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PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

Feast of the Ascension

16th May 2020



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



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

WE REMEMBER

This weekend - Baltinglass
Anniversaries:
Joan O'Neill, Tuckmill
Patrick Coogan Snr., Irongrange
Hugh Coogan, Irongrange
Mary Coogan, Knockfield
John Connolly, Carrigeen
Bridget O'Neill, The Wood
Paddy O'Reilly, Carrigeen
Eileen & Seán Kearney, Tinoran & England
Mary Groves & daughter Annie, Parkmore
Frank & Nan Glynn, Mill Street
Patsy Fennell, Clough
Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am
Nigel Kehoe, Grangecon
Brendan Harte, Barronstown
Kathleen Whelan,
Castleknock and Holdenstown.



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.

ASCENSION TO PENTECOST

A Call to Action - Three actions you can do between now and Pentecost
Pentecost is often considered the birth of the Church. The ministry of Jesus is now made visible through our actions and life as members of His Church. The gift of the Holy Spirit helps us to carry out this witness to Jesus.
In anticipation of Pentecost, as part of a church that is still very much alive and gifted with the Holy Spirit, *the diocese is inviting you to do three things:*

ONE: Mary and the disciples waited in prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to pray the 'Prayer from Ascension to Pentecost' each day between now and the Feast of Pentecost.



Come Holy Spirit,
Come and speak through a new generation of men and women as you spoke through the prophets of old. Grant us new prophets who will announce God's truth, love, mercy and justice.

Come Holy Spirit,
who descended on Mary as she conceived the Son of God in her womb. Descend on us and form us into the image of Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit,
who filled the unborn John the Baptist with joy in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth. Fill all the baptised with the joy of our calling and a new desire to witness in the world.

Come Holy Spirit,
who descended on Mary and the apostles at the first Pentecost, enlivening the Church in its infancy. Descend on us anew, filling us with new life. Pour out your gifts and miracles upon us as you once did in the Upper Room. Free us from fear and fill us with a holy courage as you did for the infant Church, so that your Church may proclaim the Good News to the men and women of today to the ends of the Earth. **Amen.**



TWO:
For this week, decorate the door of your home with some image of Pentecost. This might include an image of the Holy Spirit:
Dove
Red ribbons
Wind chimes

THREE: Wear an item of red clothing on Pentecost Sunday whether you are able to come to church or not!



RADIO MARIA
Ireland

RADIO MARIA IRELAND is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen via TV on Saorview - Channel 210; Download FREE APP - “RADIO MARIA IRELAND”, streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via PHONE – get live radio feed by telephoning +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

Please join our growing faith family! Feel free to contact, Eamonn Hennessy on 085-8174799 or email info@radiomaria.ie

PARISH OFFICE NOW OPEN

OPENING HOURS

Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am to 1pm

Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am to 1pm &

1.30pm to 2.30pm

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

01, 07, 21, 23

No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot: €5,400

2 Match 3 Winners - Share €300

Michael Campion, Fergal Doogue

Next Draw: Monday 17th May

PLEASE NOTE

Collection envelopes should only be used for the purpose of making the relevant donations.

Requests for Anniversaries etc. should be put in a separate envelope with ANNIVERSARY written on it.

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

02, 03, 12, 30

No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot: €4,250

1 Match 3 Winner - Abbie Murphy

Sellers Prize: Paul Moore

Next Draw: Monday 17th May
in our Clubhouse at 8.30pm. Tickets €2

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Late admissions for the term starting September 2021 now being taken.

Download Form from the website:

<http://bigstonens.scoilnet.ie/blog/admissions-2021-2022/>

You can contact the school on: bigstonens1@gmail.com

TAX REBATE

Thanks to those who have returned their forms over the past few weeks.

It would be appreciated if outstanding forms could be returned as soon as possible so that we can make a claim to Revenue.



**PLEASE RETURN
TROCAIRE BOXES
TO THE CHURCH OR
PARISH OFFICE
THIS WEEK**

if you have not already done so



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

CHURCHES REOPEN FOR MASS (Alleluia!)

Saturday 15th: Baltinglass 6pm

Sunday 16th: Grangecon 9.30am, Baltinglass 11am

Mass in Stratford resumes on Sunday 23rd at 9.30am

As the obligation to attend Mass on Sat/Sun is lifted at present we are recommending that people choose to attend Mass on any day of the week. Weekends could then be used by those not in a position to attend on a weekday.

COVID-19 REGULATIONS APPLY MAXIMUM PEOPLE ALLOWED

Baltinglass 80 — Grangecon 50 — Stratford 35

Please understand if you come to the door and have to be asked to remain outside. Holy Communion will be distributed to people outside who wish to receive.



The Rosary and the Month of May

The month of May is traditionally devoted to Mary and many Catholics already are in the habit of praying the rosary at home during the month. "The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this 'family' aspect, also from a spiritual point of view." Pope Francis reminds Catholics that simplicity is the key to praying the Rosary and that there are many good models of the prayer on the internet. See Kandle.ie for a guide to praying the Rosary.