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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> |
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| February: | | 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

WE REMEMBER

Recent Deaths

John Staunton, Stratford on Slaney
Seán Bookle, Irongrange
Eamon McGeer, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
& Baltinglass

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Duffy, Parkmore
Christina Lennon, Parkmore
Jules Logan & his wife Kathleen,
Barronstown House
Norah Murray, Rathtooles & Broadstown
John & Rose Hennessy, Graney
Dora Phelan, Chapel Hill
Mary Anne Clynch, Killalesh, Kiltegan
Maureen Byrne, Hacketstown & Tinoran
Tom Kavanagh, Carrigeen & all deceased
members of the Family
John Shaughnessy, Ballytore
James (Jimmy) Simpson Snr., Killalesh, Kiltegan
Tom Martin, 9 Pinegrove
John Groves, Parkmore
Brigid Plant, Parkmore
Joseph Byrne, Aughrim
Mary Dillon, Aughrim
Richard & Elizabeth Barrett, Stratford

Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun)
Mary Murphy, Lowtown

*Rest in
Peace*

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH FEBRUARY 2022

*'Give because the amount you measure out
is the amount you will be given back' Lk. 6.*

We are all part of nature and I often reflect on the idea that each person is
somewhat like a plant—each requiring certain conditionsthe right
environment ... soil, light/shade, water, shelter to thrive.
And just now I wish I were a daffodil- they are so hardy and resilient.

In today's gospel I am asked to do what seems impossible ...
Be compassionate ... Do not Judge ... Do not condemn... Grant pardon...

*'Give because the amount you measure
out is the amount you will be given back.'*

All this!

I can think I have forgiven totally but then ... You know what happens.
God forgives me totally ... for everything ... for everything I have done and
wait for it For everything I will ever do—no judgement—no condemna-
tion. This is our compassionate parent.

Let my giving be of my whole person.

I do this through my recreation, my work, my relationships, my writing
Whatever. Just reflect 'the amount you measure out is the amount you will
be given back'; but what God gives us is beyond all measure.

Allow God to tend the garden within
and right now mine is full of 'snowdrops and daffodils.'

A.S.

Level 5 QQI Palliative Care Module

starts 7th March at Colaiste Eoin Hacketstown
for 6 Monday evenings.

Contact 059 6471198/ info@ceh.ie for
details. (places are limited)

TWO NEW CLASSES STARTING SOON BALTINGLASS FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTRE

'Make the most of your Smartphone'

Know your Smartphone & all you can do on it.
4 week course, one evening a week,
small numbers to make for a better
learning experience

'CV Preparation and Interview Skills'

This is an opportunity to improve your
chances for employment to gain skills and
confidence for interviews to create an
effective and impressive CV.

For more details on these courses, please
contact Annette/Maeve on 0596482642 or
0868462771 or email
abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie

TRAD IS BACK

The Hill Bar and Lounge, Hacketstown.
Monday nights at 9pm is Irish Night in The Hill.
Come join us every Monday night for a
powerful night of traditional music.
Musicians welcome.



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, 07, 15, 27

No Jackpot Winner

7 Match 3 Winners: €35 each

Thomas Bollard Jnr, Mark Staines,
Claire Morrissey, Tara McCormack,
Margaret Kearney, Sharon Birmingham,
David & Lucy Cush

Seller's Prize: O'Reillys

This week's Jackpot: €6,750

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

11, 18, 25, 26

No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 Winner - Share €300

Ger & Patricia Foley, Maggie & Catriona,
Henry O'Neill, Eddie Irwin, Seán O'Connor

This week's Jackpot: €10,200

BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

won third place in the WCC Environmental
Awards for our Main street. In our Febru-
ary competition you could win a Mini Valet
from Slaney Valet. Send in a picture of you
doing a litter pick, recycling cardboard etc.
to our Facebook or Instagram page or send
a picture to our secretary. We meet at Sam
McAllister Statue on Saturdays at 10am. If
you are interested in joining please contact
our secretary Joan at 087 418 9959.

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/)

THE CONGLAIS CRAFTERS

Come along and join us at 'The Conglais
Crafters', adjacent to the Men's Shed
(beside Tearman Gardens), on Monday
21st February from 11am to 1pm. All
welcome for a chat and tea/coffee.

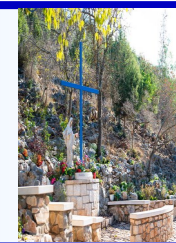


PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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**



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



Rathvilly & Castledermot Garden & Flower Club

meeting on Thursday,
24th February at 7.30pm

at Teach Diarmada, Castledermot.

Michelle & Mervyn Morrison from 'The Veg
Patch' in Ferns will give a talk about sowing
& growing organic vegetables. Tea, biscuits
and chat afterwards. Entry €5. Raffle €5.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT

We are pleased to invite our members back
to our meeting which is scheduled for
Wednesday 23rd February at 3pm in
Germaine's Inis Fáil Function Room. We are
hoping to make plans for future activities and
outings as we gradually return to normal life.
HSE Guidelines will be observed. The annual
Membership Fee of €15 is due at this
meeting, please, in order to remain affiliated
and insured.

ALONE-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

"ALONE supports older people to age at
home, combatting loneliness and isolation.
Would you like to volunteer from the
comfort of your own home? We are
seeking volunteers to make Support and
Befriending calls to older people. Please
visit our website at www.alone.ie or call our
National Support and Referral line on
0818 222 024 to find out more about
volunteering with ALONE."

SYNOD NEWS

A Listening Lent across Kildare and Leighlin



The Kildare and Leighlin Synod Questions are now available
on www.kandle.ie/synod/ under Listening Lent. You might take
some time to pray and reflect on them and talk about them with
family or friends before completing the online survey or coming to
a parish synod listening session. On this synodal pathway, Pope
Francis invites us to speak graciously with courage and boldness but also to listen
graciously with respect to another person and with openness to hear God speaking to
us through the story and experience of another person.