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MASSES
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 Thursdays.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm
1.30pm - 2.30pm

SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
January:	23/20	30
February:	6/20	13/27
March:	6/20	13/27

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,
to make a donation etc.
www.baltinglassparish.ie

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATHS

Kathleen Wall, Bawnogues
Anne McDaid, Old County Road, Baltinglass

ANNIVERSARIES

Ambrose O'Neill & deceased members of the
O'Neill Family, Tuckmill

John & Sheila Phelan, Stratford on Slaney
Jack & Elish Kilcoyne & deceased members of
the Kilcoyne Family

Mary Swayne & her Son John, Hughestown
Esther Curry, Parkmore
William Sutton, Belan Street
Declan Howe, Newbridge
Moir Hargaden (née Quinn)
Brendan Doyle, Main Street and all deceased
members of the Doyle Family

Jimmy & Ena Doyle, Parkmore
Chris Kehoe, Irongrange
Mary Doyle, Tinoran
Seán Murphy, Barronstown
Jenny McHugh, 6 Parkmore
Paddy Murphy, Seskin
Lizzie McGeer, Parkmore & deceased members
of the McGeer Family
Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun)
Ann Moore (née Fenlon), Knocknamuc
Jack Keogh, Winetavern

SYNOD NEWS

Pope Francis tells us that 'synodality is the way of
being the Church today according to the will of
God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening
together to the voice of the Holy Spirit.' A synodal
Church journeys together. In the coming months,
all members of our Church will be invited to
reflect on and share their experience of how we
are journeying together as a Church in Kildare and
Leighlin. Look out for details on www.Kandle.ie/synod
and in your local parish.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23RD JANUARY 2022



Sunday of the Word of God was established by Pope Francis in 2019 as the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. It now replaces Bible Sunday formerly celebrated in July each year and in 2022 it falls on Sunday, January 23rd.

This year's logo shows the resurrected Christ holding in his left hand a scroll, which is "the sacred Scripture that found its fulfillment in his person."

By his side are two disciples: Clopas and his wife, Mary. They both fix their gaze on Christ while Clopas holds a stick to indicate "a pilgrimage". Mary is holding one hand upward and with her other hand seems to be touching the Lord, reaffirming that he has fulfilled the ancient promises and is the living Word that must be proclaimed to the world.

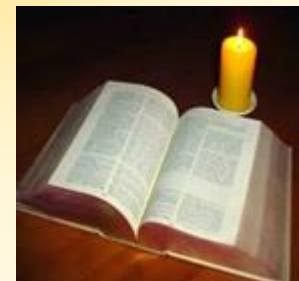
Holding the stick in one hand, Clopas' free hand is pointing the road ahead, which all disciples are called to take in order to bring the Good News to everyone. There is a star overhead symbolizing evangelization and the "permanent light" that guides their journey and shows them the way.

The feet of all three are depicted as being in motion, representing that the proclamation of the Risen Christ cannot be accomplished by "tired or lazy disciples" but only by those who are "dynamic" and ready to find new ways to speak so that sacred Scripture may become the living guide of the life of the church and its people.

This Sunday is a time when we are called to give greater attention not just to the Word of God. It urges us to reflect on how we honour that Word in our celebrations, the books that we proclaim the Word from.

If you have a Bible in your home you might take it in your hands (dust it if you have to!) and read a few verses from it during the week. Allow God to speak to you.

"Speak Lord, your servant is listening"





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SUCCESS

Thanks to the amazing generosity of the people of Baltinglass we have now raised the €10,000 needed to bring a family from the Lebanon to our special town! This is a great achievement given that we are a small town and the complications of fundraising during the pandemic. Thank you all very much indeed! Our next task is to find suitable accommodation for them. We would like a three bedroomed house or apartment ideally, but would also consider two bedrooms. If you know of any privately rented accommodation in or near the town, we would be happy to deal directly with the landlord. The family will be fully supported by a team of 9 members to facilitate them as they settle into the community. If you can help, please contact Frank 087 295 3733 or Máire 083 036 2325.



When out walking clean up after your dog if the need arises. Think especially of people coming after you who may have poor eye sight.



Ireland's biggest and best-selling religious newspaper!

NOW ON SALE

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

€2.50

Sales have been affected by Covid. Publishers would appreciate your support. **Highly recommended reading for all!**

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

05, 21, 22, 26

No Jackpot Winner

No Match 3 Winners

Seller's Prize: Dean Valentine

This week's Jackpot: €5,750

Sellers Prize: Kellie Curran

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

18, 19, 23, 26

No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3 Winners - Share €300

V. Okphert, Seamus Kavanagh

This week's Jackpot: €9,400

IRELAND LIGHTS UP 2022

Baltinglass GAA Club in conjunction with the GAA's Ireland Lights up initiative will be lighting up our main pitch between 7-9pm each Wednesday for 5 weeks for anyone who wishes to walk. The walk will be on the lane to the clubhouse and around the perimeter of the main pitch under the stand. Please sign in at clubhouse before you commence your walk. Please note that due to the current restrictions in respect of Covid-19 physical distance should be maintained throughout the walk. Ireland Lights up recommends that each participant has in place their own personal insurance covers when participating in Ireland Lights up. Come along and walk and talk in a safe environment during these long dark evenings.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm. Phone 0818 222 024.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: 23-30 JANUARY 2022

Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full

As we adapt to the many challenges and changes that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the things that give our lives meaning. For some, it is family, friends, community sports or hobbies. For Catholics, it is God's love and wish for us to know and love him that gives life ultimate meaning. Jesus Christ is the revelation of this love, realised through his life, death and resurrection. In response to this, we reflect upon how Catholic schools are communities where we live life to the full. Every Catholic school fosters the holistic development of its students, promotes their wellbeing and encourages them to learn and nurture their talent and skills. Each child has the potential to change the world for the better, making it a kinder, more inclusive and more welcoming place. This week, we celebrate the gifts and talents we have in following Jesus' teaching. This year, we celebrate how we are called to be communities of faith and resilience, through our thoughts, words and actions. In doing so, we follow the words of Jesus in John's Gospel: *'I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.'*

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

SCOIL NAOMH ÍOSAF

NATIONAL SCHOOL BALTINGLASS

welcomes you to enrol for the 2022/2023 school year. Application forms for Admission are available on our school website www.snibaltinglass.ie or on request from the Principal at principal@snibaltinglass.ie.

S.N.MHUIRE NATIONAL SCHOOL

STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY

Applications for enrolment in Junior Infants in S.N.Mhuire are available from 14th January 2022. Please email school at stratfordns@gmail.com or call in to the school office to request an application form.

GRANGECON NATIONAL SCHOOL

Admissions for Grangecon National School are now open. If you wish to enroll your child in Grangecon N.S. for September 2022 For enrolment forms: Phone 045/403111 or email grangeconns1965@gmail.com School webpage: <http://grangeconns.scoilnet.ie/blog>

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

is now taking enrolments for the term starting in September 2022. Contact the school for an enrolment form: **Phone:** 0599161171 **Email:** bigstonens1@gmail.com Or you can visit our website at <http://bigstonens.scoilnet.ie/blog/admissions-2022-2023/>

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 31st Aug to 7th Sept. 2022

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €765

€50 discount if €100 deposit paid by 1st February

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