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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 - 1.00pm
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm
1.30pm - 2.30pm

| SUNDAY MASS: | <u>GRANGECON</u> | <u>STRATFORD</u> |
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| December: | 12/26 | 5/19 |
| January: | 2/16/30 | 9/23 |
| February: | 13/27 | 6/20 |

WE REMEMBER

MONTHS MIND

Thomas (Thos) O'Hara, Raheen

ANNIVERSARIES

William (Billy) Kelly, Green lane

John Kelly, Carrigeen

Seán McLoughlin, Newtown

Justine Wall, Bawnogues

Billy Doody, Weaver Square

Nan Kavanagh, Carrigeen

Sheila Fitzmaurice, Tuckmill

Tom & Christina Byrne, Shroughaun

James Burke, Rahill & Irongrange

Paddy & Elizabeth Rooney & their son Colm,
Parkmore

Grangecon: Sunday 9.30a.m.

John & Josephine Tierney, Rathbran

Michael & Mary Wade, Rathbran

*Rest in
Peace*

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF MARY

Sr. Bernadette Reynolds would like to thank
everyone for their warm welcome on her
recent visit to the parish.
Sincere thanks also for your generosity.
Total received: €770

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday of Advent

28th November 2021

Let us begin our Advent with a sense of hope.

Our hope is in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Saviour,
Our God, the one who is Love itself. So let us begin this journey by
preparing our hearts to meet Jesus in a truer, deeper way;
not just for Christmas: Let us prepare ourselves to meet the Lord
face-to-face; let us prepare for eternity.

This world is fleeting. In these times especially,
we are reminded far too much of sickness and death around us.
As Christians we do not need to fear; remember the Lord's promises:
"For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that whoever
believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life". (John 3:16)

Let us believe in the mercy and goodness of God who forgives when
we stray. Let us use this time of Advent to humble ourselves before
our loving Father. Let us not be afraid to bring our guilt and wrongdoing
from the past to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that we
no longer need to carry these burdens on our back, these poisons
in our hearts, or get caught up in the shame of old.

With God's forgiveness we may move forward with a sense of freedom,
liberation, peace and hope in our hearts. Time is a precious gift,
let us use it wisely to prepare ourselves to meet LOVE itself.

(Michelle Ward, Diocesan Pastoral Council)



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Saorview - Channel 210

Stream on www.radiomaria.ie

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

FREE APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

are looking for volunteer drivers to drive patients to and from cancer treatments in our locality to the hospital. If you are available two weekdays per month and interested in this role, you can find further information including an online application form on their [website](http://www.irishcancer.ie). If you like further information please email volunteer@irishcancer.ie

LOUGH DERG ONLINE SHOP

Lough Derg online Shop offers unique Christmas Cards, featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke Gifts including a limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available. Fr. La, Prior, will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled.

Visit www.loughderg.live/shop

Telephone 071 9861518. Delivery nationwide and Click & Collect Service available.



BALTINGLASS BRANCH

If you wish to donate to St. Vincent de Paul (Baltinglass) to support families in our community who are in need, please use the following:

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 8447 8860

SORT CODE: 90 65 07

IBAN: IE24 BOFI 9065 0784 4788 60

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

04, 16, 18, 23

No Jackpot Winner

This Week's Jackpot €7,800

1 Match 3 Winner - €300

Mark Kelly

STRATFORD/GRANGECON

GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

06, 08, 14, 25

No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot: €3,250

2 Match 3 Winners - €125 each

Kieran Byrne & Finbarr Brady

Sellers Prize: M. Moore

STRATFORD/GRANGECON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP CAFÉ/SHOP PROJECT

Wicklow Co. Council has grant aided this state of the art sustainable building (Kelly's old shop in the centre of Stratford village), but in order to be able to claim the remaining grants, we need to provide the necessary community funding.

However, our little core group badly needs more members to help with ideas and assistance in our fundraising. Work has been delayed firstly due to Covid and secondly due to the reconfiguring of the internal design of the premises in line with HSE standards. Please come along to our next meeting on Thursday 2nd December from 7pm to 9pm in the Coach House next to Stratford RC Church (entrance from Church grounds). Looking forward to meeting you all!
Don't forget your masks!!!

ADVENT 2021



Resources to help us through our journey towards Christmas are available on kandle.ie

ADVENT PETITION BOX



Each week you are invited to write your petition and place it in the box of **HOPE** (Wk 1), **PEACE** (Wk 2), **JOY** (Wk 3) or **LOVE** (Wk 4) located at the Advent wreath. This box will be placed in our crib scene on Christmas eve when we will pray for all your intentions.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING



What are the Advent Sunday Readings saying to me? Why not spend time reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures this Advent alone or with others? See www.kandle.ie for our weekly Scripture Sharing Reflections on the Advent Sunday readings.

SUGGESTION FOR THE HOME

Why not create a prayer space in your home for Advent? You might like to make your own Advent wreath or have a special Advent candle to use in the prayer space, including perhaps purple coloured cloth/ribbons and evergreens. You'll find a short video on creating an Advent prayer space on kandle.ie

Memorial Service for Babies who passed away through Miscarriage, Still Birth and Neo-Natal Deaths

"Their time was short, yet very precious". A special memorial service will be held in Our Lady & St. Joseph Church, Caragh on Friday 26th November at 8pm. All are very welcome to attend.

JOB AVAILABLE

Maintenance Team Member

A vacancy has arisen for a member of our Maintenance Team with **St. Patrick's Missionary Society** based in Kiltegan.

The successful candidate will help in all manual work, maintenance, organisation and execution of commitments, functions and events of Society Members. They will report to the House Leadership Team in Kiltegan. The role will be full time, normally Tuesday to Saturday.

Core Aptitudes:

- Experience in groundskeeping
- Experience in manual handling
- Qualifications in driving a teleporter and in carpentry or other trade would be an advantage

Applications:

Applications should be made via email attaching an up to date CV and cover letter to Fiona McHenry, HR Manager, at hrmanager@spms.ie by 5.30pm on Wednesday 1st December.

KILTEGAN CHRISTMAS

TRACTOR RUN

Saturday 4th December

in aid of

Baltinglass Hospital Patient Comfort Fund and The Lalor Centre.



ORDER OF EVENTS

4.30pm: The Green, Kiltegan.

Switch on Christmas Lights.

Carol Singing. Meet with Santa.

Complimentary gift for every child.

6pm Tractor Run. €25

Registration from 3.30pm. All vehicle types welcome. Leaving Kiltegan at 6pm sharp. Refreshments will be served at The Hub.