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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

Thurs. 9.30am to 1pm

& 1.30pm to 2.30pm

**OFFICE CLOSED THIS TUESDAY**

## CHURCHES OPEN FOR MASS

**COVID-19 REGULATIONS APPLY**

**MAXIMUM ALLOWED IN CHURCH**

Baltinglass 250

Grangecon 125 — Stratford 100

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

## WE REMEMBER

### RECENT DEATHS

William (Willie) Cullen, Newtown Saunders

### ANNIVERSARIES

Johnny Keogh, 8 Parkmore

Catherine & Joseph Maher, Dublin & Baltinglass

Rory Farrell, Rathmoon

Thomas O'Brien, Carrigeen

Michael O'Keeffe, Randalstown

Patrick & Mary Donegan, Holdenstown

Peter Doyle, Clough

Peggy Shortt, Mill Street

Dan & Ellen Nolan, Parkmore & their Son Dónal

John O'Neill, 49 Parkmore

Margaret O'Connor, 7 Parkmore

Jim Farrell, Clough Upper

### Grangecon 9.30am:

Francis Flood, Ballynure, Grangecon

James Byrne, Mallons Wood, Grangecon

Tommy & Mary Hickey, Castledermot

Michael & Margaret Cronin, Springfield

John Cronin, Springfield

Fr Tim Cronin, Bermingham & Grangecon

Lorraine Cronin Canty, Grangecon & London

*Rest in  
Peace*

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th October 2021



## *Setting out on a Synodal Pathway A Message and Invitation from Bishop Denis to Take a First Step Together*

In these days, the Catholic Church throughout the world and in Ireland is beginning a series of conversations about what God wants of his people at this time. These conversations, grounded in prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit, are often referred to as a Synodal Process. The term, "synodal", comes from a Greek word which means "walking together".

For the Irish Church, this universal synod with the title: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission, coincides with its own synodal pathway towards a national synodal assembly in the next five years. The key question at the heart of our synodal pathway is: What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time? This is a question being asked of all people, both within the Church and in society at large, to share their insights into the Catholic Church in Ireland – past, present and future – so that we can prepare for a National Synodal Assembly in the coming years.

In Kildare and Leighlin, as we begin this process of walking together as a diocese, we are going to give ourselves the time to do it as best we can, respectful of our local context and seeking to be inclusive of all voices. In the days, months and years ahead, as we walk together and seek out other companions on the road, may we learn from one another; may this journey plant God's dream for our Church into our hearts so that together, as the People of God, we will be the Church we are called to be in these times and for all people.

We are at the beginning of a journey and the first step I am inviting you to take with me is a step of prayer. I invite you to pray the Synod prayer with your faith community and to take time to pray it at home. As you pray I ask that you unite with the prayer of people from your parish and from your diocese who stand with you as companions on the journey. May our prayers set us on the right course for authentic listening and discernment that is inclusive and respectful of all so that together we may discover the Church God wants us to be.

Our first step is a very small one but it is an important reminder that all we do and all we can accomplish together is through the grace and abundance of God who is with us always to guide us and lead us.

Yours in Christ,  
+ Denis Nulty  
Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin



## 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"

## 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.

## BALTINGLASS WELCOMES

Thanks to the great generosity of the people of Baltinglass, both young and old, we have now raised a staggering €9,264.21! This means that we have only €735.79 more to collect in order to reach our target of €10,000 needed to bring a refugee family from a camp in the Lebanon directly here. We are therefore having a bucket collection on the square on Saturday 30th Oct. from 11.00 to 3.00 and know we can depend on this renowned caring community to achieve our aim. Please spread the news far and wide! Those who would prefer to use "Go fund me" to donate can do so using the following link <https://gf.me/u/y358f7>

## TWO NIGHT PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

On 27th October. For further details please contact Duffy Coach Hire on 059 64 71 681 or 087 254 3235.

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**04, 10, 27, 29**

No Jackpot Winner

**This Week's Jackpot €6,600**

**1 Match 3 Winner - €300**

Eamonn Dunne

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**05, 13, 14, 17**

No Jackpot Winner

**This week's jackpot: €10,750**

**5 Match 3 Winners share €250**

Ina O'Keeffe, Lucy/Margaret, Dee,

Noel Power, Biddy Curran

**Sellers Prize: Maurice**

## 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 10.30am to 12.30pm 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.

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY

Thanks to those who continue to contribute to the Weekly Envelope collection.  
Your support is very much appreciated.

### 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!**

## "SAVE THE DATE!"

Baltinglass Fairtrade Group are holding a Fairly Traded Christmas Market on 20th Nov. from 10am to 3pm in The Courthouse. Fairly traded crafts, demonstrations on wreath making, sustainable gift wrapping and tips to avoid Food waste will be some of the attractions and all served with Free Fairtrade

## FULL TIME TYPIST REQUIRED

for office work in Blessington. For further details please phone 087 23 10 082.

## THE PARENT'S ASSOCIATION OF BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

are hosting their annual sponsored walk/run on the 24th October at 12 noon. The 6km loop starts outside Bigstone hall. Please come along and support the school as all proceeds go into activity, transport and supplies for the children. Refreshments will be provided after. Thank you for the support **from Bigstone Parents Association**



Have you come back to celebrating Mass in your church?

We want to hear from you in our short online survey!

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR FAITH

## ONLINE SURVEY

How has the return to celebrating Mass in church been for you?

Bishop Denis, the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation are hoping to hear people's experience of coming back to Mass in person. **What did you miss? Why did you come back?**

**How does it feel to be back? What can we do to make our celebrations even more nourishing for people?**

Let us know by completing a short on line survey. You can access the survey by going to <https://forms.office.com/r/nye9bBH7MG>. This link is also available on kandle.ie, as well as on Kandle Facebook and Twitter.