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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.

### THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

From Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March.

Office re-opens Monday 7th March at 9.30am.

Anniversaries can be left in the Vestry before or after any of the Masses during this time. They can also be left in the Parish Centre Post Box up to 4pm on Friday.

### SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
March:	6/20	13/27
April:	3/17	10/24
May:	01/05	08/05

### WE REMEMBER

#### Recent Deaths

Claire O'Toole-Bourke, Grangecon  
Bridget Anne Flood, Sligo & Baltinglass  
Cecil Moore, Athy & Baltinglass  
Eithne Condon, Rathvilly

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Christopher Foley, Belan Street  
Joseph & Theresa Gethings, Parkmore  
Margaret Mary Cafferkey, Mayo & Dublin  
Patsy Doody & his Son Paul, Clough  
Eric Whelan, Raheen  
Ann (Cissie) Burke, Lathaleer & Rathmoon  
Kathleen Nolan, Castledermot Road  
Catherine Heffernan, Eadestown  
Pat Hayden, Raheen & all deceased members  
Of the Hayden Family  
Alice & James O'Neill, Downings

#### Stratford: 9.30am (Sun)

Richard & Elizabeth Barrett, Ballinatone  
Peter Fluskey, Stratford  
Sarah Humphries Cunningham, Whitestown



### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27TH FEBRUARY 2022



If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds. The miracle of inner change is possible. History and literature are full of examples: Paul on the road to Damascus, Charles Dickens' miser Scrooge, Matt Talbot the alcoholic. Something happened inside each of these, and they became new people. Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self discipline. You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer. 'Lord, each spring you renew the face of the earth. May you also renew each of us, so that we may be able to celebrate Easter in newness of mind and heart.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**2nd March** - Mass at 10am & 7.30pm in Baltinglass Church  
*Ash Wednesday is a day of fast & abstinence.*

**Packets of blessed ashes will be available throughout the day in the church.**



## DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

Temperance brings balance and prevents excess getting a grip  
- Bishop Éamonn Walsh

### TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

Today, we as a Christian community join in prayer for those who are affected by addiction to drugs and alcohol. We pray also for a change of heart among those who have the power and the resources to tackle this problem so that they will treat it with the priority it deserves and requires.

**AA meets at the Parish Centre on Wednesdays at 8pm.**



## 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"

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**02, 18, 20, 27**

No Jackpot Winner

**2 Match 3 Winners:** €125 each

Lucy Lavelle & Michael Faulkner

**Seller's Prize:** Kellie Curran

**This week's Jackpot:** €7,000.

## 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](mailto:abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie)

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**08, 17, 29, 30**

No Jackpot Winner

**3 Match 3 Winners - Share** €300

Carmel Coleman, Billy Cullen & Pat Nolan

**This week's Jackpot:** €10,400

## RESCHEDULED TRACTOR RUN



The Tractor Run in aid of  
Bigstone Community Centre  
and Community Alert has been  
rescheduled for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

All are very welcome to this Community  
Event. An opportunity to meet up and have  
a chat over a cuppa. Lorries and Vintage  
Cars are also welcome. Your support would  
be greatly appreciated.

## BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIRED

Coffee Mornings during March  
will be held on Fridays at 11am  
in The Golf Club.



## THE HILL BAR AND LOUNGE HACKETSTOWN

Every Wednesday Night is Social Dancing.  
Commencing March 2nd. from 9.30pm.  
Adm: €8 Every Monday night is Irish Night  
Trad session from 9pm.

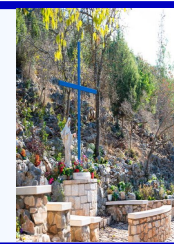


## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

**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**



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

The World Day of Prayer will be held in  
St. Paul's Oratory on **Friday 4th March**  
at **7.30pm**. We hope you will be able to come  
and bring a friend along. Refreshments  
afterwards. An opportunity to have a chat  
and catch up.

### 'I Know the Plans I Have for You.'

This year's World Day of Prayer Service  
is written by the WDP Committee of England,  
Wales & Northern Ireland for WDP 2022.

## 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](http://www.alone.ie) or call our  
National Support and Referral line on  
0818 222 024 to find out more about  
volunteering with ALONE."

## BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

won a Sustainable Development Landscape  
award from Wicklow County Council.  
All help for our weekly meet up is gratefully  
appreciated. If you are interested in joining  
please phone Joan our secretary at  
(087) 418 9959.



## TROCAIRE BOXES

available in all Churches and  
at the Parish Centre.

We encourage each family to  
give it a central place in their  
home during Lent, as we  
ensure others have a decent  
quality of life.

**(€3,686 donated in 2021)**



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## 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!**

## SYNOD NEWS

**A Listening Lent across Kildare and Leighlin**



The Kandle online synod survey will go live on [www.kandle.ie/synod/](http://www.kandle.ie/synod/) on Ash Wednesday. If you can't make it to a local in person listening session during Lent you might like to complete this survey instead, individually or as part of a group. You might also share it with those you think might not have a chance to attend in person. The Synod Committee wants to leave no voice out of this listening – the lived experience of every person matters and counts.

**Watch this space for 'Listening Events' in our parish during Lent.**