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PRAYER

Gracious God, we ask that you send your spirit upon our Catholic Schools.

Help all of us, to be, as charitable as St. Brigid, as prophetic as St. Conleth, & as prayerful as St. Laserian.

May we use our gifts to help each other. May everyone in our schools be living witnesses of your love and care for the world. May our school communities be the places of faith hope and love that you call us to be. **Amen**



In Catholic schools, we are called to support each other and to have faith in the promise of the Good News. Catholic schools are inspired by the belief that God has created each one of us with a capacity to give love and receive love. This love is bound in faith. While each Catholic school is such a community, every Catholic school fosters the holistic development of its students, promotes their wellbeing and offers them cultivation of a deeper, loving relationship with God. Jesus teaches us to love one another as he has loved us. This week, we celebrate the gifts and talents we have in following Jesus' teaching. This year we celebrate how we are called to be communities of faith & resilience, through our thoughts, words & actions.

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.



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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th-25 January. For 2021, it has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. 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**

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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Newsletter available on www.baltinglassparish.ie

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

24TH 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:

Ann Moore (nee Fenlon) Knocknamuc
John (Johnny) Phelan, Stratford on Slaney
Terry Leigh, Alice Springs, Australia
(formerly Bawnogues)

John (Johnny) Byrne, Tuckmill Lower

Anniversaries:

Francis McCabe, Stratford
Sheila McCabe, Colbinstown
John Donoghue, Castlesallagh, Donard
Jack, Elish, John, Ger, Noel & Jean Kilcoyne
Esther Curry, Parkmore
Seán & Eileen Kearney, Tinoran & Manchester
William Sutton, Belan Street
Declan Howe, Newbridge
Jimmy & Ena Doyle, Parkmore
Thomas Donegan, Kilmurphy
Sophie Doyle, Rathmoon
Bill Leigh, Bawnogues
Seán Murphy, Barronstown

Rest in
Peace



**MASSES
AVAILABLE ON
100.2fm**

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday of the Word of God
24 January 2021

"This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance" (Dt 30:14).



In his Apostolic Letter of 30th September, 2019, *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and Sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

The Sunday assembly gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is the unique moment in the week where a community gathers in a particular place and when their communal identity is nourished by Word and Sacrament. An important advance in 20th century theological reflection is that every sacramental celebration is founded and constructed upon the Word of God, and that every proclamation of the Word of God is sacramental.

While one might quibble with yet another Sunday being devoted to a particular theme that is superimposed on the liturgical celebration, this Sunday of the Word of God is certainly understood in a different way. It is not a new feast! After all, the Word of God is proclaimed at every Sunday Eucharist, and one of the great blessings of the liturgical reform and renewal flowing from the Second Vatican Council is a greater appreciation of the foundational role of the Word of God in every liturgical celebration. The reform of the lectionary has led to much more scripture being proclaimed during our liturgical gatherings and a greater awareness of the role of the Word of God in the life of faith.

This Sunday builds on the texts and prayers of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and is conscious that it comes just towards the end of the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. While we are not yet united around the table of the Eucharist, we do share on many Sundays of the year the same scriptural readings in our different Christian assemblies. Pope Francis urges us to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to continue our prayer for Christian unity. This Sunday is a time when the community is called to give greater attention not just to the Word of God. It is also urged to reflect on how we honour that Word in our celebrations, the books that we proclaim the Word from.