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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

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**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.

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



Clean up after your dog

**When out walking clean up after your dog if the need arises. Think especially of people coming after you who may have poor eye sight.**

### Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results

**Last Week's Winning Numbers**

04, 06, 11, 25

**No Jackpot Winner**

This week's jackpot is €7,500

**9 Match 3 Winners to share €300**

Chris Murphy, Ann Patterson, Tom Fox, Robert Kearns, Andrew Loughlin, Joe Cullen, Liam Horgan, Eddie Irwin & John Roy

**Next draw:**

in Clubhouse on Monday 1st February  
Tickets €2.

Thanks to all who play the Balto lotto online!

### 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](http://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.



**MASSES AVAILABLE ON 100.2fm**



## 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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Mass available on Radio 100.2fm and on Baltinglass Parish Webcam  
Newsletter available on www.baltinglassparish.ie



## 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 Death:

Sheila Phelan, Stratford

### Months Mind:

Noreen Larkin (née Farrell), Arklow

### Anniversaries:

Denise Kerley, Graney, Baltinglass

Annie Cullen, Deerpark

John Swayne, Ballyoliver, Rathvilly & Hughestown

Michael & Bridie Kealy, Grangecon

Mary Shaughnessy, Ballytore

Phil Mahon & her sister Lil McHugh,  
The Wood

Michael Sinnott, Shroughaun

Rest in  
Peace

Monday 1st February  
Feast of St. Brigid  
Mass at 10am

Wednesday 3rd February  
Feast of St. Blaise  
Mass at 10am including  
Prayer for Blessing of Throats

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

31ST JANUARY 2021



MOSAIC OF ST. BRIGID

created by Fr. Marko Ivan Rupnik for the Irish College, Rome

## Prayer to St Brigid 1st February

Oh Brigid, Mary of the Gael,  
may your protection never fail.  
Spread your mantle over me,  
where 'ere I am, where 'ere I be.  
Cover me with God's joy and peace,  
let my faith and hope never cease.  
Shine your light where there is darkness,  
strengthen me in any weakness.  
Heal all within that may be ill,  
give me the desire each day to do God's will.  
'Till I rest, my journey o'er,  
with God and you forever more.  
St. Brigid, patron of Kildare and Leighlin,  
pray for us.

Brigid founded her church at Kildare, a name which means the 'church of the oak tree.' The oak tree in the mosaic recalls Brigid's evangelical zeal at Kildare and it expresses the hope that it might take firm root among us again. The **dove** perched in the oak tree has a double purpose. It symbolizes St. Columba (Columba is the Latin word for dove), Ireland's secondary patron, who went from his native Doire/Derry, meaning "the place of the oak-wood", to found a monastery on the island of Iona.

Brigid holds the **church of Kildare** close to her heart as gilded flames of love consume the church and ascend through the oak tree to God. The **flames** rising through the tree recall the burning bush where God appeared to Moses.

The **cloak** at Brigid's feet recalls another story associated with the saint. Brigid went to the local chieftain to ask for land on which she could build her church, a convent and a hospice for the poor. The chieftain initially refused Brigid's request but, because of her persistence, he subsequently agreed to give her the land that she could cover with her cloak. According to tradition, Brigid placed her cloak on the ground and it miraculously extended to cover the large area that is now known as the Curragh of Kildare. There Brigid made her foundation and so was able to express her all-consuming love for God in her hospitality to the stranger and her care for the poor.