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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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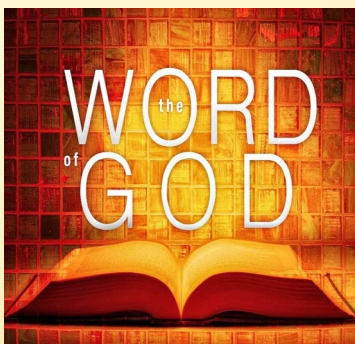
PARISH WEBCAM

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** 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.

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. 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. Phone 0818 222 024.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



Pope Francis has designated the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (24th January 2021) each year as a particular celebration of the Scriptures in the life of the Church. Each year, we are asked to focus on how God speaks to his people in the proclamation of the Scriptures.

In order to celebrate this, Fr Seán Maher will host a Q & A on YouTube, to be released on that Sunday.

If you would like to include a question for consideration, please e-mail your question to ppbalyna@gmail.com Details of the recording will be included later. Questions should arrive before Thursday 21 Jan.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

A guided Holy Hour of prayer concluding with Benediction from the Oratory webcam 7pm WEDNESDAYS



WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Thanks for your continued support. Thanks also for your contribution to the Christmas Collection for Support of Clergy.

You may leave your envelopes in the post box at the Parish Office. The box is monitored by CCTV from the office and will be emptied several times during the day.

You may now make a contribution by using the STRIPE facility on our parish website.

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress;
in faith we pray
look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead,
comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers,
wisdom to our leaders and
the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together we may give glory
to your holy name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Prayer for Healthcare Workers

Loving God,
we place into your care
all our doctors, nurses and
healthcare workers.
Give them courage of heart
and strength of mind and body.
Keep them safe from harm.
May they know our deep gratitude
for all they are doing to heal and help
those affected by the coronavirus.
God of all consolation may they know
your protection and peace.
Bless them in these challenging days
and bless their families.
Amen.

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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

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

17TH JANUARY 2021



MASS

St. Joseph's Church

Tues - Fri. 10am

Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am

NO MASS ON MONDAY

Available on Webcam
& Radio 100.2fm

**ALL CHURCHES ARE OPEN
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

NEWSLETTER

Articles for the newsletter must be received by 12 noon Thursday and can be emailed or left into the Parish Office post box.

**PARISH OFFICE
WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

Anniversary requests may be left in the post box at the Parish Centre

WE REMEMBER

Recent deaths:

Seán & Bríd O'Toole, Weavers Square
Anthony (Tony) Howard, Barronstown
Patrick Twyford, Grangecon

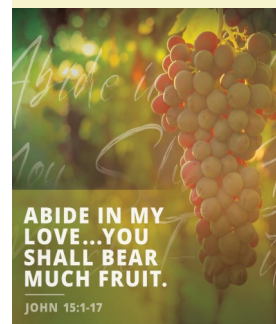
Anniversaries:

Totty Byrne & deceased members of the Byrne Family, Main Street
Breda Patterson, Belan Street
Jim Rooney, Ballymaconey
Jenny McHugh, 6 Parkmore
John Kenny, Shroughaun
Andrew Doyle, Barronstown
Mary Hanlon, Broadstown, Main St., Clough & San Francisco
Joe & Annie O'Toole, Main Street
Margaret & Michael Kehoe, Grangecon
Nick Carty, Deerpark & Wamfler
Michael (Mick) Leigh, Shroughaun
Pat O'Keefe, Parkmore

Rest in Peace



**MASSES
AVAILABLE ON
100.2fm**



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY [18TH—25TH JAN]

The theme for 2021 was chosen by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp located near Lake Neuchatel in Switzerland. The community, founded in the 1930s where a group of Reformed women, searching for a place to pray in solitude in imitation of Jesus Christ, repeatedly gathered and drew a growing group of guests that necessitated a permanent presence. The community continues to welcome guests and retreatants for periods of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning.

The theme, "Abide in my love... You shall bear much fruit" from Jn. 15 reminds us that that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. If we abide in him, we will be such a healthy branch as to bear much fruit. Jesus manifests this in his references to loving one another: "Abide in my love." This love of Christ figuratively speaking is akin to the healthy sap that nourishes the vine throughout all its branches. Jesus the man is lovingly begotten into human society by the love God has for all human beings, through the cooperation of a human woman, the Virgin Mary. In return, humanity is repeatedly raised from sin to justification by the love of Christ, the only Son of God, one with the Father and the Spirit through all the ages. This resource for abiding in his love is endless.

The image of branches helps believers understand that they are all diverse as individuals, but brought together in the one Vine, who is Christ alive in the Church. It can also point out, in these times of growing ecumenical witness, that the differing expressions of Christian faith are also branches which cannot live on their own and still authentically proclaim the Gospel to all creatures. We preach Christ crucified and risen to a needy world, that the world may have hope. Separately, that "sap" which keeps all the branches healthy, gets stuck in blocked veins of animosity, distrust, bigotry and ignorance. Only open veins will allow the sap to flow. Only then can all the branches bear much fruit. Therefore, abiding in Christ's love, let us love one another.

Parish and home resources for this week can be accessed on the following link:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

The resources include a Prayer Service and daily prayer for the home that includes Scripture, a meditation, Prayer, Questions and a 'Go & Do' section. Look out for the daily prayer on the Kandle Facebook page and Twitter account on each of the days and feel free to share.