



MASS Mon. 7.30pm - St. Joseph's Church Tues - Fri. 10am - St. Joseph's Church Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am - St. Joseph's Church

Available on webcam

Society of St Vincent de Paul

#### BALTINGLASS BRANCH

If you wish to donate to St. Vincent de Paul (Baltinglass) to support families in our community who are in need, please use the following: ACCOUNT NUMBER: 8447 8860 SORT CODE: 90 65 07 IBAN: IE24 BOFI 9065 0784 4788 60

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** A guided Holy Hour of prayer concluding with Benediction WEDNESDAY 7.30pm via Church Webcam

> WE PRAY FOR Jack Bradley, Baltinglass MONTHS MIND Paul Kennedy, Chapel Hill ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Foley, Knockfield Alice Kinsella, Grangecon Tommy Whittle, Rathbran Seán Doyle, Carlow Pat, Sarah & Paddy O'Rourke, The Rocks Michael Ely, Borrisokane & Thurles Michael Groves, Parkmore John Paul Flood, 42 St. Corban's Naas Kathleen Lennon, 15 Rockypool, Blessington



MASSES & SERVICES AVAILABLE ON 100.2fm Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results Last Week's Winning Numbers 06, 12, 18, 28 No Jackpot Winner This week's jackpot is €8,300 Match 3 winners €50 John Doran, Mary O'Keeffe, Sarah Ashton, Larry Dunne, Bridgt Prendergast, Pauline Murray Next draw: Mon. 20th July. Tickets €2. Play online at www.locallotto.ie

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto Results Last Week's Winning Numbers 01, 04, 11, 14, No Jackpot Winner This week's jackpot is €5,250 Match 3 winners: €65 each Sandra Connolly, Ciara Kinsella, Emma Healy, Mary Moylan Sellers Prize: Maurice Mangan Next draw: Monday 20th July @ 8.45pm Tickets €2. Play online at www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 19th September 11am Stratford

Saturday 26th September 10.30am Baltinglass Ms. Owens' Class & Bigstone

> 1pm Baltinglass Ms. Nolan's Class

Numbers attending will be limited.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am - 1pm Tues. & Thur. 9.30am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 2.30pm

AS THE PARISH CENTRE WILL REMAIN CLOSED, NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENTRY TO THE PARISH OFFICE ARE IN OPERATION.

### The Loyola Institute

is delighted to offer a new Postgraduate Certificate in Christian Theology. This is an opportunity to undertake three modules in one academic year - two compulsory modules: Readings in Classical Theological Texts and Jesus of Nazareth: Son, Christ, Word (Monday evenings, first semester) and one optional module. Scholarships available. For more information, please visit our website: https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/.

Join our Open Evening Zoom Webinar and Facebook Live on Thursday 16th July at 6:00pm (register on our website) to hear more about this exciting course!

### CONFIRMATION

Sunday 16th August 2pm Stratford

Saturday 22nd August 11am Baltinglass Ms. Gillis' Class, Baltinglass Bigstone & Stratford Lodge Schools

1.30pm Baltinglass Mr. O'Connor's Class, Baltinglass & Grangecon School Numbers attending will be limited.

# **BALTINGLASS CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE**

## Monday 7.30pm, Tuesday to Friday 10am Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11am

As the obligation to attend Mass on Sat/Sun is lifted at present we are recommending that people choose to attend Mass on one of the seven days of the week. Weekends could then be used by those not in a position to attend on a weekday.

# <u>COVID-19 REGULATIONS APPLY</u> MAXIMUM ALLOWED IN CHURCH—80 PEOPLE Please understand if you come to the door and have to be asked to remain outside. Holy Communion will be distributed at the door.

# **BE PREPARED—IT WILL BE DIFFERENT!**

- Stewards will escort you to your seat.
- The church will be filled from front to back.
- There are markers on the seat where you may sit.
- For Communion, please stand if you wish to receive. The Priest or Minister will go to your seat.
- At the end of Mass the church will empty from back to front following steward's instructions.
- While in the church, face coverings are recommended but not mandatory.
- Social distancing guidelines should be followed at all times both inside and outside the church.

# GRANGECON & STRATFORD CHURCHES NOW OPEN 10am—4pm DAILY

An area in each church has been prepared to facilitate a visit for personal prayer. Access will only be to this area so as to limit cleaning requirements each day. Grangecon—Main Door Stratford—Side Door

## PLEASE SANITIZE YOUR HANDS.

# **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD** 

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th JULY 2020

## "Let them both grow till the harvest"



Isn't it just wonderful when we meet a person who accepts us just as we are just now – a mixture of wheat and weeds and all. What we need to do is to see a person's uniqueness as there is no other with such a combination of gifts, talents, likes and dislikes, experiences

and so on. So often we want to change others and think that if only they changed everything would be okay.

Today's gospel tells us to let the wheat and weeds of our lives grow together. This story is talking to each of us personally. It is only when we change ourselves that the world changes too. But God loves us in our imperfections any way.

As the fields of wheat are ripening we are invited to reflect on what stage of life we are at ourselves. There is a time for everything just as we await the time for the sound of the combine harvester at work - a sound many people love. Our aim is to keep a balance in our lives, also maybe to be more in tune with nature, discovering what gifts and talents come naturally to us without strain. Every day will have challenges. We are so wonderfully made that each day is a prayer in itself. Help us to accept others, wheat and weeds and all - without judgement as we all travel our human journey, hopefully helping and supporting one another.

"Let them both grow till the harvest". A.S.