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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

20TH MARCH 2022



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

PLEASE NOTE: 10am Mass Mondays of Lent

Special Collection for Ukraine

Weekend of 26 -27
 March 2022



"In the name of God I ask you: stop this massacre!"
 - Pope Francis

The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in Ukraine and surrounding areas.



www.catholicbishops.ie

WE REMEMBER

Anniversaries

Christy Donohoe, Tinoran & Kent
 Tom Murphy, Bawnogues
 Bridget Flood, Naas
 Peter Doyle, Tinoran
 John Gorman, Holdenstown
 John Burke, Woodfield
 April Amy Nolan, Ballinatone
 Georgie Phelan, Rathmoon

Rest in Peace

Grangecon (Sun) 9.30am

Months Mind

Clare O'Toole Bourke, Grangecon

Anniversaries

Maura Coleman, Knoxters Hill, Grangecon
 Jim & Bridget Byrne, The Rocks, Grangecon
 Bridget & Daniel Coughlan, Dunlavin
 Jack Byrne, Castlehill, Grangecon

NEWSLETTER

Articles for the Newsletter must be received before 12 noon Thursdays.

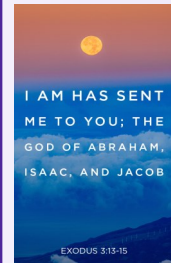
PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

'I am who I am' 'This is my name for all time'.



Did you ever lock the car or switch off the cooker and later wonder to yourself if you had actually done just that?

Well, I have many a time. I find it's a good idea to say to myself: 'I am switching off the cooker,' 'I am locking the door' as I do the task.

In today's first reading, God tells Moses his name 'I Am who I Am'. His name is not I was or I will be but is God of the present moment. 'I Am'. We are all invited to live in the moment, to let go of the luggage of the past, to live an original life just as Jesus did.

Christianity is meant to lead us into freedom, not to keep us bound up. Christ did not imitate anyone. He was a revolutionary person. To realise this all we need do is read or listen to the Gospel, the beatitudes, the parables as in today's story of the fig tree. Listen to or read his words or about the things he did.

How much of my life do I live in an original way?

Do I grow a little on my spiritual journey each day?

Do I give any time to focus inwardly, to focus on the great 'I Am'?

Without the 'I Am' I can do nothing. I am nothing of myself.

Indeed I can't even switch off the cooker or lock the car without the great 'I am who I Am' living in me. A.S.



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Stream on www.radiomaria.ie
By phone (01) 437 3277
(no extra charges apply) FREE APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"

BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

are looking for new people to join their team. It's only one hour a week of your time. We meet at Sam McAllister every Saturday morning at 10am and will move to the evenings when evenings get longer. We need all the help we can get. If you are interested in joining, please phone our secretary Joan on 087 41 899 59.

The annual spring clean is happening on the 26th of March at 10 am-2pm. This also includes the estates and we ask all the local residents to help out to clean their own area. A gentle reminder that the Choose to Reuse campaign is ongoing and we encourage everyone to please bring their own containers, bags and cups when heading shopping or for a coffee in town.



WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE

COMMITTEE AGM

Wednesday 23rd March, at 8pm
in Baltinglass Hospital Day Care Centre.
All are welcome to attend.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers
03, 14, 26, 27
No Jackpot Winner
1 Match 3 Winners: €250
Ber Sinnott

Seller's Prize: Kieran Faulkner
This week's Jackpot: €7,750

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers
02, 07, 13, 16
No Jackpot Winner
6 Match 3 Winners - Share €300
Tresa Whelan, Christine Deering.,
Brian O'Hara, Daisy Coleman,
Bridie Donohue, Dick Barrett

This week's Jackpot: €11,000

DAFFODIL DAY IN AID OF THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY



Friday 25th March

Baltinglass & surrounding areas. All volunteer helpers would be gratefully appreciated. If you wish to help in anyway, please leave your name and number into Patterson's Butchers or come along on the morning to McAllister. Donations of fresh daffodils would be very gratefully received.

COLLIE PUPS FOR SALE

Born 4th January. Not vaccinated.
Phone 089 253 6674 after 6pm.



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.

LISTENING SESSIONS IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday 29th 10.30am, Wednesday 30th 10am, Thursday 31st March 7.30pm
Come to any session in the Parish Centre.

Your voice matters whether you come to church or not, have deep or little faith, are pleased or disappointed, have mixed feelings about the church.
This is the time to make your voice heard.



QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON

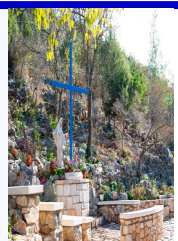
1. Thinking about the Church and our parish, how and when do I find being part of it a source of joy or nourishment for me in my faith? When might it bring disappointment or pain?
2. When I hear the word 'Church' who do I think of? Who is missing? Whom do we need to listen to? How can we be more inclusive?
3. Thinking about how we as a parish community bring the love of Christ into the world, what one thing does our local parish do really well? What one thing could it do better? What one thing could I do?



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,
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If you can't make a local meeting you can complete the online survey using the QR code found here or on the webpage. www.kandle.ie/synod/



Please make a special effort to attend one of the sessions. Make it a Lenten exercise. If you don't speak you can't be heard!