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MASS St. Joseph's Church Tues. - Fri. 10am Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am Available on Webcam & Radio 100.2fm

#### CHURCHES OPEN FOR MASS COVID-19 REGULATIONS APPLY

MAXIMUM PEOPLE ALLOWED IN CHURCH

Baltinglass 80 Grangecon 50 — Stratford 35

# **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.

#### WE REMEMBER

This weekend's Anniversaries: William Quinn, Main Street Teresa Quinn (Sr Camilla), Main Street Johnny Donohoe, Tinoran Michael Callinan, Doonbeg, Co. Clare & Main Street, Baltinglass Ted Humphries, Church Terrace, Dunlavin Ann Kinsella, Tankardstown Winnie Breen, Weaver Square Charles Shortt, Tuckmill Pat O'Reilly, Bracknagh & Castledermot Betty Gorman, Clough Fr Edward Whelan PP of Ballon &

Holdenstown, Baltinglass Thomas & Parkie Bookle, Irongrange Alice & James O'Neill, Downings Mary Hyland, Rathmoon Thomas Fogarty, 2 Parkmore & his brother Patrick, Baltinglass & London Kathleen Hanrahan Gahan, Weaver Sq. & Rathvilly **Grangecon: 9.30am** Frank & Mary Brooker (née Nolan) Lowtown

Edward Gordon, Dunlavin James Whelan, Athy



# **CEMETERY MASSES**

Unfortunately it will not be possible to celebrate Mass in our cemeteries this year due to ongoing Covid 19 restrictions. You are encouraged to maintain your graves as you would have done in preparation for the annual Mass.

### **BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD**

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27TH JUNE 2021

'Do not be afraid, only have faith' The Child is not dead but asleep'. *Today's Gospel.* 

I often wonder what I would be like if I was told that I had a terminal illness and that I was going to die.

Well today's Gospel story tells us that Jesus raised the 12 year old girl back to life. This story is a Resurrection story. Do I believe that Jesus himself was raised from the dead? That Jesus conquered death, and in doing so he did it for all of us?

'Do not be afraid; only have faith! 'Each of us is raised to the new life, for Jesus said the child 'was not dead but asleep'? Am I asleep also? Is my awakening, my resurrection, a slow process or will it be sudden, or will I wait until I actually die and then realise Jesus was with me all through my life, all those times when I felt so alone?



People are sent our way, people who journey with us and may become our friends. These are the people who support us, who commune with us - Communion, Community.

I need to remember that I am not dead but asleep.



#### **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"

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon. & Fri. 9.30am to 1pm (closed this Wednesday) Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am to 1pm & 1.30pm to 2.30pm

# 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 TIDY TOWNS**

are looking for volunteers once a week, to help out with litter picks, seeding, edging etc. Next week we are out on Thursday and the week after we are out on Wed. It goes on like that throughout the summer. We meet at McAllister Statue at 6pm. Further Information phone Joan on 087 41 89 959 or Terri on 086 85 71 241.

#### **Duck Race at the Weir**

Sunday July 25th @ 3pm in support of Tidy Towns. Ducks can be bought from Fishers, Super Valu, Patterson's, Burkes & O'Reillys. There will also be games, face-painting, cake sale, monster raffle etc. It will be a an autism friendly event & promises to be a fun day out for all the family.

#### **BALTINGLASS CREDIT UNION**

are hosting an outdoor information day on **Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>** if anyone wishes to drop by. They will be launching their new additional services - Online Laser Payment

facility where Members can make payments directly into their Credit Union account and the New Online Loan Application/Drawdown facility. Non Members are welcome to pick up some information on joining the Credit Union and the benefits of becoming a

Member. The Members Car/Cash Draw will also take place at 12pm. A Hyundai i20 along with €5,000 in cash prizes to be won. Date: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Time: 10am – 3pm. Venue: Outside Baltinglass Credit Union Office.

#### **BIGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Recycling Clothes Collection at Bigstone Hall over the few of weeks – **from now until 12 noon on 2nd July.** Bags of clean unwanted clothes can be dropped at doorway of Bigstone Hall whenever suits and we will take them in for the collection. We can take Clean Clothes – Towels – Sheets – Curtains- Shoes that are in pairs – Handbags – Belts. (We cannot take in

Duvets – Pillows – or Bric a Brac). Your support of Bigstone Hall is very much appreciated

TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN Vegetables For Sale Lettuce & Scallions Mon. to Fri. 9am—12 noon.

# trōcaire

Fundraisers may be in the area from 21st June. They will wear Trócaire branded jackets/t-shirts/ face masks and carry ID cards. Safeguarding and Covid 19 protocols will be adhered to.



# PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 6th—13th October Cost €765 Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. For information contact: Parish Office 059 64 81 254, Fr. Ger 087 629 8881 Andy Murphy 087 09 00 819

# **BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO**

Last Week's Winning Numbers 6-8-13-23 No Jackpot Winner This week's jackpot: €3400 4 Match 3 Winners - share €300 Ciara O'Brien, Michael Walsh Con Murphy, Renee Wall

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers 6-11-29-30 No Jackpot Winner This week's jackpot: €6250 Match 3 Winner - €250 - Kieran Byrne Sellers Prize: Nicko

# LOUGH DERG 2021

Registration is now open to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" from3rd to 5th July. The Prior, Fr. La Flynn, will do the Three-Day Pilgrimage on the Island during these days. To offer a live link by webcam in support of those who will choose to do the pilgrimage wherever they are, some of the Lough Derg staff will do the pilgrimage in St. Mary's Church in Pettigo. To register or for further info:

www.loughderg.orgEmail:info@loughderg.orgTel:0(0353) 71 9861518.

# Cycle Against Suicide – Community Buddy Programme

Cycle Against Suicide is inviting community clubs and associations to complete our free 'Community Buddy' Programme and be trained to provide 'Buddy' support in their community.

The Cycle Against Suicide Buddy Programme prioritises peer-to-peer action as a means to identify and help those who may be vulnerable. Our programme trains and equips participants with the practical, hands-on skills and knowledge they need to deliver support to those in mental health distress in their local communities.

Our aim is to train and deploy 'Community Buddies' across Ireland. We invite local clubs and associations that have personnel who are already Garda vetted to nominate themselves to complete our 'Community Buddy' training programme. This training, delivered over 2 days or 4 evenings, is free of charge for your club/ association and will equip you to provide much-needed support for those in your community who maybe struggling with mental health distress. To sign up please visit https://www.cycleagainstsuicide.com/community-buddy-club/