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## MASS

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

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

CHURCHES OPEN FOR MASS  
COVID-19 REGULATIONS APPLY  
MAXIMUM ALLOWED IN CHURCH  
Baltinglass 250  
Grangecon 125 — Stratford 100

SUNDAY MASS:	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
September:	19	26
October:	3/17/31	10/24
November:	14/28	7/21
December:	12/26	5/19

### WE REMEMBER

#### MONTHS MIND

Christina (Dinah) Bradley, Edward Street

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Nolan, The Wood

Turlough Quinn, Tuckmill

Michael & Julia Patterson, Main St.

Luke & Frances McDonnell, Main St.

#### Grangecon 9.30am:

John Ross, Grangecon

Pat & Elizabeth Leigh, Grangecon

Bridget Kealy, Knocknamuc

Johnny Carroll, Mallons Wood, Grangecon

Tom Flood, The Rocks

*Rest in  
Peace*

### 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 - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th September 2021

*'They had been arguing which of them was the greatest'.*

(Today's Gospel)

Life is full of competition and wanting to be 'the greatest' is something that is part of our old self, our fallen self. Even Jesus disciples 'had been arguing which of them was the greatest'.

Now I am reading the story of St Therese of Lisieux's life. She discovered that the way to greatness is the way of spiritual childhood. This greatness is nothing like the greatness the disciples were seeking. Her greatness was like the greatness revealed by Jesus through his suffering and death. Jesus places a little child before us - pure and gentle to show us what He himself is like and in this way we can also see what our Father is like.

Wanting to be 'the greatest' is often promoted very early on in a child's life but Jesus told the twelve 'if anyone wants to be first he must make himself last of all and servant of all'. The way of spiritual childhood is in handing ourselves over to God just as Jesus surrendered himself to his Father - and I need to do this over and over again each moment of every day.

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## 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"

### WCCC SUPPORT CLINICS – BLESSINGTON

Do you have any childcare related questions or queries? Wicklow County Childcare Committee (WCCC) are facilitating support clinics for parents, childminders & providers, where you will have the opportunity to discuss any childcare related query you may have. The Clinics will be held on the first Tuesday of every month from 10.30- 12.30 in Blessington library. ☑ Are you a childminder thinking of setting up or already set up and want to know options for registration etc? You can discuss in confidence any query you might have. Are you a parent worried about options for childcare? We can help you navigate the options available.

Are you thinking of starting a Parent and Toddler Group? To book a half hour slot, Email: [bernie@wccc.ie](mailto:bernie@wccc.ie) with your preferred time, date and contact details.

### QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT REQUIRED

At least 2 years Practice experience.

Friendly office with Flexible hours.

Attractive terms to the right candidate.

Please contact 087 - 8558 729

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**03, 04, 09, 29**

No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot: **€5,800**

**4 Match 3 Winners share €300**

Martha O'Reilly, Lilly Kelly,

Mary Darcy & Seán Byrne

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON

### GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

10, 18, 21, 23

No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot: **€9,750**

**6 Match 3 Winners share €250**

Lucy Kelly, Michelle Lavelle, Jason, Casey

& Shay Barrett, Máire O'Connor, James

Barrett, Manger. Lillian & Jason Steed

**Sellers Prize: Nicko**

## EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE

is an employment and recruitment service to assist people over 18 years who may have different types of disabilities such as: **Intellectual - Mental Health - Physical - Sensory - Hidden** and who are job ready and need the support of a job coach to get a job. Please contact Jackie McHenry on **086 0496875** as I run an outreach service based in Baltinglass Parish Centre twice a month.

## INVITATION Sign The Global Catholic Petition

As one way of marking the Season of Creation 2021, the Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development is asking Catholics across the world to sign the 'Healthy Planet Healthy People' petition. This petition comes ahead of the UN conferences taking place this autumn on biodiversity and on climate change. Sign petition at [www.thecatholicpetition.org](http://www.thecatholicpetition.org). This link also provides resources to help promote the petition.



## SAFE GUARDING SUNDAY

This Sunday the Diocese celebrates Safeguarding Sunday. On this day we turn the spotlight on safeguarding and remind our communities and parish personnel that protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is about creating an opportunity for parishes to find out all the positive work that has been happening in terms of safeguarding over the past year. Safeguarding in each parish could not happen without the commitment and work of many paid and volunteer personnel including local safeguarding representatives, sacristans, youth leaders, choir leaders and priests.

We remember those who have experienced abuse in our Diocese and remind people of the Towards Healing confidential and free counselling service, Ph. 1800 303 416, Monday to Friday 11.00am to 6.00pm. They provide face to face counselling, structured phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline. The Safeguarding Committee has produced a short video to mark this day, and this will be available to view on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thirty-six children will receive Holy Communion for the first time at two Masses on next Saturday (25th) in Baltinglass and twelve in Stratford on Saturday 2nd Oct. We ask you to remember them and their families in your prayers.



## TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCE CLASSES

by 'Gohery School'

are planning to recommence at Bigstone Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6 pm for Beginners and 7 pm for Advanced.

If you wish to register for classes please contact Fiona Kavanagh at 087 064 8349. Starting date will depend on Government advice so please register beforehand.



Is an independent organization providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical, or religious abuse in Ireland. The service is provided by lay, independent and fully accredited therapists.

Freephone 1800 303416.

Hearing impaired Text Line Number: 0858022859. [www.towardshelaining.ie](http://www.towardshelaining.ie)

## NEXT SUNDAY – MIGRANT SUNDAY COLLECTION

At Masses next weekend a collection to support the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) who provides grant funding to Irish organisations overseas working with the most vulnerable of our emigrant community; from the elderly and isolated to the undocumented and those dealing with mental health problems.