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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:	9/23	2/16/30
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](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATHS

Niall Moore, Knocknamuck, Grangecon  
Rita Riordan, Kilmurphy  
Ger Smyth, Ballyraggan & UK

#### ANNIVERSARIES

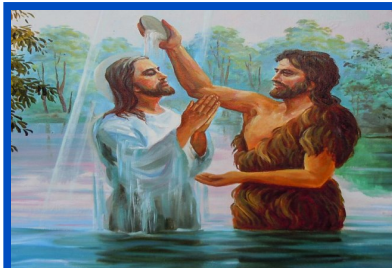
Tom Smyth, Ballyraggan  
Jack & Marcella Kenny, Clough  
Bridget Kerley, Graney, Baltinglass  
Alice Farrell, Weaver Square, Baltinglass  
Catherine Cullen, Deerpark  
Paul O'Brien, Edward Street  
John Molloy, Raheen  
Sarah Leigh, Rathbran  
Teresa Kenny, London & Kiltegan &  
her husband Mick, Clough  
Seán & Bríd O'Toole, Main Street  
Jim & Tom Rooney & all deceased members of  
the Rooney Family, Ballymaconey  
Philip Hughes & his son Philip Jnr., Parkmore  
Mary Malone, 11 Parkmore  
Patrick & Tom Kelly, Castlesallagh, Donard  
Dennis & Kathleen Byrne, Parkmore  
Joseph & Bridget Fagan & their son Jimmy  
John O'Sullivan, Carrigeen  
Rose Walsh, Rathmoon  
Alice & Brian Ferguson & Brian Jnr.  
Jack & Kate Toomey, Glen of Imaal & deceased  
members of the Toomey Family  
Totty Byrne, Main St. & deceased members of  
the Byrne Family  
Patrick Sinnott, Enniscorthy  
Pat O'Keeffe, 1 Parkmore  
Marie Callaghan, Ballyfermot  
**Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun)**  
John Salmon, Lowtown  
Anthony Howard, Barronstown  
Charlotte Keogh, Barronstown  
John Keogh, Barronstown  
Elizabeth & Peter Cullen, Bessina

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9TH JANUARY 2022



*"As soon as Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan, the heavens were opened & the Holy Spirit alighted on him like a dove, as a voice from heaven said: **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"** (Mt 3:17).*

We rediscover our own Baptism in the Feast of the Baptism. Just as Jesus is the Beloved Son of the Father, we too, reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, know we are loved children — the Father loves us all! We are the object of God's satisfaction, brothers and sisters of many brothers and sisters, assigned with a great mission to bear witness and proclaim the Father's boundless love to all mankind.

This Feast of the Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own Baptism. We too were reborn in Baptism. In Baptism the Holy Spirit came down to remain within us. This is why it is important to know the date of our Baptism. We know our date of birth, but we do not always know the date of our Baptism. Certainly some of you do not know it....

Homework to do: Check out when were you baptized? And celebrate the date of your Baptism in your heart, every year. Do it. This also does justice to the Lord who was so kind to us.

May Mary Most Holy help us to increasingly understand the gift of Baptism and to live it consistently in everyday situations."  
*(Pope Francis)*



## 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"

## SYNOD—WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

A 6 minute video, 'All you need to know – synod on synodality' can be viewed on [www.kandle.ie/synod](http://www.kandle.ie/synod) at the bottom of the page in the dropdown box 'synod resources'. Please take this Advent – Christmas time to pray for the synodal journey we are setting out on in the months ahead.

## MALE ADVICE LINE

The National Male Advice Line offers confidential advice and support to Male victims of domestic violence and abuse over the phone. This Service is also available to family and friends who may have concerns for a loved one and are seeking some guidance on how to help them. Tel: 1800-816 588.

## EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

continues to provide emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and carers. For more details: email [info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie) or phone 085 866 1499.

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**01, 14, 23, 24**  
No Jackpot Winner  
**1 Match 3 Winner - €300**  
Fiona Keogh

This week's Jackpot: €9,000

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON

### GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**03, 05, 22, 23**  
No Jackpot Winner  
**1 Match 3 Winner - €250**  
Frank O'Neill

This week's Jackpot: €5,000



Is an independent organization providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical, or religious abuse in Ireland. The service is provided by lay, independent and fully accredited therapists. Freephone 1800 303416. Hearing impaired Text Line Number: 0858022859. [www.towardshelaing.ie](http://www.towardshelaing.ie)



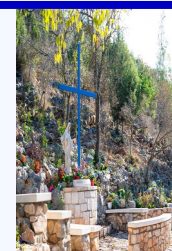
## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 31st Aug to 7th Sept. 2022

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

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

For information contact: Parish Office 059 64 81 254,  
Fr. Ger 087 629 8881, Andy Murphy 087 09 00 819



## 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.

## 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.

Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. Open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm. Phone 0818 222 024.



## NEW YEAR BLESSING

May the Lord BLESS you so abundantly that you fall to your knees in thankfulness.  
May the Lord HEAL your broken heart that you dance in the shadows.  
May the Lord REVEAL His amazing plans for you and you hear Him.  
May the Lord RENEW your strength that you may have His power to stand firm.

May the Lord give you peace that you may rest in Him.  
May you know the Lord deeper this year than last year.  
May you be all that God has created you to be no matter the season you are in.  
May God bless you now and always.



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!**



## 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**

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY

Thanks to those who continue to contribute to the Weekly Envelope collection.  
Your support is very much appreciated.

### You can contribute by:

**Envelope:** Leave your envelope into the Parish Office during opening hours.  
**Standing Order:** Details as follows:  
Bank: Bank of Ireland, Baltinglass.  
A/C Name: Baltinglass Parish  
IBAN: IE67BOFI90650784187086 BIC: BOFIE2D  
**STRIPE:** Visit Baltinglass Parish Website and follow the instructions for donating using this facility.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**