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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 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

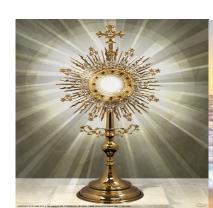
New cameras have been installed in the Oratory and St. Joseph's Church. Logging in details have also changed. Log on to www.baltinglassparish.ie/webcam or just type into the search box:

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

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



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 suffers.



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



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

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.

