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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 ensure people's safety  
by sitting in positions marked  
on the seats.

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

**Mon. Wed. & Fri.** 9.30am to 1pm  
**Tues. & Thurs.** 9.30am to 1pm  
& 1.30pm to 2.30pm

## WE REMEMBER

### RECENT DEATHS

Len O'Connell, Shroughaun  
Micheál Lalor, Carrigeen

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mary T. Quinn, Main Street  
Bridie Murphy, Bawnogues  
Peter & Kitty Farrell & their son Gerry, Raheen

### GRANGECON SUN. 9.30AM

Ellen Germaine, Bessina  
John Fleming, Griffinstown  
Sandra Doyle, Mallenswood, Grangecon

*Rest in  
Peace*

### AFFORDABLE LIVE-IN HOMECARE

provides live in carers for the elderly in your  
area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for  
your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today  
on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our website  
is [www.alhomedcare.ie](http://www.alhomedcare.ie)

### EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

continues to provide emotional support and  
practical help to anyone affected by cancer,  
their families and carers. For more details on  
the services available email  
[info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie)  
or phone 085 866 1499.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th August 2021

"I am the Living Bread which has come down from Heaven."  
Today's Gospel.

I remember making butter in an old style wooden churn. It was so  
amazing to see the cream turn into butter as I turned the handle  
around waiting for that moment.

"I am the living bread that came down from Heaven". Without  
Jesus life wouldn't be. He is the living bread. It is He who gives a  
purpose to life. It is He who fills our lives with meaning. 'Through  
Him, with Him and in Him we live. Through Him life is'.

Our sufferings are united with those of Christ as we are also  
resurrected with Him. Take time to ponder on the mystery of  
creation, on the mystery of our own lives, on the mystery of the  
living Bread.

Take time to be alone, take time to BE. So many of us have to be  
busy all the time and cannot cope with being still and quiet. Let us  
live in the moment, not in the past, not in the future, but just NOW  
as that is where Jesus the Living Bread is. Making the butter was a  
wonderful yet ordinary experience. Jesus spent most of His life  
doing ordinary things. May we realise and become aware of Jesus  
presence with us, as we go about our daily life doing ordinary  
things.

'I am the Living Bread which has come down from Heaven'. A.S.



## RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Saorview - Channel 210

Stream on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)

By phone (01) 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)

FREE APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"

## 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.

## 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.

## NEW- Affinity Plus Home Support

is a new service covering West Wicklow and Co. Kildare. Our services include Senior Care, Mother Care, Recovery Care and a unique Concierge Service. We can assist with personal care, domestic tasks, meal preparation and assistance to and from appointments. Please contact us on 045-916060 or visit our website on [www.affinityplus.ie](http://www.affinityplus.ie) to find out more.

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
08, 11, 23, 26

**No Jackpot Winner**

This week's jackpot: €4,600

**2 Match 3 Winners**- Share €300

Luci Grimes & Darragh Hennessy

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
10, 16, 18, 30

**No Jackpot Winner**

This week's jackpot: €8,250

**No Match 3 Winners**

**Sellers Prize:** Paul Moore

## BALTINGLASS CREDIT UNION

### Bach to School Lending!

Baltinglass Credit Union are now actively issuing Education/Student Loans & at a low rate of 6.5% (6.71% APR). An example of a €3,000 Education Loan over a 2 year period (104 weekly repayments of €30.78) would cost the member €200.49 in interest, therefore, the total amount repayable would be €3200.49. Terms & Conditions & normal lending criteria apply. To enquire about a loan, contact 059 64 81071 (Dial 2) or Email – [loans@baltinglasscu.ie](mailto:loans@baltinglasscu.ie).

We are here to help our community.

### OPENING HOURS

Monday -Thursday 9.30am -4.30pm

Friday 9.30am – 7pm

**(open through lunch each day)**

Saturday 9.30am – 1pm

## Mattress Amnesty Collection 2021

in Rampere Recycling Centre, Baltinglass on Saturday 21st August from 2.30pm to 5pm. The collection is carried out on behalf of Wicklow Co. Council.



## 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

## A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS BY BALTINGLASS FAIRTRADE

Supporting Fairtrade is a great way to help people in developing countries without the need to leave the country. Interested ? Like to know more? Do you think you could help? Baltinglass became a recognised Fairtrade Town in 2008 and Baltinglass Fairtrade group actively creates awareness around the benefits of supporting Fairtrade and how the people of Baltinglass, Grange Con, Stratford and Bigstone can play their part. Baltinglass Fairtrade Group are on the look-out for volunteers willing to share their skills – or even learn new ones – to help spread the word about the benefits of supporting Fairtrade in our community. We welcome volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, abilities and skills Whether you're already a long-time supporter of Fairtrade, or just finding out about it, you don't need any former experience or knowledge of Fairtrade and no matter how much time you have to commit, we can find something that fits for you. This may involve preparation and planning of Fairtrade events, chatting to people about Fairtrade, handing out flyers and samples and having some fun along the way! Feel free to get in touch you can Contact Theresa Doyle 087 8505718 Annette Mangan 087 06244241 Julia Glass 087 2101447 You can check us out on our Facebook page and Instagram for more information and Directly Message us too!

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY

Thanks to those who continue to contribute to the Weekly Envelope collection. This is the only means of income for the parish now as we no longer have the Offertory Collection at Mass. Your support is very much appreciated as the parish continues to have to meet its running costs. Comparing the income for the first five months of the year the total income for that period over the last three years is as follows::

**2019 - €49,461                      2020 - €29,323                      2021 - €27,101**

**As you can see there is almost a 50% decrease in income from 2019 to 2021.**

### You can contribute by:

**Envelope:** Leave your envelope into the Parish Office during opening hours.

**Standing Order:** Details as follows:

Bank: Bank of Ireland, Baltinglass.

A\C Name: Baltinglass Parish

IBAN: IE67BOFI90650784187086                      BIC: BOFIE2D

**STRIPE:** Visit Baltinglass Parish Website and follow the instructions for Donating using this facility.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**