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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

#### 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 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

07, 12, 16, 27

#### No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot is €7,900

#### Match 3 Winners to share €300

Donal Nolan & Ken Browne

**The next draw takes place in our Clubhouse**  
on Monday 15th February. Tickets €2.

Thanks for supporting the online lotto!

### 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**

### PLEASE SUPPORT

#### IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR PARISH COMMUNICATION

Never before have we appreciated more the developments in technology which have enabled communication during this time of pandemic. People really value being able to join in Masses via webcam and radio transmission. It has been an effective means of joining in worship and prayer when our churches have been closed for public worship. The webcam, in particular, has meant that family members, unable to attend funerals of loved ones, have been united with their families at these sad times.

The Parish Website is also a valuable facility for 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. (The box is monitored by CCTV and emptied regularly during the day.

**Parish Finance Committee**



Shrine of St. Valentine  
Carmelite Church,  
Whitefriar St., Dublin

### Celebrating God's Love on St. Valentine's Day

**St. Valentine was a widely recognized third century Roman saint, commemorated in Christianity on February 14. From the High Middle Ages his Saints' Day has been associated with a tradition of courtly love. He is also a patron saint of epilepsy sufferers.**



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:

Seán & Bríd O'Toole, Weaver Square

John (Johnny) Byrne, Tuckmill

Patrick (Paddy) Twyford, Grangecon

### Anniversaries:

Peter Nolan, St. Joseph's Rd., Blessington

Thomas Duffy, Parkmore

Margaret Foley, Carrigeen

Matt O'Brien, Carrigeen

Patrick Walsh, Mill Street

Johnny Doody, Dublin & Hartstown

Larry O'Toole, Hartstown & Rathsallagh

Ann Kehoe, Newtownsaunders

Eileen Lynch, "St Annes", Bawnogues

Jimmy Nolan, The Wood

Jack Gorman, Clough

Elizabeth (Lil) Kinsella, Rampere

Rest in  
Peace

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th February 2021

## ASH WEDNESDAY

*Mass will be celebrated from St. Joseph's Church at 10am via Webcam and radio transmission. Ashes blessed during this Mass will be available in envelopes. You are welcome to collect one from the church and bring it home to your family.*



### A PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Loving Jesus,

As I place on my forehead the sign  
of your saving cross You say to me,  
repent and believe in the Gospel.

Walking into Lent my heart is set on you.  
May my **fasting** fill me with hunger for you.

May my **prayer** draw me deeper  
into your presence.

May my **acts of charity** bring your  
Love to my home and community.

Lord of life, grant that by turning back to  
you in these 40 days I will re-awaken  
the joy of my Easter faith;

For you raise me up from fear and despair  
and call me to hope and trust in God who is  
with me always.

With you, I will rise again. Amen



**€2,201  
contributed  
in 2020**

**TROCAIRE BOXES**  
are available at the three Churches.

**We encourage each family to give  
it a central place in their home  
during Lent, as we ensure others  
have a decent quality of life.**

## Ash Wednesday Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday is a day of penance. Catholics who are over 14 years of age are called to abstain from eating meat. Catholics aged 18-59 are called to fast, having one regular meal in the day, along with two smaller meals, with no snacks in between. Those outside the age limits and those whose state in life (e.g. Pregnant women, manual labourers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence but are encouraged to take up some form of penance, acts of charity or prayer.

