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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:

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

8447 8860

SORT CODE:

90 65 07

IBAN:

IE24 BOFI 9065 0784 4788 60

Christmas Appeal by Baltinglass Lions Club

We give support annually to those in our locality. You can support by giving a donation using one of the following.

1. Search for 'Baltinglass Lions Club' on www.gofundme.com
2. By www.365bankofireland BIC: BOFIE2D IBAN: IE64 BOFI 9065 0757 6679 22 or
3. Contact Martina 087 6269810, Maureen 087 6995022, Tom 087 9292657.

Thanking you for your support!

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The Office will close on Tuesday 22nd Dec. and reopen on Monday 4th Jan.

PARISH WEBCAM

New cameras have been installed in the Oratory and St. Joseph's Church. Logging in details have also changed.

Log on to

www.baltinglassparish.ie/webcam
or just type into the search box:
BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBCAM

What comes up on the screen will look different from before.

Select whichever applies at the time:
St. Joseph's Church or
St. Paul's Oratory and then click on the arrow on the black screen.



**MASSES AVAILABLE
ON 100.2fm**

Samaritans Light Up Campaign

Samaritans provide a 24-hour helpline service for people who are in distress, struggling to cope and who are in need of emotional support, including those who are feeling suicidal. Every Christmas we mark the Winter Solstice on December 21st with an event called the Longest Night. Through this we let our callers know that we're there for them during their darkest hours, especially over the festive period. This year we are appealing to local authorities, businesses and church leaders to light up their buildings in green or where colour change is not possible, a light or lantern on to support us. Samaritans can be contacted 24 hours 7 days a week, on freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie

Parish Team: Fr. Ger Ahern PP: 059 - 6482768. Sr. Eileen Deegan.
Parish Office: 059 - 64 81 254. Email: admin@baltinglassparish.ie
Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Fiona Kavanagh & Anne Leigh
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP): Mick Daly 085 8021633

Mass available on Radio 100.2fm and on Baltinglass Parish Webcam
Newsletter available on www.baltinglassparish.ie
Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

WE REMEMBER

MONTHS MIND MASS

Sid (Thomas) Byrne, Raheen
Margaret O'Toole, Spratstown, Ballitore

ANNIVERSARIES 21st & 22nd Dec.

John Byrne, Shroughaun & London
Alice Gannon & all deceased members of the Gannon Family, Wexford
William Coogan, Knockfield
Jack & Marcella Kenny, Clough
Kevin Kennedy, Chapel Hill & his Son Kieran Breda Butterfield, Rathallagh
Mark A. Heffernan, Eadestown, Stratford
Mary, Brigid, Christopher & Maudie O'Toole, Spratstown, Ballitore
Mary & Richard Cully & the Walsh Family, Edenderry & deceased Cully family members, Ballyhaeshill, Co Offaly
Roisin Murphy, Shroughaun
Martin Burke, Rathmoon & his daughter Mary & deceased Burke family members
Johnny & Sheila Farrell & deceased members of the Farrell Family, Yellow Ford
Margaret Germaine, Bessina
Johnny Furlong, Woodfield & London
John O'Kane, Edward Street
Kitty & Tom Burke, Weaver Square & deceased members of the Burke Family
Edward O'Reilly, Mullingar
Donal McDonnell, Woodfield
Patrick & Roseanna McDonnell & Marie Cooke, (nee McDonnell)
Stratford (Sun) 9.30am
Michael Moore, Main Street & deceased members of the Moore Family
Michael Kehoe, Chapel Street

ANNIVERSARIES 26th & 27th Dec.

Paddy Cullen, Deerpark
PJ Kavanagh, Bawnogues
Freda Keogh, Parkmore
Annie Burke, Woodfield
Michael & Mary Nolan, Bawnogues
William Bradley, Edward Street

ANNIVERSARIES CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY

Nina McEntee (nee Hooper) & deceased members of the Hooper Family
Brian Brennan, Mill Street
Michael, Seán, James & Rose Doherty
Imelda Kavanagh, Athy, Corballis
Billy Walshe, Woodfield
Mark Dalton, Chapel Hill & deceased members of the Byrne Family, Chapel Hill
John & Brigid Hunt, Belan Street
Peter & Roseann & Margaret King, Co Louth
Jim & Lizzie Nolan, The Wood & their Son Ger & daughters Elizabeth & Ann O'Reilly, Kildangan
Pamela Nolan, The Wood
Jack Barrett, Winetavern
Jimmy Moore, Randalstown
James Moore, Manger
John Barrett, Manger
James & Sarah Barrett, Winetavern
Robert Barrett, Winetavern
Matt, Thomas & Lorcan O'Brien, Carrigeen
Charl Kelly, Stratford
Noel Brady, Manger
Mary Rose & Edward Connors, Shroughaun
Willie O'Toole, Ballymore Eustace & Grangecon
Richard & Emma O'Neill, Oldtown
Pat Burke, Rathineskea & Belan Street & deceased members of the Burke Family
Paul O'Brien, Edward Street
Michael & Edward O'Toole, Tankardstown
James Gahan, Carrigeen Hill
Billy O'Toole, Main Street
The Lally, Claffey & Nolan Family, Main Street
Michael O'Neill, The Wood, Glencannon

ANNIVERSARIES 2th & 3rd Jan.

