the early disciples must open ourselves in a profound way to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, there will be much that we will have to let go of if we are to free ourselves to do what now needs to be done, to live out and present the Gospel in a meaningful manner to the people of our day. We need to be "free from" to be "free for".

I have been a priest in Galway for over the best part of half a century and seen many changes. I am personally past my "Best before date" and well past the normal retirement age. I ask myself - "what now ?" - what's left for me now that I have had the vaccine but to take my "metaphysical dog" for a walk on the prom and like the cowboy in the movies - ride into the sunset.

The ultimate question is "What is life all about anyway and what is our role in it". I am sure many of the early Christians felt like that initially. Having said that, there is some little bell in my brain that says that the Christian message is equally as true and beautiful today as it was in Jesus' day and that it is worth pursuing and being involved in. Tackling Covid 19 is a long term project and so too with the issues of our time. Things are always changing – each generation lives in its own time - we hold on to the good practices, customs and structures of the past and develop new initiatives and methods to tackle the issues to the present time. As we do so, let us be conscious of Jesus parting words which come up in the Gospel on the first Sunday back, when we will gather as a community for Mass in a fortnights time

- *"Remember I am with you always, - until the end of time ! "*

Have a good week - 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:

Frank Keane.

Parish Sister: Sr Breege Ruane

Music Director: Jackie Lillis.

#### Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings 523 413

Fr Charlie Sweeney MSC

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#### Readers

5.30pm Claire Hynes

9.30am Mary O'Connor

11am Sr Breege

#### Flowers

Patricia Donohue

Maura Connolly

#### Linens