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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

OFFICE CLOSED WEDNESDAY 8TH

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

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony & Mai Farrell, Rathmoon
Jim McKeever, Lathaleer
Kitty Patterson, Old County Rd., Baltinglass
James Nolan, Gilberstown, Rathoe &
all deceased members of the Nolan Family
John O'Neill, Mountkelly, Rathvilly
Nellie O'Neill, Castledermot
Mary Hanlon, Broadstown & her daughter
Mary, Broadstown & San Francisco
Rosie Shortall, Pinegrove

Stratford: Sunday 9.30am

James Barrett, 3 Church Street, Stratford
Christina & Matthew Hanly (Junior)
Pat & Sarah Moore, Saundersgrove
Michael Kehoe, Chapel Street, Stratford

*Rest in
Peace*

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday 8th December

Masses in St. Joseph's Church
at 11am & 7.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE:

No Vigil Mass on Tuesday.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of Advent

5th December 2021

John the Baptist, a prophet living in the desert showed us that a person wearing simple clothes and eating simple food can do special work for God and be special to Him. At times, our world can be imagined as living in a desert. An immense space of possibilities and opportunities, but without faith, those moments can slip through our fingers like sand.

On this Advent day, John the Baptist calls out to us from the wilderness of a desert. He calls out to you and me: '...prepare a way for the Lord, make straight paths for him...' In our world of uncertainty and confusion, his call is simple and clear, pointing all of us, back to Jesus. On this Advent day, this is our prayer – Come, Lord Jesus!

They say: "Be careful what you ask God for.... You just might get it"...On this Advent day let's risk & ask for it: it's worth risking. Come, Lord Jesus - you who the prophet told us, are the Prince of Peace you who the angels sang at your birth 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.'

John the Baptist knew it, and deep down in our hearts we know it too: Jesus is the way of peace, Jesus is our shalom.

This Advent, because of Jesus, we can have peace in our hearts – a sense of peace that's not just about an absence of arguments or disagreement but a peace, a shalom that's about wholeness, wellbeing - the completeness that God wants for each of us and that as Christians we want for one another.

On Advent days we know that the peace of Christ is already and not yet... We pray 'Come, Lord Jesus – Lord of Peace' John the Baptist calls out 'prepare a way for the Lord, make straight paths for him...' I'm left with the question – what might I have to do to bring Jesus' peace into my life and those I share my life with?

(Julie Kavanagh & Dorel Picovici, Diocesan Pastoral Council)



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WALKING TOGETHER IN ADVENT

A synodal journey

The logo of the Universal Synod reminds us that Christians walk together. Listening to, caring for and supporting one another - there is no one greater than the other. Let us pray this Advent that we can be part of making our parishes grow even more to be places where we can travel as companions together. The prayer for the synod can be accessed on www.kandle.ie/synod. People across the diocese are invited to pray this prayer during the Advent and the coming months as we prepare to move deeper into the synod journey in the Spring.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers
03, 13, 20, 28
No Jackpot Winner

This Week's Jackpot €8,000
3 Match 3 Winners - €300
Elizabeth Dowling, Aoibhinn Mullally,
Bernie Hennessy

VOUCHER WINNERS

Ann Keogh, Liam Jennings,
Tom & Anne Whelan, Declan Nolan,
Kevin O'Neill Jnr., Ned Deering

STRATFORD/GRANGECON

GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers
08, 09, 29, 30
No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot: €3,750
No Match 3 Winners
Sellers Prize: Maurice Mangan

Three Extra Cash Prizes of €50
for the run up to Christmas.



CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS EVENT

featuring Whitbourn's Missa Carolae, Joy to the World, Carol of the Bells & a selection of Christmas Carols, accompanied by The Dublin Brass Ensemble and Yvonne Collier on Organ. **Carlow Cathedral 4th Dec 8.30pm. Tickets €20** online via Eventbrite.ie (plus booking fee of €1.59). Admittance from 8.10pm. COVID Guidelines apply. Certificate and mask essential for admission. More info on www.carlowchoralsociety.net

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.



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CLOTHES COLLECTION

Supporting Friends of Calcutta
(CHY No: 13218)

Thursday 9th December

All items of clothing, footwear, bedsheets, curtains, towels etc most welcome and can be left at the Parish Centre at any stage that day up to collection ending at 3pm.

Enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074.

BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWN

RAFFLE RESULTS

- 1st prize:** €100 All things Natural Voucher. Winner - Veronica Dunne.
- 2nd prize:** €50 Horan's Food Voucher. Winner - Tess Mullen.
- 3rd prize:** €50 Joey's Barber Voucher. Winner - Emily Casey.
- 4th prize:** €50 Horan's Food Voucher. Winner - Treasa O Donoghue.
- 5th prize:** €40 Noel's Driving School Voucher. Winner - Tess Mullen.
- 6th prize:** €30 Hair by Pamela Voucher. Winner - Erin Byrne.
- 7th prize:** €30 Therese Nails Voucher. Winner - Lisa English.
- 8th prize:** €25 Evolution Hair Voucher. Winner - Seamus Kelly.
- 9th prize:** Glassware. Winner - Pauline Kavanagh.
- 10th prize:** Free Meal Deal Voucher from Bobalicious Tea. Winner - Catherine Fleming.

The Baltinglass Tidy Towns want to thank everyone who purchased a line. A special thank you to all our sponsors.

Our weekly meet up is on Saturdays at 10am at McAllister. If you can give an hour of your time please it would be very much appreciated.

Make Baltinglass Beautiful.

Please support the

SVP Annual Appeal

Thanks to those who have contributed this weekend to the CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

If you did not come to Mass prepared to donate you may leave a donation into the Parish Office during the week.