



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

A guided Holy Hour of prayer
concluding with Benediction

WEDNESDAY 7.30pm

via Church Webcam



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



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

WE PRAY FOR
Michael Brady, Manger, & Castleknock
MONTHS MIND
Winnie Breen, Weaver Square
Noel Kilcoyne, Dundalk & Mill Street
ANNIVERSARIES
Kate Kinsella, Parkmore House
Jack Brien, Ballinure, Grangecon
Jack & Annie Murphy, Carrigeen
Tommy & Christy Murphy, Carrigeen
William Kerley, Graney
Matthew Dowling, Tuckmill
Thomas, Bridget Flood & their Daughter
Elizabeth, The Rocks, Grangecon
Jack & Maureen Loughnane
Mary Campion, Parkmore
John Dwyer, Manger, Stratford
Mary Fogarty, Lathaleere
Tommy & Mary Whittle, Rathbran
Myles & Mary Jane Hasting, Rathbran
Michael Furlong, Parkmore
Ann O'Reilly, Kildangan
Jack & Sheila O'Neill



Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

15, 20, 23, 24

No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot is €8,500

Match 3 winner €300

Roma Kinsella

Tickets €2. Next draw: Monday 27th July. Play online at www.localotto.ie
Please continue to play online!

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

06, 07, 11, 22

No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot is €5,500

Match 3 winners: €125 each

Karen Mangan, Eugene O'Neill

Sellers Prize: Juanita Nolan

Next draw: Monday 27th July @ 8.45pm Tickets €2. Play online at www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Thanks for your constant support!

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. 9.30am - 1pm

Tues. & Thur.

9.30am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 2.30pm

The Parish Office will be closed Fri.

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

Duffy Coach Hire Tours

Dates for Break Away Holidays

16th August 5 nights to Donegal

20th September 5 nights to Westport.

Anyone interested in travelling please phone 087 254 3235 or 059 64 71 681

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage 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

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.

COVID-19 REGULATIONS APPLY

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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th JULY 2020

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field”.

The other day I put a bag of books into the car with the intention of giving them away. That night, however, they were still in the car, also the following day, and the following day again.

Yes, I was still holding on to them, just in case I needed them again.

I was still undecided.

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field”.

What is it that makes up treasure in our lives?

Is it people, our family, our job, our possessions, our dog, our garden?

Today's gospel speaks of the treasure that is God. When we find him and he finds us we are willing to give up everything for him so he will be central to our lives. Our very breathing makes us aware of this letting go, this surrender necessary to be at peace and relaxed in God, in love.

When, however, will we be aware of the treasure that is God's unconditional love for each of us, no matter what we are like.

This is the treasure, the pearl of great price.

This is what each person longs for but may not realise it.

Look at nature, there is a constant letting go, it's all around us.

Let's learn from it. Life begins to flow more freely as we let go.

Yes, I took the bag of books out of the car again, clinging on,
need to trust in surrender.