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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

STEWARDS NEEDED

To help with seating and ensuring people's safety in the church we rely on the assistance of our stewards. A few more volunteers would be much appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to help.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am to 1pm Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am to 1pm & 1.30pm to 2.30pm

WE REMEMBER

<u>Recent Deaths</u> Fr. Chris Dooley OFM, formerly of Baltinglass who died in South Africa

This weekend - Baltinglass Anniversaries:

Jim O'Toole, Allendale Avenue John McGrath Clough & his Son James Esther & William Cullen, Newtown Saunders Billy Moore, Winetavern James Somers, Borkle, Kiltegan Jack & Sheila O'Neill, Tuckmill Jim O'Neill, Weaver Square Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am Joseph & Mary Bollard, Randalstown, Stratford Laurence, Margaret & Deirdre Dunne, Knockrigg Johnny Sleator, Knockrigg





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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER

Trinity Sunday

30th May 2021



Today my young niece who is 7 years of age went down on her knees, joined her hands in prayer and then gave me a big smile. All this when she heard the Church bell ringing out. We are all called to be open hearted and receptive like children.

As adults we tend to complicate everything and wander far away from the basic message of Christianity. We have built a huge structure around this message and around Christ himself. He never intended this to happen.

Today Trinity Sunday is celebrating the creative flow of love exchanged between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through Christ all of humanity is included in this love. Only in God is rest, tranquillity and true unity to be found as everything human has limitations. Where else do we get the grace and strength from to go through the many trials and challenges of life. Jesus - the beginning and end of our journey - also our friend along the way.

We are all called to the fullness of the Christian life, to grow in love and to develop and mature as human beings.

With my little niece this morning I could only think of St. Therese's way of spiritual childhood - the way of total surrender to our loving God. Help me Trinity God to be open hearted and receptive like a little child.



RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Saorview - Channel 210 Stream on <u>www.radiomaria.ie</u> By phone (01) 437 3277 (no extra charges apply) FREE APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"

Are you being called to the Permanent Diaconate?

Permanent Deacons are ministers of the Word, the altar and service. Bishop Nulty is inviting expressions of interest in learning more about formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to men aged between 30 and 60 who have a genuine sense of vocation to this calling. Deacons are self-supporting and continue in their family lives and secular employment. A new programme of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese will commence in October 2021. For further information please contact Rev. John McEvoy before Saturday July 31st. Tel: 059 9161114 Email:permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie

MILES FOR MARGARET

The Connolly Family, Carrigeen are holding a fundraiser for residents and staff of Baltinglass Community Hospital in memory of their sister Margaret. Starting 7th June till 11th June, the runners in the family will run a half marathon each day consecutively. Donations can be made at https://gofund.me/bc1ce007 or donations can be left into the Hospital Reception for Rose Connolly. The response so far has been amazing. *Thank you!* COMMUNITY CONNECT Is Here To Offer You Some Help Are you pregnant or recently had a baby? Are you struggling to get the essentials for your baby? Do you need practical assistance: We can help with essential things like baby clothes, nappies, blankets and even some larger pre-loved items such as buggies (if available). If you or someone you know is in need, please get in touch with us: by phone 085 875 8366 or Clicking "Access Support" at www.communityconnect.ie

TULLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL 059 915 1473 / Email: info@tullowcs.ie

Enrolments are taking place for the following QQI Level 5 Courses which start in Sept. One year Office Administration Training Course (Full Time). Also one year Office Administration Course with Healthcare Focus (Full-time) Susi Grants, back to education grants, maintenance grants and VTOS grants available for those who are eligible. St. Anne's College of further education are offering the above course to Post Leaving Certificate Students and Adults who wish to retrain or update their skills, are unemployed and want to return to the workforce or return to education. Application forms and details are available from the school.

MALE ADVICE LINE

The National Male Advice Line offers confidential advice and support to Male victims of domestic violence and abuse over the phone. This Service is also available to family and friends who may have concerns for a loved one and are seeking some guidance on how to help them. Tel: 1800-816 588.



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO Last Week's Winning Numbers 08, 10, 28, 29

No Jackpot Winner This week's jackpot: €5,800 1 Match 3 Winner - Gino Heaslip

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers 05, 15, 16, 22 No Jackpot Winner This week's jackpot: €5,000 2 Match 3 Winners Eirica Moore & Dawn Bolger Sellers Prize: O'Reillys

CHURCHES OPEN FOR MASS 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.

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 week-day.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Annual Diocesan Collection for our Retired Priests 29th/30th May 2021

Please give generously to continue the support of our Retired Priests. This fund is essential to the care of our retired priests and your generous support and promotion of same is greatly appreciated.

KARE PROMOTING INCLUSION For people With Intellectual Disabilities

VACANCIES

KARE Community Employment Programme Support workers required for 19.50 hours per week in Baltinglass, Tinahely, and Blessington. No experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided. Funded by DSP. Applicants must be over 21 and in receipt of a qualifying Irish Social Welfare payment for one year or more. A genuine interest in working with adults with intellectual disabilities, to work as part of a team and motivation to study are required. Contact your local DEASP/Intreo office to check your eligibility. For informal enquiries phone Elaine on 045 448700.