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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

EASTER SUNDAY

17TH APRIL 2022



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

NEWSLETTER

This Week's Newsletter is a
Double Issue. Articles for the next
Newsletter must be received before
12 noon on Thursday 28th April.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Office closed this week.
Re-opens Monday 25th April
at 9.30am.

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

SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
April:	17	24
May:	1/15/29	8/22
June:	12/26	5/19

WE REMEMBER

Recent Deaths

Bridget O'Shaughnessy, Carrigeen

Months Mind

Bridie O'Kane, Edward Street, Baltinglass

Anniversaries

Patrick Foley, Carrigeen
Josey Kearney, Barronstown
Paul Barrett, Shroughaun
Esther Cullen, Parkmore
Laurence & Sheila Murphy, Randalstown
Holly O'Toole, Australia
Johnny Shortt, Mill Street
Peter Sutton, Baltinglass & Birmingham, UK.

Grangecon: (Sun) 9.30am

Mary Fenlon, Barronstown
May Salmon, Lowtown
James Murphy, Lowtown
Tom & Mary Moore, Ballinure
Patrick Harte Snr., Barronstown
Patrick Harte Jnr., late of London

Anniversaries - 23rd & 24th April

Dick Nolan, The Wood
Lily Rooney, Tinoran
Mai Kennedy, Chapel Hill

Stratford: (Sun) 9.30am

Mary Hawtin Tivenan, Stratford

Rest in
Peace

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NULTY

Everyone remarks these days on how good it is to be able to gather together. These past two years of restricted and curtailed ceremonies, in this most sacred week of the year, was very challenging. While we continue to emerge out of that more restricted period we are learning, now, what we must do to live alongside this pandemic. The mantra from health authorities has moved, positively, from 'regulation' to our taking on 'personal responsibility'.

Earlier this week, our Chrism Mass offered us the opportunity to gather in large numbers for the first time in three years. And we have continued to gather in those numbers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and into the great Easter Vigil and Easter Day. Isn't it great to gather, wonderful to see each other in a faith context again?

Today on Easter Sunday we gather at an empty tomb in the realisation that Jesus has risen: *"Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen"* (Lk 24:5) the two men tell the women as they gather at first light at the empty tomb. He is alive, then and now, and His life brings joy and hope to our Church.

During Lent we gathered in different groups, in different fora, as we took part in the Listening Lent on the Universal Synod journey which Pope Francis has invited us. In those gatherings you spoke honestly about your joys, your pains, your hopes for the Church, your Church, our Church. These gatherings remind us of the importance of our listening to one another; as the women listened to the angels, and the disciples listened to the women.

It is also very important to listen to the Risen Lord. Holy Week has offered us very tangible ways to experience our faith: the washing of the feet – our invitation to service, the veneration of the Cross – our invitation to reverence, the Easter Vigil fire – our invitation to be that light for one another.

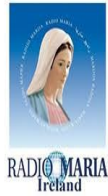
Christ is our Light. His light comes from an empty tomb. A light that penetrates the darkness of war and the prevalence of evil in our world. A light that reminds us, we have nothing to fear. A light, in a world that is broken that offers hope. A light that illuminates a message we need now to hear.

As we gather, wherever we gather, may we put before the Risen Lord our joys and hopes, our griefs and anguishes in the knowledge that in Him all things are redeemed, all hope restored, and all life is made new.

Blessings for Easter,
Bishop Denis

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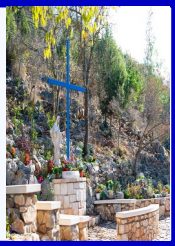
BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers
09, 16, 17, 25
No Jackpot Winner
1 Match 3 Winners - €300
Terry Butler
This week's Jackpot: €11,800



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

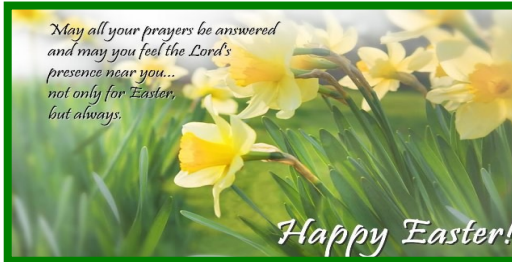


FELLOWSHIP OF SOBRIETY WEEKEND

The Céili Community in Kilbeggan is hosting a "Sober Living" weekend from Friday 29th April to Sunday 1st May. The weekend will be open to everyone and will focus on how the 12 Step Program can enhance our appreciation of our Catholic faith. It should be of particular interest to anyone trying to live a Christian life in everyday normal circumstances. Go to YouTube, search for Céili Community to view our Podcast. If you experience that "hole in the soul" feeling—come along. If you would like join us please contact the Céili Community at admin@ceilcommunity.net

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers
08, 11, 22, 26
No Jackpot Winner
1 Match 3 Winners €250
Michael Price
Seller's Prize: Juanita Nolan
This week's Jackpot: €3,750.



My znayemo, shcho v Ukrayini vy b svyatkuvaty Velykden' ne ranishe 24 kvitnya. Bazhayemo vam, shchob myr voskresloho Hospoda znayshov dim u vashykh sertsyakh i u vashiy krayini.

BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

Easter window display competition for local businesses has begun. We ask each business to use less plastic in their displays. The prizes are as follows -
1st prize: €80 voucher from Germaines;
2nd prize: €50 voucher from Hangry for Hotdogs
3rd prize: €40 voucher from SuperValu.
Winner will be announced Easter Monday.



TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Boxes may be returned by putting them through the letter box at the Parish Centre. It would be a great help if coin was converted into notes if at all possible. However, in whatever form it comes it will be appreciated.

LENTEN AND EASTER PRIESTS COLLECTION

Thanks to those who have already returned their envelopes. If you haven't done so you may bring it to Mass over Easter or drop it into the Parish Office. If you do not have a parish envelope you may use one of your own and put your name on it.
Your support and generosity is much appreciated.

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 10th May for 6 weeks at Baltinglass Further Education & Training Centre. For details email abealtinglass@kwetb.ie or ph.086-8462771.

We meet every Thursday evening at 6pm at Sam McAllister Statue. If you can spare an hour of your time to help us out we would really appreciate it. See you then.

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.

COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

In the Glen Lounge on 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.

AFFORDABLE LIVE - IN HOMECARE

provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729.
Our website is www.alhomecare.ie



DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

5km walk for Pieta House will be happening in Baltinglass on May 7th leaving Weaver square at 4.15am. Registrations are open online www.darknessintolight.ie. There will be a community registration day on April 23rd at McAllister statue for the event.



DAFFODILS FOR EASTER

Thanks to those who provided daffodils to decorate our churches for Easter.

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

Thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent collection.
Total amount: €4, 078

DONARD SOCIAL DANCING

is returning Saturday May 21st.
Music by Thomas Maguire & Fhiona Ennis.
Dancing 9 -12pm. Admission €10.

EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE

is an employment and recruitment service to assist people over 18 years who may have different types of disabilities such as: **Intellectual - Mental Health - Physical - Sensory - Hidden** and who are job ready & need the support of a job coach to get a job. Please contact Jackie McHenry on **086 0496875** as I run an outreach service based in Baltinglass Parish Centre twice a month.