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## MASS

St. Joseph's Church

Tues. - Fri. 10am

Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am

Available on Webcam  
& Radio 100.2fm

## NEWSLETTER

Articles for the newsletter must be  
received before 12 noon on  
Thursday.

Articles can be emailed or left into  
the Parish Office. They must include  
your name & contact details.

## PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon. Wed. & Fri. - 9.30am - 1pm.

Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1pm  
& 1.30pm. - 2.30pm.

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

## WE REMEMBER

### RECENT DEATHS

Michael Murphy, 3 Parkmore whose funeral  
took place in Canada on Thursday

### ANNIVERSARIES

Maggie Brophy (née Donohoe) Dunlavin  
Kathleen Curry, 2 Bawnogues  
Michael & Marie Farrell, Edward Street  
Thomas, Joseph & Patrick Donohoe,  
Edward Street  
James & Elizabeth Donohoe, Edward Street  
Martin Burke, Rathmoon & deceased members  
of the Burke Family  
Kathleen & Paddy Twyford, Grangecon  
Michael & Mai Twyford, Grangecon  
Frank Balfe Snr, Terenure, Dublin  
Winifred & John Hughes, Parkmore  
Michael Doherty, Carrigeen  
Seán Doherty, Liverpool & Carrigeen  
Paddy Byrne, Walkinstown & Weaver Square  
Katherine Walsh, Oldtown  
John & Mary Bookle, Irongrange  
Jimmy Germaine, Parkmore  
Michael Murphy, 3 Parkmore  
William Wall, Parkmore  
John Whitty, Hughestown & all the deceased  
members of the Whitty Family  
Mary Woods, Hartestown, Grangecon

### Stratford 9.30am:

Paddy McDonald, Gibraltar, Stratford  
Kevin Moore, Main Street, Stratford

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mission Sunday

24th October 2021

The month of October provides us with an opportunity to express our gratitude for the contribution we, as Irish people, have made to the mission of the Church to spread the Gospel of Christ in different parts of the globe. We remember and give thanks for the courage, the enthusiasm and the generosity of so many women and men.

The readings on Mission Sunday, remind us that it is always God who takes the initiative. In the First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the Babylonian exiles are gathered together by God (Jer 31:7-9). The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that whoever is called to serve, it is God who calls; God takes the initiative (Heb 5:1-6). The story of Bartimaeus, The Blind Man of Jericho (Mk.10:46-52), is also a 'call story.' The call of Jesus is mediated through others. Looked at through the lens of Mark's Gospel, the call of Jesus can come through his preachers and missionaries, even if their understanding is imperfect. It is God who takes the initiative in loving Bartimaeus and calling him to discipleship. His faith is a gift from God. Bartimaeus saw Jesus with the eyes of faith: 'your faith has saved you.' Bartimaeus persistently resisted both the crowd and disciples in order to receive God's healing power mediated through Jesus.

God is doing all sorts of things that we cannot see, measure, control or fully understand. But it is an informed faith that allows you to fall in love with such a God. Bartimaeus is the one who offers the rest of us hope. We hear Bartimaeus' story who trustingly followed Jesus, not knowing where the way will lead, and realise that it is Jesus who can heal us of our blindness and let us see things as they really are.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

*We Cannot Remain Silent - 'we cannot  
but speak about what we have seen and heard' Acts 4:20*

**WORLD  
MISSION  
SUNDAY**  
24<sup>th</sup> October  
2021



## 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.

## 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.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

'Religious services can proceed without capacity limits but with all other protective measures remaining in place.'

At present there is some ambiguity with this statement. For the time being we ask people to continue to sanitise their hands, wear face covering and respect social distancing.

## DANNY'S CORNER

Hello everyone. Once again, a little reminder that the clocks are going back 1 hour on 31st October at 2am. Also, can everyone be mindful of all the dogs, cats and animals when letting off fireworks as it is a very scary time for them. Wishing everyone a happy and safe Halloween. **Danny!**

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
05, 12, 18, 28  
No Jackpot Winner  
**This Week's Jackpot €6,800**  
**3 Match 3 Winner** - share €300  
Breda Coffey, Steph Hickey,  
Mary O'Keeffe

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
02, 15, 18, 19  
No Jackpot Winner  
**This week's jackpot: €11,000**  
**2 Match 3 Winners** share €250  
Brigid Barrett & Ann Faulkner  
**Sellers Prize:** Lloyds Pharmacy

## HALLOWEEN EVENT

**Stratford/Grangecon Development  
Group fundraiser for Cafe/Shop Project**

**SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER** - 5pm to 8pm  
at Scallywags, Stratford village.  
Entry €5 per child. PRIZES GO LEOR.

Haunted Maze if you dare.  
Fancy Dress for Adults and  
Children. The scariest  
Pre-carved Pumpkin Prize  
and much more fun and games.



Hangry for Hotdogs  
and Kelly's Coffee  
Trailer will be in  
attendance, also a  
candy Floss and  
Popcorn stall. See you all there.



## 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 Refreshments! More details to follow!!

## FULL TIME TYPIST REQUIRED

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

## 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>



**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down  
the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity so that we  
may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and  
the Son, forever and ever.  
Amen.**