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MASSSES

St. Joseph's Church
Tues. - Fri. 10am
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
Available on Webcam
& Radio 100.2fm

PLEASE NOTE: 10am Mass Mondays of Lent

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

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,
to make a donation etc.
www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

March:	20	13/27
April:	3/17	10/24
May:	1/15/29	8/22

WE REMEMBER

Months Mind:

Imelda Whelan, Tinoran
Tony Connors, Shroghaun

ANNIVERSARIES

Madge and Hal Dunne, Shroghaun
Philomena O'Connor, Allendale & Beara, Cork
Mick Lennon, Parkmore
Patrick Foster, Parkmore
Elizabeth McLoughlin, Edward Street
Patrick Coffey and James O'Shea, Carrigeen, &
wife Maureen Coffey & son Padraig Coffey,
and the deceased members of the Coffey
and O'Shea family, Baltinglass and Kerry
Paul Rowe, Bawnogues and
his parents Johnny and Mary Rowe
Matt O'Brien, Carrigeen
Felix O'Neill
Kathleen Nolan, Glencannon
Jane Healy, Glenmalure

Rest in
Peace

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)



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

6TH MARCH 2022

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all". (Gal 6:9-10)

In his Message for Lent 2022, Pope Francis reminds us of these words in St Paul's letter to the Galatians and writes: Let us not grow tired of praying; let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives; Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours. This year, as we seek to embrace the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we do so in the midst of our slow emergence from a global pandemic and the terrible events in the Ukraine. Let us remember these words of scripture and persevere. We know that God is with us and listens to us. This Lent may we have ears and hearts to listen to God through one another, through our prayers and actions of love, and through God's word to us in the scriptures.



LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

DAILY MASS

10am Mon.- Fri. St. Joseph's Church

FAMILY PRAYER

Take some time to pray as a family,
perhaps around the table after
the evening meal.

SACRED SPACE

Create a space in your home with some
Lenten symbols eg. stones, cross, ashes,
bible, candle, Trocaire box, and use it for
prayer time. Add a new symbol each week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Pray the Way of the Cross in the church.
You can also find the stations on the
diocesan website.
www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/

www.PrayasyouGo.org

is a great free resource
(donations welcome) that can
be accessed on your laptop or
downloaded onto your phone
as an app. Among its many offers is an
audio guided reflection on the daily
readings (typically about 10-12 mins) as
well as a weekly Lenten retreat audio
(typically about 20 mins). Why not find a
quiet spot or put on your headphones and
head out to nature with God's word to
accompany you!



Digging Deeper



LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING

Weekly reflections on the
Sunday Mass readings are
available on kandle.ie.



RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Saorview - Channel 210

Stream on 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

14, 16, 24, 28

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winners: €250

Jane Murphy

Seller's Prize:

Frances Humphries O'Neill

This week's Jackpot: €7,250.

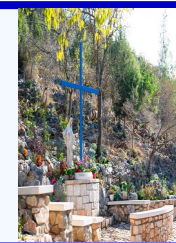


PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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**



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.

'Blow Drying Hair'

Learn shampooing and blow drying
techniques for both straight and curly hair
Become familiar with brush size for different
lengths and styles. Practise sectioning hair
for blow drying. Gain confidence.

'Gardening'

Get lots of practical gardening tips.
Gain confidence in your skills

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

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

03, 05, 06, 28

No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3 Winners - Share €300

Derek Quirke, Patricia Doody

This week's Jackpot: €10,600

BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

Winners of our February competition:

Noah, Rebecca and Devon Donoghue.

Thanks to sponsors 'Slaney Valet'.

March Competition: Send in a picture of
you picking up litter or recycling items etc
details on how to enter can be found on
our Facebook or Instagram pages. You can
send your pictures via our Facebook,
Instagram or to our secretary Joan Murtagh
at (087) 418 9959. March competition
sponsored by Bobalicious tea. You could be
in with a chance to win €25.

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/)

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIRED

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



THREE SUGGESTIONS FROM BISHOP DENIS FOR LENT 2022

Firstly, I suggest we light a candle in our
churches every day during Lent.
—A candle that remind us light always
overcomes darkness and especially the
darkness of war. War is the path of no
return. A candle that reminds the people
of Ukraine they are not forgotten, they
are in our thoughts.

Secondly, we pause at the Sign of Peace, a
sign we understandable suspended during
the pandemic. While not yet restoring the
sign, lets take a moment of pause and
reflection for the cause of peace and how
we can all contribute to being peace
makers in today's world.

Thirdly, I invite the prayer for peace in
Ukraine to be prayed at every Mass
during Lent.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,

**We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them
and protect them.**

**We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom
to guide their choices.**

**We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.**

**May we walk in your ways
So that peace and justice
Become a reality for the people of
Ukraine and for all the world.**

Amen.

SYNOD NEWS

A Listening Lent across Kildare and Leighlin

The online survey is now live and can be accessed using the
attached QR code or this link: [Kildare and Leighlin Synod Listening
Survey](#) The attached code can be copied into a parish newsletter
or put on a poster for use by people who can't attend an in person
listening session.



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

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."