Aileen Walshe, Woodfield
Kathleen Curran, Galway
Timothy Conneely, Galway
Sr. Gabriel Thornton, Galway
Liam O'Meara, Wexford
Mary McGeer, Knockrigg
Michael, Jane & Margaret Clynch, Lathaleere
Tom Smyth, Ballyraggan
Peter Smyth, Ballyraggan - died in England recently
Michael, Jane, John & Margaret Clynch, Lathaleere
Paddy Harper, Parkmore



God is With Us



Sunday 20 December 8:30pm

Carol Service—Live from Carlow Cathedral
Led by Bishop Nulty—Tune in live via iCatholic.ie



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

CHRISTMAS EVE:	5pm	7pm	9pm
CHRISTMAS DAY:	9am	11am	

All Masses will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass and will be available on Radio 100.2fm and the webcam. As numbers permitted in the church are limited under Covid 19 restrictions and in the interest of health and safety **admittance is by ticket only**. You are encouraged to come to Mass and view it or listen to it while remaining in you car in the Church grounds. Holy Communion will be brought to you .

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY:	11am		
WEEKEND 26TH/27TH DEC:	6pm (Sat)	11am(Sun)	Baltinglass
		9.30am (Sun)	Grangecon
WEEKDAYS: Mon. 28th—Thurs. 31st	10am	Baltinglass	
NEW YEARS DAY: Fri. 1st Jan	11am	Baltinglass	
WEEKEND 2ND/3RD JAN:	6pm (Sat)	11am(Sun)	Baltinglass
		9.30am (Sun)	Stratford

A SERVICE OF PREPARATION FOR AN ACT OF PERFECT CONTRITION

During the current pandemic it has been difficult for us to assemble as a Christian community to celebrate the sacraments. When we have been unable to attend Mass, we have prayed to receive Christ into our hearts through making a Spiritual Communion.

Similarly, when we are unable to receive the grace of God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can at anytime confidently place our trust in his mercy through an Act of Perfect Contrition.

Join in via Webcam from
St. Joseph's Church at 7.30pm
on Monday for this Service.

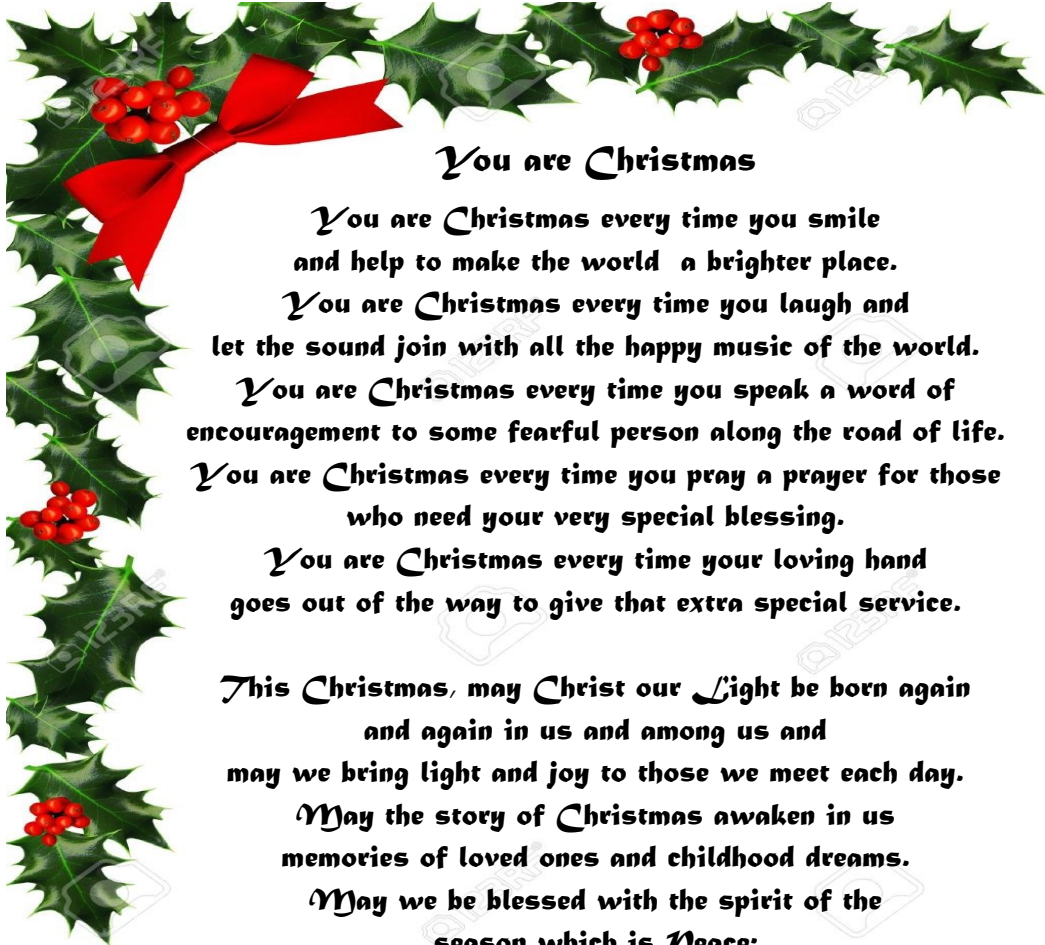


A priest will be available for Confession on Wednesday after 10am Mass and on Christmas Eve from 10 to 11am in one of the side aisles of St. Joseph's Church. Social distancing will operate.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

4th Sunday of Advent 20th December 2020



You are Christmas

You are Christmas every time you smile and help to make the world a brighter place.

You are Christmas every time you laugh and let the sound join with all the happy music of the world.

You are Christmas every time you speak a word of encouragement to some fearful person along the road of life.

You are Christmas every time you pray a prayer for those who need your very special blessing.

You are Christmas every time your loving hand goes out of the way to give that extra special service.

This Christmas, may Christ our Light be born again and again in us and among us and may we bring light and joy to those we meet each day.

May the story of Christmas awaken in us memories of loved ones and childhood dreams.

May we be blessed with the spirit of the season which is Peace;



Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year

Fr. Ger & Sr. Eileen