



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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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 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.



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.

Digging Deeper



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.
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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

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

*Rest in
Peace*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

1st Sunday of Lent

21st February 2021

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



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.

Stations
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.

From Pope Francis'
Lenten Message 2021

*"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 **faith** that
comes from the living
Christ, the **hope** inspired
by the breath of the Holy
Spirit and the **love** flowing
from the merciful heart of
the Father."*



Kandle.ie