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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:

> ACCOUNT NUMBER: 8447 8860 SORT CODE: 90 65 07 IBAN: IE24 BOFI 9065 0784 4788 60

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.



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 10, 13, 16, 18

**No Jackpot Winner** This week's jackpot is €7,700

2 Match 3 Winners to share €300 Mary Doyle & Phil & Mag Hughes

The next draw takes place in our Clubhouse on Monday 8th 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 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



# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

# WORLD DAY OF THE SICK Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Thursday 11th February

In his message for the 29th World Day of the Sick on 11 February, Pope Francis urges a path of healing grounded in a trusting and interpersonal relationship between the sick and those who care for them.



He says: "A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love."

In order to fight hypocrisy and self-idolatry, he says, Jesus asks us to "stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them," the Pope says in the message, released by the Vatican on Tuesday.

The Catholic Church marks the annual day on 11 February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II on 13 May 1992, the first World Day of the Sick was marked the following year. The theme of this year's observance is,

# 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. 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

#### **Recent Death:**

**Bill Lawlor, Bawnogues** Ned Doyle, Grangecon Months Mind: Anthony (Tony) Howard, Barronstown James Fagan, Parkmore & Tinryland **Anniversaries:** Pat Coffey, Carrigeen House & deceased members of Coffey & O'Shea families, Baltinglass & Waterville, Co. Kerry Michael & Mary Nolan, Lowtown, & their Son Tom who died recently Bridget Doyle, Clough Noel Brady, Manger John Byrne, Shroughaun & his Son William Rita Kehoe, Clough John Kehoe, Clough Margaret Byrne, Main Street Ann Miley, Ballyraggan Matt & Phyllis Farrell, Tankardstown Patrick, Kathleen & Seamus Ryan, Castletown, Mountrath Anthony Kearney, Tuckmill Bridget Hayden, Raheen & all deceased members of the Hayden Family Michael Foley, Carrigeen John & Bridget Salmon, Lowtown Ciara Hosey, Bessina, Grangecon



# **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD** 

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th February 2021

Have you ever compared yourself to others? Well, I have often been busy doing just that. Times that I am searching, times I am dwelling too much on the past, times I am afraid, times I am insecure, times I am discontent.

There are times also when I am feeling happy, feeling contented with who I am, times I feel secure, times I am at peace. The more I recognise the positive the more it will grow. I need to savour these wonderful moments of peace and contentment.

'Jesus went off to a lonely place and prayed there' - but he had to return to be among the people. He found the balance between being alone and being with others. Each of us is invited to do the same.

I am content with the little things of life - the simple things - and it's in this contentment that I meet God. Relationships are most important to me, everything and everybody in relationship - also relationship with myself. I need to work on all of this, to take time alone as Jesus did so that I am more able to go out mixing and meeting without comparing myself to others. Jesus went to a lonely place g prayed there. Mk. 1:35