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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>
February:	20	13/27
March:	6/20	13/27
April:	3/17	10/24

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,  
to make a donation etc.  
[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

### WE REMEMBER

#### Recent Deaths

Anthony (Tony) Geraghty, Carrigeen & Chicago

#### Months Mind

Richard (Dick) Stapleton, Kiltegan

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Pat Coffey, Carrigeen House & deceased  
members of the Coffey & O'Shea Families,

Baltinglass & Waterville, Co Kerry

Anthony Kearney, Tuckmill

Brigid Doyle, Clough

Brigid Hayden, Raheen & her daughter Brigid &  
deceased members of the Hayden Family

Rita Kehoe, Clough

John & Mary Byrne & their son William,  
Shroughaun

Paddy & Betty McDermott & their daughter  
Sharon Stanley, Chapel Hill

Liam Furlong, Woodfield & London

Matt & Phyllis Farrell, Tankardstown &

deceased members of the Farrell & Ryan families

Bridget & John Salmon, Lowtown

Anna Miley, Ballyraggan

**Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun)**

#### **Months Mind:**

Niall Moore, Knocknamuc

#### **Anniversaries:**

Michael Kealy, Ballycore

Bridget Salmon, Lowtown

Mary & Michael Nolan, Lowtown

Margaret Nolan, Grangecon

*Rest in  
Peace*

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6TH FEBRUARY 2022

### **World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

***"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36)***

In his message for this day Pope Francis says the following:  
"Jesus' invitation to be merciful like the Father, has particular significance for healthcare workers. I think of all those physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, the support staff and the caretakers of the sick, as well as the numerous volunteers who donate their precious time to assist those who suffer— people who have made their service a mission. Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ, can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father".

### **A Prayer for Healthcare Workers**

Loving God,  
we place into your care  
all our doctors, nurses and  
healthcare workers.  
Give them courage of heart  
and strength of mind and body.  
Keep them safe from harm.  
May they know our deep gratitude  
for all they are doing to heal and help  
those affected by the coronavirus.  
God of all consolation may they know  
your protection and peace.  
Bless them in these challenging days  
and bless their families.  
Amen.

### **A Prayer for the Sick**

Father of goodness and love,  
hear our prayers for the sick members  
of our community and for all who are in need.  
Amid mental and physical suffering may they  
find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds,  
cure illness, make broken bodies whole and  
free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health  
and deliverance, and so join us in thanking  
you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who  
healed those who believed.

Amen.





## 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"

## KARE CHILDCARE COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

has the following vacancies.

Childcare Assistants, Caretaker, Cleaner,  
Assistant Cook. Various locations in Kilcullen,  
Baltinglass, Stratford on Slaney etc.  
Vacancies advertised on [JobsIreland.ie](http://JobsIreland.ie).

For details contact:  
[Mairead.kavanagh@kare.ie](mailto:Mairead.kavanagh@kare.ie)  
Phone 045 448 7000

## 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 & 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.



**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

**08, 13, 14, 23**

No Jackpot Winner

**3 Match 3 Winners €85 each**

Finbarr Brady, Colette Bollard, P.J. O'Reilly

**Seller's Prize:** Sheila Graham

**This week's Jackpot:** €6,250

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**01, 09, 23, 27**

No Jackpot Winner

**1 Match 3 Winners - €300**

**Michael Kavanagh**

**This week's Jackpot:** €9,800

## MOVE FOR MEALS



International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are launching a new fundraising campaign for the months of February and March. "Move for Meals" encourages supporters to set themselves a challenge and get active, while raising funds for children living in poverty. While just €18.30 feeds a child for an entire school year, every fundraising effort, no matter how big or small will have a huge impact. So, would you or your family organise a sponsored walk? Would your friends be up for more of a challenge? Are you part of a fitness club that needs some new year's motivation? Would your colleagues be interested in a team building day, such as going on a hike and raising funds in the process? Just visit [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) to see how you can get involved or call Trish on 086 314081.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Sunday 10th to the 17th April

For further details contact Duffy Coach hire on  
087 254 3235 or 059 64 71 681.

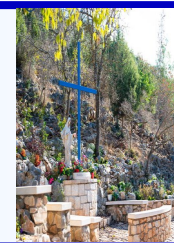


## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 31st Aug to 7th Sept. 2022

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

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



## TRACTOR RUN



A Tractor Run in aid of  
Bigstone Community Centre  
will take place

on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Registration will commence from 12 noon  
with the run commencing at 1pm.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Children are currently  
preparing to receive the  
Sacraments of Penance,  
Eucharist and Confirmation.

Bishop Nulty will celebrate **Confirmation**  
for all candidates in Baltinglass on  
Sunday 3rd April.

**First Confession** will take place in March.

## First Communion

Grangecon: Saturday 7th May  
Baltinglass & Bigstone: Saturday 14th May  
Stratford: Saturday 21st May

## DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

To learn more about the Diocesan Pastoral  
Council head to the dedicated page on the  
diocesan website: [www.kandle.ie/pastoral/  
diocesanpastoralcouncil/](http://www.kandle.ie/pastoral/diocesanpastoralcouncil/)

## COLLECTORS NEEDED

We need people to volunteer to help with  
the collections at Mass. If you are willing to  
do so please contact the Parish Office.  
*Only one volunteer in the past week!*

## SYNOD NEWS



People across Kildare and Leighlin being invited to take part in a Listening Lent. This Lent, in different ways, you will be invited to share your experience of being part of the Church community. Together with Pope Francis, we want to hear from as many people as possible. The lived experience of every person is welcome and needed. Keep an eye to the diocesan and parish website and social media platforms in the coming weeks to find out more.