

Important message from An Garda Síochána Crime Prevention Unit

Gardaí are receiving an ever increasing number of complaints in relation to fraudulent and illegal scams. The scams can come in the form of texts, emails, telephone calls to your mobile or landline or even through social media. They can be difficult to spot as the correspondence claims to come from a reputable organisation such as your bank, card issuer or even a government department such as Revenue. The message can appear within a genuine thread of text messages that you may have received from a legitimate organisation. Anyone can fall victim to these scams, however Gardaí are asking the public to make vulnerable persons aware of them. The worldwide nature of these scams which are designed to steal money from unsuspecting parties means that they are particularly difficult to investigate.

How to avoid becoming a victim:

- · Be suspicious of text messages received out of the blue that claim to come from a reputable organisation, such as a bank or credit/debit card issuer.
- · Be cautious of text messages that prompt you to call a phone number or visit a website to resolve an issue or verify your details urgently.
- · Do not respond to text messages that request personal information, such as your bank account details, without first independently verifying that they are from a genuine source.
- · Never reply to text messages that request your PIN, online banking password, or any other password.
- · Be wary about calling any phone number, or clicking on any link, that is embedded within a text message.
- · Examples of recent fraudulent messages that have been received are purporting to be from Revenue, Amazon, Various couriers/delivery companies, financial institutions. Covid-19 related among others

Gardaí would ask that we all look out for more vulnerable persons with regards to these scams. Remember never click on unknown links or divulge personal information over the phone.



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, 25, 28, 30 No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot is €8,400 No Match 3 Winners €300 added to the pot next week

The next draw takes place in our Clubhouse on Monday 1st March. Tickets €2. Thanks for supporting the online lotto!

PLEASE SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS TO **OUR PARISH COMMUNICATION**

In the past 12 months we have upgraded all these facilities at a total cost of €12.617. The radio transmitter (€1967) had to be replaced in February (just in time for lockdown). Cameras (€6905) were upgraded. Giving much better pictures from the church and oratory. The parish website (€3745) was redesigned and the STRIPE facility for making donations on-line was added.

This has been a significant outlay but a very necessary one for the times we are living in. We are also doing this when parish income is much reduced. (Church collections were down by c. €50.000 last year.)

If anyone would like to make a contribution to these costs it would be very much appreciated. You can do so on-line or leave it in the post box at the parish centre.

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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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 elating 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.



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



MASSES AVAILABLE ON 100.2fm



LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

DAILY MASS

10am Mon. – Fri. St. Joseph's webcam HOLY HOUR

7pm Wed. Oratory webcam

FAMILY PRAYER

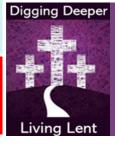
Take some time to pray as a family, perhaps around the table after the evening meal.

SACRED SPACE

Create a space in your home with some Lenten symbols eg. stones, cross, ashes, bible, candle, Trocaire box, and use it for prayer time. Add a new symbol each week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday of Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in St. Joseph's Church at 7pm. Please join in on the webcam.



LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING

Weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass readings are available on kandle.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



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

Months Mind

Terry Leigh, Alice Springs, Australia & Bawnogues

Ann Moore, Knocknamuc

Anniversaries:

Mary Duffy, Parkmore
Christina Lennon, Parkmore
Jimmy Simpson, Killalesh Lower, Kiltegan
Peter & Margaret Kehoe, Chapel Street,
Stratford

Bob & Marian Kehoe, Scotland
Eileen Donegan, Holdenstown
Sean Doyle, Graney
Catherine Moore, Stratford & all deceased
members of the Moore Family
Brigid Plant, Parkmore
John Shaughnessy, Ballitore
Nora Murray, The Pike
Peter Fluskey, Church Street, Stratford
Jim Halloran, Tinoran

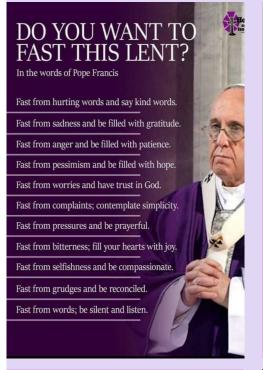


PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

1st Sunday of Lent

21st February 2021



of the Cross in this time of Pandemic



A video series of Stations of the Cross has been prepared by the diocese. Each week a set of three stations will be uploaded to kandle.ie and other platforms. The Stations will be led by Bishop Denis, with a parish reader proclaiming the scripture passages. Frontline workers and people who have been severely impacted by COVID-19 will read the reflections for each station. You are invited to pray these stations each week and pray them in their entirety during Holy Week.



LENTEN FAMILY PRAYER

Creator God, be with us as we make our Lenten journey together as part of your family. Give us the strength to do what we have promised and the love to help one another along the way. When Easter comes, may our Lenten promises have brought us closer to you and to your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

"The call to experience
Lent as a journey of
conversion, prayer and
sharing of our goods,
helps us — as communities
and as individuals — to
revive the <u>faith</u> that
comes from the living
Christ, the <u>hope</u> inspired
by the breath of the Holy
Spirit and the <u>love</u> flowing
from the merciful heart of
the Father."

