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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:	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
December:	26	19
January:	2/16/30	9/23
February:	13/27	6/20
March:	13/27	6/20

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATHS

John Kinsella, Tankardstown

#### MONTHS MIND

Frank Byrne, Deerpark

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Tommy Andrews, Moneymore & Dublin

Pat Rogers, Edward Street

Mary B. Byrne, Chapel Hill

Margaret Nolan, Bawnogues

Ann Groves, Chapel Hill

Bridget Dooley, Chapel Hill

Jack Doyle, Tinoran

Bill Nolan, Parkmore

Michael O'Connor, Parkmore

Edward O'Keeffe, 1 Parkmore

Jack Kelly, The Dales, Carrigeen

Rest in  
Peace

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,  
Advent Reflection etc.

[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of Advent

12th December 2021

On this third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we ask ourselves:  
'What is Joy?' Joy is here, and it is now but where does  
this joy come from? Where do you find Joy in your life?

I find Joy in a friend that I can call when I need to talk, in the times when I  
go for a walk and gaze upon the blue sky and hear the sounds of birds,  
and while I sit at the table with my family, share a meal and we talk, laugh,  
and enjoy each other's company.

Joy is powerful. Joy fills us with life, confidence, excitement, love, energy.  
Joy grounds us, is always with us, sustains us,  
and provides us with life-giving power.

St. Luke's Gospel tells us, *"For behold, I bring you good news of  
great joy which will come to all people."* (Lk 2:10)

Not just joy to a select few; but to all. Jesus came to this earth for  
people of every age, background and culture.

Have you been in the presence of someone who radiates this joy?  
People gravitate to them. They carry an inner peace and confidence  
whether their environment is calm or chaotic. We want what they  
have but how do we access this same inner joy?

*"Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."* (Jn 16:24)  
Could it really be that simple? When we are open to God, we receive Joy!

Ask yourself: This week, how can I fill my life with the gift of Joy?  
How can I become more open to allowing God's joy into my life?

*(Nicola Byrne, Parish Team Member, Graiguecullen Killeshin Parish)*



## 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"

## BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS MONTHLY DRAW RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of our November competition:

**Ines Dolan Ruiz, Aoife Murphy and  
Chloe Kavanagh.**

Thanks to our November Sponsor  
**Bobalicious Tea.**

Our December competition is up and running.  
Sponsored by Veronica Dunne (Burkes Shop).

Baltinglass Tidy Towns are running a new  
competition for local businesses in the town.

We are asking businesses to do a Christmas  
window display by using recycled materials  
and less plastic. The prizes are:

**1st prize - €100 . 2nd prize- €50.**

**3rd prize- €25.**

To enter, contact the Baltinglass Tidy Towns  
Facebook and Instagram page.

Closing date is the 15th of December .

## SVP Annual Appeal

**THANK YOU  
to all who contributed to this year's  
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

**SVP are in touch with a family who need a  
double buggy. Any help would be appreciated.**

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**06, 14, 24, 29**

No Jackpot Winner

**This Week's Jackpot €8,200**

**4 Match 3 Winners - Share €300**

Stephen Quinn, Brian Clarke,  
Maureen Plant, the Doherty Family

### VOUCHER WINNERS

Ann Sleator, John Roy,  
Aoibhinn Mullally, Bill Tyrell, Eddie Irwin,  
Fiona (c/o Patterson's)

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON

### GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**07, 12, 13, 18**

No Jackpot Winner

**This week's jackpot: €4,000**

**5 Match 3 Winners €50 each**

Beata Wisniewska, Sheila Barrett,  
Declan Graham, Frances H. O'Neill,  
John Norton

**Sellers Prize: Maurice Mangan**

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

Freda Moore, Patrick Linnane,  
Jimmy Murray

## DONARD SOCIAL DANCE

Our December Social Dance is now  
**cancelled** due to Covid restrictions.

Wishing you all a very happy and  
peaceful Christmas and New year.

## 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 PENITENTIAL SERVICE

**St. Joseph's Church Mon. 20th Dec. 7.30pm**

Celebrate God's forgiveness in the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Confessions: Baltinglass**

After 6pm Mass Saturday 18th

Christmas Eve: 10—11am



### 'WALK OF CAROLS'

**Friday 17th Dec. 7pm**

People from St. Mary's C of I  
and St. Joseph's RC parishes join together  
for Carols, Readings and Prayers.

Beginning at St. Mary's church we will  
walk together stopping along the way  
to St. Joseph's church.

**PLEASE CARRY LANTERN\LIGHT\TORCH!  
ALL WELCOME!**

## MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Eve**

5pm Grangecon,

7pm Baltinglass, 9pm Stratford

**Christmas Day**

9.30 & 11am Baltinglass



## LINK PEOPLE



Please call to the Parish Office  
from Monday onwards to collect  
the annual parish envelopes which  
are ready for distribution.

## 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 tridium of Masses  
beginning on Christmas Eve for all those  
who are enrolled.

Visit [www.loughderg.live/shop](http://www.loughderg.live/shop)

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

## CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE



All sizes available.

From 5 foot to 14 foot.

Phone Henry on 087 937 6878

## CLOTHES COLLECTION

**Friends of Calcutta**

(CHY No: 13218)

Thanks to all who left bags at the Parish  
Centre for collection on Thursday.  
Michael Hopkins appreciates your support.

## The Irish Catholic

DEFENDING AND DEBATING  
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Ireland's biggest and best-selling religious newspaper!

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The Irish Catholic newspaper is available in  
St. Joseph's Church each weekend.

**€2.50**

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