

MASS

St. Joseph's Church

Tues - Fri. 10am

Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am

NO MASS ON MONDAY

Available on webcam
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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:

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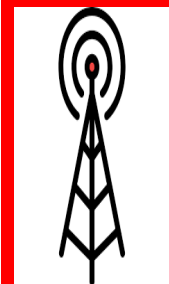
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MASSES & SERVICES

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WE PRAY FOR

MONTHS MIND

Evelyn (Pearl) Cleary, Shroughaun

ANNIVERSARIES

James Moore, Manger, Stratford

Michael Lalor, Mill St., his wife Mai,

daughters Mai & Kathleen,

And sons Mikey & Dick,

Joe Plant Parkmore

Jack Plant, Parkmore

Kathleen Murphy, Tinode

Bridget & William Doyle, Shroughaun

& their daughter Sr Anna Doyle,

Presentation Sister, Kilcock

Helen Doyle, (nee Byrne) Castledermot Rd.

Charles Doyle, Parkmore

Annie Barrett, Ballinatone

Bridget Byrne, Main Street

P.J. O'Reilly, Sherwood, Kilbride and

Woodfield, Baltinglass

Clare Murphy, Barronstown

As Mass would be due to be celebrated this Sunday in Baltinglass Cemetery we remember all those interred there.

Rest in Peace

**DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
THERE ARE NO CEMETERY
MASSES THIS YEAR**

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

03, 21, 23, 29

No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot is €8,700

Match 3 winners

Caitriona McCabe, Louise Donnelly,
Karen McGowan, Fergal Doogue &
Mary Donegan. Tickets €2.

Next draw: Tues. 4th Aug.

Play online at www.localotto.ie

Please continue to play online!

Thanks for your support!

Stratford/Grangecon GAA

Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

08, 11, 18, 25

No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot is €5,750

Match 3 winners: €85 each

Philip Phelan, Elaine McGrath &
Willie Barrett

Sellers Prize: Veronica Dunne

Next draw: Tues. 4th Aug. @ 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

Wed. & Fri. 9.30am - 1pm

Tues. & Thur.

9.30am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 2.30pm

**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 phone

087 254 3235 or 059 64 71 681

A new pilgrimage on

Lough Derg's lakeshore

Walk and Pray in the Lough Derg tradition on 16, 18, 22, 26 & 30 Aug.

At times in the 1600s and 1700s when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore.

Walk in their footsteps.

Contact (0353) 71 9861518

or info@loughderg.org for details.
Numbers limited. Advance booking essential.

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

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 any day 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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2ND AUGUST 2020

'The Breaking of Loaves.' *(Today's Gospel)*

I love going to the bakery section in the supermarket to look at the variety of breads on offer, firstly greeted by the fantastic smell and then by the feast of creativity on display. Bail ó Dhia ar an obair.

Well, today's gospel is about "the breaking of loaves". This is a story symbolic of how Jesus himself is broken and shared among us - a broken humanity. We celebrate this when we attend the Eucharist as we relive the gospel story over and over.

Yes, it's going on continually, Jesus - our Bread, our spiritual food is continually dying and resurrecting in us. He is brought to us in a Special way as we share communion together, yes, we are all on the common ground of God's love.

We live this Eucharist or continue living this Eucharist as we meet other people and connect with them, maybe sharing stories, a greeting, a wave, a smile, reaching out to those in need, our sharing - listening and compassion, creating a sacred space with others.

We too, like Jesus need to withdraw to a 'lonely' place to reflect, compose and centre ourselves, to meditate. The more people that meditate the better our society will become. Just imagine we can help raise the level of consciousness on the planet and just now I hear the donkey braying.

Bail ó Dhia ar an obair. Wow!