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## MASS

St. Joseph's Church  
Tues. - Fri. 10am  
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am  
Available on Webcam  
& Radio 100.2fm  
ALL CHURCHES ARE OPEN  
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER



**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

No Holy Hour  
this Wednesday.

## WE REMEMBER

### Recent Death:

Jim Lawlor, Chapel Hill, Baltinglass

### Months Mind:

Elizabeth McLoughlin, Edward Street

### Anniversaries:

Tom, Mabel & May Doyle, Main Street

Jim Hughes, Parkmore

Sarah, Robert & Paddy Barrett, Winetavern

Johnny & Mary Rowe, Bawnogues & their  
son Paul Rowe

Mary Salmon, Lowtown

Godfrey Timmins, Weaver Square

Una Timmins, Weaver Square

Holly O'Toole, Australia

Dan Kehoe, Weaver Square

Paul Kehoe, Weaver Square

*Rest in  
Peace*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

Easter Sunday

4th April 2021

They have taken the Lord out of the tomb.  
She had come back to the tomb, a woman who missed Jesus,  
as we visit the graves of our loved ones.

She couldn't wait and arrived in the darkness.  
And don't we often go to God in our darkness?

Our darkness of grief, doubt, sadness;  
The days we feel downcast, let down, hopeless about a job,  
anxious about a child, worried over an exam;  
we go to God in our deadness and darkness.

Like Mary going to the tomb;  
something had died in her when Jesus died.  
In her darkness she went where she would find some hope:  
to the tomb of the One who gave her life.

And she found life again; but not immediately.  
Maybe then there were glimmers of hope,  
like joy returning slowly at times in life.  
With the disciples who gradually recognised  
that his promise of rising again was true,  
she knew again the light and the joy she once had.

We go to the tomb of Jesus in our darkness,  
in our hope that peace, courage and good times will follow.  
Let Easter nourish our faith, increase our hope, and keep  
alive our love that the Lord is risen.

Nobody took the Lord out of the tomb!  
He was raised from death by God his Father.  
He is risen indeed.  
Like the apostles may we believe this truly;  
He is risen indeed,  
Alleluia.

*He is  
Risen*

**PARISH OFFICE  
WILL REMAIN CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Anniversary requests may be left in  
the letter box at the Parish Centre.

### DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

There will be no 10am this Monday.  
Masses at the usual times for the rest  
of the week.

**PLEASE NOTE: From now on there  
will be no 10am Mass on Mondays.**



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## WEEKLY ENVELOPES

**Thanks for your continued support. Envelopes may be dropped into the Post Box at the Parish Centre.**

**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

### Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results

**Last Week's Winning Numbers**

07, 10, 15, 16

**No Jackpot Winner**

This week's jackpot is €9,900

**3 Match 3 Winners share €100 each**

Donal Nolan, Ken Browne, Bernie Kilcoyne

**Next Draw on Tuesday April 6th**

Tickets €2.

Happy Easter and thanks to all for supporting the online lotto.

### Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club

**Lotto Results**

**Last Week's Winning Numbers**

06, 08, 15, 16

**No Jackpot Winner**

This week's jackpot is €8,500

**7 Match 3 Winners €40 each**

Mary Bollard, Theresa Loughlin, Kieran Byrne, Brigid Bollard, Mary Reid, Adrian Graham, Ciara O'Neill  
**Sellers Prize:** Tracy Norton

**Next Draw on Tuesday 6th April** in our Clubhouse at 8.30pm. Tickets €2.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the lotto.  
Happy Easter!

### A Prayer on Easter Sunday

*Easter Sunday is the 'Feast of feasts', a day of joy and happiness as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence.*

**Lord of all life,  
You are our hope and our joy,  
our source of true happiness.  
We have journeyed to Easter  
and in the most difficult of trials  
we have renewed our baptism  
and proclaimed your resurrection.**

**We embrace with gladness the new life  
to which you call each one of us.  
Bless us, our families and all the world,  
with your constant presence  
And protection.  
May we give you thanks every day  
and share the good news of our faith  
with all we meet.**

**And may the light of our Easter faith  
guide our footsteps in your ways of love,  
peace and truth.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen!  
Alleluia, alleluia! If you have Holy Water,  
use it to bless yourself as you make the  
Sign of the Cross. Place your candle safely  
somewhere prominent in your home as a  
reminder of the Light of Christ amongst  
us.*



Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

### Prayer for the Year of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and  
courage, and defend us  
from every evil.



### TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Boxes may be returned by putting them through the letter box at the Parish Centre. It would be a great help if coin was converted into notes if at all possible. However, in whatever form it comes it will be appreciated.



## BISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2021

The card read *"This is the night in which Christ has destroyed death and from the dead He rises victorious! Happy Easter"*. The Easter card tradition is a much quieter one than what we all experience at Christmas.

There isn't as large of a number of cards arriving at Easter and yet when we think about it, the celebration is even more profound than what we celebrate at Christmas.

We have just celebrated the Easter Triduum behind closed doors for the second year in succession. The most sacred season of the year once again without any physical congregation. This is very hard on people of faith. Once again I thank our priests and parish teams for their creativity and ingenuity in making great use of the webcam, Facebook live, parish radio etc. to livestream ceremonies into the homes of parishioners. By doing so, the kitchen table in your home has become an extension of the altar in your local church. I thank all of you who have been leading prayer in your homes this past while. The domestic Church has come into its own during this pandemic. While the virtual will remain with us whenever this pandemic passes, we all long for the gathering, we all wish to be back with one another. We can really understand and empathise with the need the disciples had for gathering two thousand years ago.

It's interesting in the gospel, resurrection encounters take place not only behind closed doors, but in spite of them *"in the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were"* (Jn.20:19), and despite the closed doors Jesus walks among them. His message then and His message to us this Easter is no different *"Peace be with you"* (Jn.20:19). A tiny, invisible virus, thousands of times smaller than the head of a pin has tested our resilience, has torn apart our economies and has very much tweaked our priorities. Yet in all of this the Risen One walks among us, carrying us, comforting us, consoling us.

Just over a year ago Pope Francis spoke in a deserted St. Peter's Square and reflected on the text from St. Mark about the storm at sea and how Jesus was asleep at the stern. His message in that rain swept square was and remains that Jesus is very much with us. The Risen One walks by our side. As we celebrate Easter once more in the midst of the suffering the world is enduring because of this pandemic may you experience the new life of resurrection, and from another Easter card I read:

*May the Lord bless you this Easter time:  
Bless you with faith, guard you in doubt;  
Bless you with hope, uplift you in despair;  
Bless you with love, keep you from fear;  
Bless you with peace, calm you in trouble;  
Bless you with mercy, help you to forgive;  
Bless you with joy, comfort you in sorrow;  
So your heart may rejoice in Him who is Risen.*

**+ Denis Nulty**  
**Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin**