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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 November: 28 21

December: 12/26 5/19

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

Billy & Anne Lee, Bawnogues

Thomas (Siddy) Byrne, Raheen

Ita & Seamie Doyle, Irongrange

David Hallahan, 'Slíabh gCua', Baltinglass

Sarah Lennon, Parkmore

David & Ellen Roche, Co. Wexford
Seanie & Dermot O'Neill, Newtown
Michael Leigh, Donegal & Bawnogues

Stratford: Sunday 9.30am.

John Barrett, Manger Hugh & Maureen O'Keeffe, Gibraltar Rita Fluskey, Stratford



TRÓCAIRE EMERGENCY APPEAL

THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED
TO THE RECENT APPEAL

TOTAL FORWARDED FROM THE PARISH

€2,790

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Feast of Christ the King

21st November 2021



Of all the titles we could bestow on Jesus, that of "King" would seem one of the most inappropriate. It smacks of the kind of things he rejected. When we think of a King we think of a crown, a palace, great wealth, power, prestige and of course an army.

When we look at Jesus what do we see? There is no throne, no crown, no army. We see Him walking the dusty Roads of Palestine with a little band of disciples. He is surrounded by the poor and the sick, sinners and outcasts. And yet the title "King" is appropriate and it stands for something true and real in Jesus. He was the greatest source of goodness, light and hope in a dark world. His presence could change beyond recognition the lives of those around Him.

There is a so called great person who can make everybody feel small. But the really great person makes everyone feel great. In that sense Jesus was really a King.



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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 and don't forget your masks!!!

Rathvilly & Castledermot Garden & Flower Club

Next meeting in Teach Diarmada on
Thursday 25th November at 7.30 pm.
Karen Robinson from Wexford Flower Club
will do a Christmas Flower Arranging
Demonstration & inspire us for our own
Festive preparations. Please reserve your seat
by text, phone call or What's App to Eileen on
087 22 45 917. Tea, cakes, chat etc. will follow
the raffle of all Karen's arrangements.
Entry €5. Raffle €5. Please bring Covid
certificates & wear masks till seated.
Stay safe!

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

17, 18, 22, 25

No Jackpot Winner

This Week's Jackpot €7,600

3 Match 3 Winners - share €300

Mikey English, Ger & Patricia Foley

& Mick Dowling.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

08, 12, 16, 20

Jackpot Winner

Frances Humphreys O'Neill

This week's jackpot: €3,000

4 Match 3 Winners - €65 each

Mary Cullen, Colin Byrne,

Queenie Kenny & Seamus Keogh

Sellers Prize: Brian Byrne



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sunday 21st November in the Clubhouse from 11-3pm.
24 stalls of varied crafts, from baking to crochets along with a superb raffle. Come visit Santa too. Covid guidelines apply.

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.

If you like further information please email volunteer@irishcancer.ie

DONARD COMMUNITY TALENT SHOW

<u>POSTPONED</u> until Spring 2022 due to current Covid situation.



ADVENT 2021

We begin the season of Advent next Sunday.
Resources to help us through our journey
towards Christmas are available on
kandle.ie.

'Scripture Sharing' is a reflection on the Mass readings for each Sunday.



SOCIAL DANCING

is starting back in Donard Community Hall on Saturday 18th December from 9pm - 12pm.

Music by Thomas Maguire & Fiona Ennis.

Admission €10

ACI Zoom Meeting Being Catholic in Contemporary Ireland 8pm Thursday 25th November

"The majority of Irish people see and understand themselves as Catholics. Being Catholic is embedded in school, community and family life. And yet there seems to be little interest in salvation in and through the Church. Moreover, being Catholic seems no longer relevant to fulfilling social, political, economic and, more significantly, environmental interests." Tom Inglis - Irish Sociologist and Commentator.

This observation - by the renowned writer on the Catholic Church's 'Moral Monopoly' in 20th century Ireland - will be expanded by Tom on 25th November - for discussion by all who are interested.

If, like ACI, you are convinced that 'being Catholic' is far from irrelevant in an ongoing world secular crisis - climatic and otherwise - be sure to join us to tell us why. To join us click the link below. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85832005890?pwd=Y1l1UEp4OXVxbWsxOFlyWUpCTmF0Zz09



IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

Our Annual Mass of Remembrance, when we remember with love & gratitude all our loved ones, especially those who died in the past year, will be celebrated this Tuesday (23rd) in St. Joseph's Church at 7.30pm.

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 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:

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