

MASS

St. Joseph's Church Tues - Fri. 10am Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am NO MASS ON MONDAY Available on webcam & radio 100.2fm

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



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Thank you for returning your envelopes in such great numbers. Your generosity is much appreciated .

MONTHS MIND Tom Kehoe, Chapel St. Stratford & London ANNIVERSARIES Nan Maguire (nee Donohoe), Finglas & Baltinglass Mikey Lalor & his wife Margaret, Swords & Baltinglass & their Son Eamon, Late of Baltinglass & Oslow Dan Kearney, Barronstown Denis Patterson, Belan Street Gerard Duffy, Parkmore Frank Foley, Knockfield Nellie Germaine, Bessina Mary Finegan (nee Murray), Dublin

& Baltinglass William & Mary Fitzgerald, Knockroe Nan & Frank Glynn, Mill Street Dave Staunton, West Demense Mary Foley, Carrigeen



Baltinglass & District Forum AGM Baltinglass Golf Club Monday 7th September at 8pm. All nominations & notices of Motion should be returned by 24th August. Due to Covid 19 restrictions and the necessary preparations which must be put in place it is necessary for all who mean to attend the AGM to advise the Secretary Mai Quaid in advance. Members should advice persons not on our contact list of this requirement.

Part-time Temporary Cleaner

required for Stratford-on-Slaney N.S. 10hours per week. Cleaning experience required. Please email CV to stratfordns@gmail.com by 23rd August. Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results Last Week's Winning Numbers 06, 13, 14, 18 CONGRATS TO JACKPOT WINNER Nickey O'Brien This week's jackpot is €4,100 Match 3 winners €150 each Julie Fitzmaurice & Larry Dunne Tickets €2. Next draw: Monday 17th August

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto Results Last Week's Winning Numbers 12, 14, 15, 28 No Jackpot Winner This week's jackpot is €6,250 Match 3 winner: €250 Maria Barrett Sellers Prize: The Glen Shop Next draw: Monday 17th Aug. 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

Cleaner wanted for Grangecon N.S . Please contact Linda for details by email at grangeconns1965@gmail.com 086 1412919.

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

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.

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK AND WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY 24TH AUGUST AT 9.30AM.

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. Phone 0818 222 024 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm.

Baltinglass Credit Union

supports local and hopes the locals support them. During a crisis or a pandemic, it is so important to acknowledge the businesses that could stay open and did support their local communities and we hope our members seen that here at Baltinglass Credit Union. We have been ever so busy and we cannot thank you enough. From opening a new account to borrowing that Home Improvement Loan, you are helping by supporting local. Open 6 days a week! If you would like to get in touch please call us on 059 64 81071 or

email info@baltinglasscu.ie

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.

<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.

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th AUGUST 2020

"Son of David, take pity on me"

There are no evil people, only evil actions. In today's Gospel a woman called out to Jesus "Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil." Many people place the blame on "Satan" for all of the evil in the world. We just need to look at ourselves, but let's look and focus on the goodness within, that goodness that comes from God, that goodness which is the essence of our being—the bedrock of our personality.

God only sees his beautiful creation as we are made in his image and likeness. He is the potter and we are the clay. We can call out to God for compassion as the woman did, "Son of David, take pity on me."

We may have done things that we regret but we can always turn over a new leaf. God is all compassion and indeed we are invited to be compassionate also. Who knows what a person has gone through in his/her life, maybe what aspects have been inherited and so on.

Yes, "Son of David, take pity on me."

May we find forgiveness in our hearts, for ourselves and for others. Lead us Lord to freedom, the freedom to live from our unique selves, our unique beings—from that place that is all good and no need to copy anyone.

"Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted"!