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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1ST MAY 2022



**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

**VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE**  
 For Weekly Newsletter, Information,  
 to make a donation etc.  
[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

**SUNDAY MASSES**

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
May:	1/15/29	8/22
June:	12/18/26	5/19
July:	10/24	3/17/31

**WE REMEMBER**

**Recent Deaths**  
 Jim Delaney, Bawnogues  
 Josephine (Jo) O'Toole Coogan, Grangecon  
 Paul Doyle, Ipswich, England  
 Jim Doyle, Parkmore & Birmingham, England

**Anniversaries**  
 Eileen Long, Rathfarnham  
 Ellen Humphries, Dunlavin  
 Peter Doyle, Barronstown, Grangecon  
 Nicolette Wall, Parkmore & London  
 Thomas Furlong, Woodfield  
 Elizabeth Whitty, Hughestown  
 Anne (Nancy) Lawlor, Bawnogues

**Grangecon: (Sun) 9.30am**  
 Joseph Hamill, Grangecon

*Rest in Peace*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Children from Grangecon school will receive First Holy Communion at 11am Mass on next Saturday, from Baltinglass and Bigstone schools on Saturday 14th and from Stratford school on Saturday 21st. We ask you to keep them in your prayers.

*Jesus*  
 IS  
 ALIVE!

**EASTERTIDE**

**Christ our life,**  
 You are alive in the beauty of the earth,  
 in the rhythm of the seasons,  
 in the mystery of time & space,  
 Alleluia.

**Christ our life,**  
 You are alive in the tenderness of touch,  
 in the heartbeat of intimacy,  
 in the insights of solitude,  
 Alleluia.

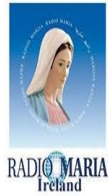
**Christ our life,**  
 You are alive in the creative possibility,  
 of the dullest conversation,  
 the dreariest task,  
 the most threatening event,  
 Alleluia.

**Christ our life,**  
 You are alive to offer re-creation,  
 to every unhealed hurt,  
 to every damaged heart,  
 Alleluia.

**You set before us a great choice,**  
 The dance of resurrection roars and surges  
 through the whole creation.  
 It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table.  
 This is grace, dying we live.  
 So let us live.  
**Kathy Galloway**

## 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"



## YOUR 6 WEEK JOURNEY TO LIVING WELL

Join KWETB's free programme to support you in being kind to yourself and others. The course covers: **Emotional well being**, **Nutrition**: healthy meals and eating on a budget,

**Digital**: using the apps on your smartphone,  
**Physical**: gentle introduction to daily exercise,

**Financial**: manage your money better.

The course will run on Tuesdays, from 10<sup>th</sup> May for 6 weeks at Baltinglass Further Education & Training Centre. For details email [abealtinglass@kwetb.ie](mailto:abealtinglass@kwetb.ie) or ph.086-8462771.

## BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

The winners of the Easter Window Display competition were as follows:

**1st prize:** Baltinglass Community Shop  
(€80 Germaine's Voucher)

**2nd prize:** Daisy a Day  
(€50 Hangry for Hotdogs Voucher)

**3rd prize:** The Hair Hive  
(€40 SuperValu Voucher)

Congratulations to the winner of our **Easter Bonnet Competition**: Grace Fleming.  
Congratulations to all of our winners.

## IRELAND NEEDS FATIMA

coordinated nationally by the Irish Society for Christian Civilisation promote devotion to Our Lady of Fatima in the public square. To this end a Public Rosary Rally will be held at various locations throughout Ireland on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm. Locally, a Public Rosary will be held at the Grotto, Grangecon Village.  
Please come and pray for Ireland.  
For further information visit [www.ISFCC.org](http://www.ISFCC.org)

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**06, 11, 16, 28**  
No Jackpot Winner

**3 Match 3 Winners** - Share €300  
Tadhg O'Toole, Uran Freizi, Tony Mahon  
**This week's Jackpot:** €12,200

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**02, 08, 17, 21**  
No Jackpot Winner

**6 Match 3 Winners** €45 each.  
John Bollard (x2), John O'Neill, Tony Allen,  
Maire Lawless, Dymphna Hanly

**Seller's Prize:** Maurice Mangan  
**This week's Jackpot:** €4,250

## BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT NOTES

Our meetings have resumed.

New membership is heartily invited.

The following activities have recommenced:  
**Bridge:** In the Parish Centre, Wednesdays 10.30am – 12noon.

**Bowling:** In Fatima Hall, Tuesdays 2.45-4pm

**Yoga:** online Wednesday mornings.

Times to be confirmed with Mary on 087-299-9571

**Coffee Mornings** during May will be held in Bia Blasta each Friday at 11am.

An **Open Day** will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11am, to greet the Ukrainian people living in the District. Entertainment including song, dance, music, poetry and storytelling will be a feature. Non-members are welcome to attend also.

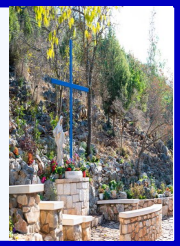
Some places are still available for the **Holiday Break** on 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June to the Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk. For information phone Mary on 087-299-9571.

## 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



## ALZHEIMER'S NATIONAL TEA DAY



People all over Ireland on May 5th are invited to join in supporting people living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia to get the services and supports they need.

**PLEASE COME ALONG TO A 'TEA PARTY**  
being **hosted at Barronstown, Grangecon** by Theresa Doyle, on Thursday May 5th from 11am to 6 pm to show your support.  
Contact details are 087 8505718.

All are welcome!

## Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine



Bishop Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese on **Sunday 5th June 2022**

**BUS FROM BALTINGLASS**  
Contact Duffy Coach Hire  
**0872543235 / 059 6471681**  
**FARE: €30**

Information from Parish Office

## TRÓCAIRE BOXES



Please return Trócaire boxes as soon as possible. Thanks to those who have already done so.

## BALTINGLASS PARISH FOLK GROUP

would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining the group to contact the Parish Office for information. All ages are welcome. Alternatively just come and chat to any member of the Folk Group as we sing at 11am Mass most Sundays.

## DAY TRIP TO BLOOM

On the 2nd of June.

## TOUR TO KILLARNEY

For 4 nights staying in the Gleneagle Hotel.

For details of both of the above contact Duffy Coach Hire on 087 254 3235 or 059 64 71 681.

## COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

Glen Lounge Sunday 1st May. Dancing 3-6pm  
Music by: Tommy B and Michelle Murphy.

Donation box at the entrance.

All proceeds to Baltinglass Hospital Patient Comfort Fund. Please support!

## DONARD SOCIAL DANCING

is returning Saturday May 21st in Donard Hall.

Music by Thomas Maguire & Fhiona Ennis. Dancing 9 -12pm. Admission €10.



## DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

5km walk for Pieta House will be happening in Baltinglass on May 7th leaving Weaver Square at 4.15am.

Register online: [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie).