



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

A guided Holy Hour of prayer  
concluding with Benediction  
7.30pm from the Oratory

## TUESDAY THIS WEEK

Silent Adoration on Friday  
after 10am Mass until 11.30am  
in the Oratory



## MASS

Mon. - Fri. 10am

Oratory

Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am

St. Joseph's Church

Available on webcam  
& radio 100.2fm

## DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Connolly,  
Carrigeen  
interred on Sunday last.

Pat Farrell, Beech Ave., Parkmore  
Mary Doyle, Shroughaun  
Mary Coogan, Knockfield  
Martin Moore, Newtown Saunders  
Joan O'Neill, Tuckmill  
James McHugh  
Peter O'Keeffe  
John Connolly, Carrigeen  
Bridget O'Neill, The Wood  
Dan O'Neill, The Wood  
Patrick Coogan Snr. &  
Hugh Coogan, Irongrange  
Mary Groves &  
her daughter Annie, Parkmore

*Rest in  
Peace*

## COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



## WEEKLY ENVELOPES AND

## EASTER COLLECTION

Thanks to those who have  
contributed over the  
past few weeks.

In the meantime you may wish  
to put your contribution into  
your envelopes each week &  
keep them until churches  
re-open again for Mass.

You may leave your  
envelopes or Trocaire box  
(with coins converted to  
notes) in the letter box  
at the Parish Office  
Monday to Friday from  
10am to 4pm.  
The box is monitored by  
CCTV from the office and  
will be emptied several  
times during the day.  
**THANKS TO ALL THOSE  
WHO LEFT ENVELOPES IN  
THE BOX DURING THE WEEK.**

## THIRD AGE IRELAND

Third Age Ireland is a national organisation who take care of the elderly. SeniorLine is one of their programmes and could be very helpful to you at this time. SeniorLine has been the national, confidential listening service for older people, run by trained older volunteers since 1998. This peer-to-peer helpline for older people receives in excess of 10,000 calls per year. If you are feeling worried, stressed or isolated at this very unnerving time, please feel free to ring this FREEPHONE service anytime between 10am and 10pm on any day of the week on 1800 80 45 91.

## The Rosary and the Month of May

The month of May is traditionally devoted to Mary and many Catholics already are in the habit of praying the rosary at home during the month. "The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this 'family' aspect, also from a spiritual point of view." Pope Francis reminds Catholics that simplicity is the key to praying the Rosary and that there are many good models of the prayer on the internet. See Kandle.ie for a guide to praying the Rosary.



## St. Joseph's Church is open daily from 10am to 4pm

An area at the back of the church has been prepared to facilitate safe distancing and people will only have access to this area. This is to avoid people having access to all of the church and to assist in daily cleaning.

- Enter by the main door. Please leave doors open.
- Keep your distance (2m apart).
- Use hand sanitiser.
- Avoid unnecessary touching of surfaces.
- While praying (to minimise touching of surfaces):
  - Stand if you can.
  - Sit if you must (or wish to).
- Lighting of Candles.
  - Light from the existing lighted candle or with your own lighter. (*Lighters cannot be provided for hygiene reasons*).

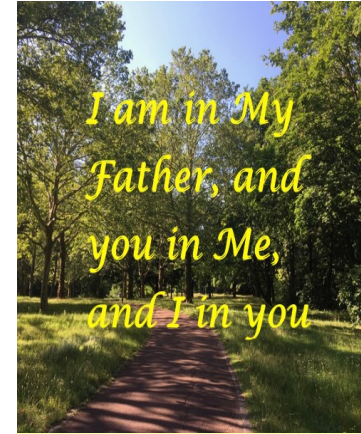
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION!**

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

6th Sunday of Easter

17h May 2020



Everything in nature has a time, a rhythm, a natural cycle, a season. This is also true of spiritual development. In today's gospel we see that the time of the disciples has not yet come. These are the people who gave up everything for Christ. They were his students and also his friends and despite being trained by him they still did not fully understand what Jesus said.

**Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, the same spirit which descended on the head of Jesus when he was baptised by John the Baptist. Only then will the disciples understand that "I am in the Father & you in me and I in you".**

Jesus was fully human and we are invited to grow towards this fullness which leads us to respect one another, keeping our focus on the being of the person, on God, and less on ourselves. Anything that separates us from Jesus needs to be emptied out or removed. Our fulfilment comes through Christ, as we are asked to leave our old way of life behind. We all make mistakes and it is humbling to admit them but also to learn from them. We are called to say only what praises God and only what uplifts another. There is a whole new life awaiting to dawn on us as we await Pentecost-Baptism in the spirit. And each day has its own time, rhythm, cycle and season. Just as our spiritual life has within.