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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

 GRANGECON
 STRATFORD

 February:
 20
 27

 March:
 6/20
 13/27

 April:
 3/17
 10/24

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For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to make a donation etc.

www.baltinglassparish.ie

WE REMEMBER

Recent Deaths

Imelda Whelan, Oldtown, Tinoran

Months Mind

Kathleen Wall, Bawnogues

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Nolan, St. Joseph's Road, Blessington Thomas Duffy, Parkmore Jimmy Nolan, The Wood Margaret Foley, Carrigeen & her son Michael Kathleen Fitzgerald, 47 Parkmore &

Her daughter Catherine
Peter Burke, Carrigeen
Mary Murphy, Lowtown
Eileen Lynch, St Anne's, Bawnogues
Eileen Donegan, Holdenstown
Josie Salmon, Parkmore
Patrick Walsh, Mill Street
Johnny Doody, Dublin & Hartstown
Larry O'Toole, Hartstown & Rathsallagh
Elizabeth (Lil) Kinsella, Rampere
Ann Kehoe, Newtown Saunders
Jack Gorman, Clough
Seán Doyle, Graney

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun)

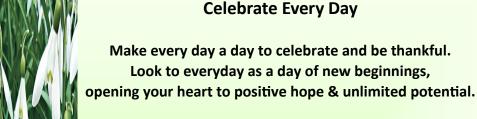
Noel Brady, Manger, Stratford Joe Burke, Stratford Peter & Margaret Kehoe, Chapel Street Marian & Bob Kehoe, Scotland Catherine Moore, Main Street



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13TH FEBRUARY 2022



Take time to pull yourself away from all the noise and just look around you. Take inventory. Appreciate those who have enhanced the quality of your life, and remember that they have been a gift to you.

Also remember that you are a gift to them too.

Be grateful for the choices you've made, both good & bad.

Accept your mistakes, you can't change them anyway.

Apply what you have learned and go on.

Use these lessons to help with your other decisions in life.

Appreciate yourself and your own uniqueness.

Go outside and look at the sky. Soak in the atmosphere.

Enjoy the colours of the landscape.

Feel the textures of every place you are and be thankful.

Smile at the world.

Don't allow negative feelings to creep into your consciousness. Feel the power of your own acceptance. Put a positive spin on every thought you have.

Make every day special. Own it. Enjoy it.

Bask in the glory of life.

Appreciate the gift of your own life.





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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.
For details Phone 045 448 7000 or email
Mairead.kavanagh@kare.ie

BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

Congratulations to January's competition winners Jack Barrett, Alfie McGrath, Nickey Leigh, Charlie Barrett, Ordhán McGrath and Katelyn Moody. Thanks again to our January sponsor REA Simon Murphy. Our February competition is up and running. We have a new sponsor thanks to Slaney Valeting. Check out our Facebook and Instagram for more details. Baltinglass Tidy town meet up is back every Saturday @10 am. We meet at Sam McAlister. Everyone is welcome to join. Let's Keep Baltinglass Beautiful!

Mosul's liberation: Church bells begin to toll again - Page 20 The Irish Catholic DEFENDING AND DEBATING FAITH-BASED SCHOOLS

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

04, 17, 22, 26

No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3 Winners: €125 each Peter O'Hara & Breeda Kealy

Seller's Prize: Maurice Mangan
This week's Jackpot: €6,500

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

17, 24, 25, 28

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €300

Mary Doran

This week's Jackpot: €10,000



TRACTOR RUN

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

on Sunday 20th February 2022.

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

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 next Wednesday (16th Feb) 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. 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.



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



ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT

Monthly meetings resuming on Wednesday
23rd February at 3pm in
Germaines (Inis Fail) Function Room
Adequate space for social distancing.
Looking forward to seeing you there.



We are happy to send €590 to the Peter McVerry Trust which was raised through the sale of the St. Brigid's Crosses in February.

The Feast of St Brigid was February 1st.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this very worthy cause.

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/

mary's meals

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 to see how you can get involved or call Trish on 086 314081.

SYNOD NEWS

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A Listening Lent across Kildare and Leighlin

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about the reality of being part of the People of God right now. He wants us to have a conversation about how we are journeying together and with God in our local parishes. He wants us to dream dreams together about our future. And he wants everyone's voice to count.

During Lent 2022 there will be many opportunities for people to take part in our listening phase of the synod. In the coming weeks look out for details of parish based listening sessions as well as the online survey and a dedicated email address where anyone is welcome to make their own submission. Why not make attending one of these listening sessions in person part of your Lenten journey this year? www.kandle.ie/synod/ will continue to be updated as we get closer to Lent.