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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY

10TH APRIL 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 on Wednesday this week.

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon., Wed. 9.30am - 1.00pm  
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm  
1.30pm - 2.30pm

Office CLOSED on Good Friday until Monday 25th.

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

## SUNDAY MASSES

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
April:	17	10/24
May:	1/15/29	8/22
June:	4/18	11/25

## WE REMEMBER

### Recent Deaths

Michael Patterson, Carrigeen

### Anniversaries

Bill McDermott, Parkmore

Gerry Barry, Allendale Lawn

Patrick Walshe, Woodfield

Jim Hughes, Parkmore

Austin Lalor, Griffinstown

Joan Kinsella, Rampere

Joe Doyle, Carrigeen

Rest in Peace



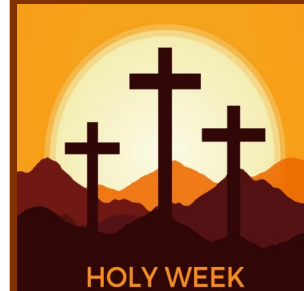
Thanks to the 16 people who took part in our recent 'Listening Sessions'. Our report has been forwarded to be included in the diocesan and national submission.



## DAFFODILS FOR EASTER

Daffodils are one of the most popular and cheery heralds of spring, and very appropriate flowers to convey the joys of Easter.

If you have some and would like them to help decorate our churches please leave them in the bucket in the church porch on Good Friday.



Today, Palm Sunday, we recall Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem knowing that he was later to suffer and die. It is the beginning of Holy Week, the greatest week in the Church's year - a week in which Christians throughout the world recall and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper when we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and Christ's call to serve. Good Friday brings us in touch with the suffering of Christ and indeed the sufferings of many throughout the world. Finally, in the liturgy of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night we celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus Christ, his victory over sin and death.

The reality, however, is that Holy Week goes unnoticed by some and has little or no impact on many. We may need to step back, to stop and reflect on what it means to be a Christian and who Christ is for us, and how we will celebrate that in this Holy Week.

While there is no obligation on us to take part in any or all of the liturgies of Holy Week we should be drawn to celebrate the events that give meaning to our faith and to what we profess as Christians.

Let Holy Week be a time of renewal of our faith, a dying and rising to new life with Christ.



### CONGRATULATIONS

to Elizabeth Kavanagh,  
Broughallstown, Rathvilly  
who celebrates her 100th birthday this  
weekend. It's great to have her with  
us for 6pm Mass every Saturday.

### 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"



### 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@ceilicommunity.net](mailto:admin@ceilicommunity.net)

### THE HILL BAR & LOUNGE HACKETSTOWN

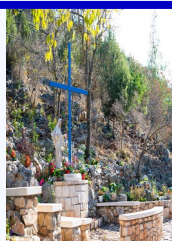
Every Monday night is Trad/Irish Night from 9pm.  
Musicians welcome.  
Every Wednesday night is Social Dancing from  
9.30pm April 13th Music by Tommy B. Adm: €8.

### 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



### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**11, 15, 27, 29**  
No Jackpot Winner  
**1 Match 3 Winners - €300**  
Joan Sheerin  
**This week's Jackpot: €11,600**

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**06, 12, 24, 26**  
No Jackpot Winner  
**4 Match 3 Winners €65 each**  
Lisa Cashin, Finbarr Brady,  
Andy & Maurice, Dinah Ryan  
**Seller's Prize: Sheila Graham**  
  
**This week's Jackpot: €3,500**

### BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

Congratulations to our March competition  
winners **Mason and Brooke Jackman**.  
Thanks to Slaney Valeting our sponsors for  
the March competition. Weekly meet up  
on Thursday at 6pm. If you can spare an  
hour of your time it would 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.**

### HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

We encourage you to participate in the liturgies of Holy Week when  
we commemorate Christ's passion and glorious resurrection.



**HOLY THURSDAY  
MASS OF THE LORD'S  
SUPPER  
7.30PM**



**GOOD FRIDAY  
COMMEMORATION OF  
THE LORD'S PASSION  
3PM**



**HOLY SATURDAY  
EASTER VIGIL  
8.30PM**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning at St. Mary's Church of Ireland at 6pm on Good Friday we make our way along the street to  
St. Joseph's Church. We encourage people to come together to make the way of the cross as we reflect  
on the passion of Jesus and pray for our suffering world, especially the people of Ukraine.



### CHRISM MASS – Carlow Cathedral—Monday 11th April at 7.30pm

The Chrism Mass is the largest diocesan celebration held during the year. In this liturgy  
priests & people gather with the bishop for the blessing of the holy oils that will be used in  
parishes in the coming year: the oil of the sick, the oil of Catechumens & the oil of Chrism,  
from which the Mass receives its name.

### THE BLESSING AND CONSECRATION OF OILS

While the Oil of the Sick, used for those who seek the anointing, & the Oil of the Catechumens, used for  
those preparing for baptism, are simply "blessed," the Sacred Chrism is "consecrated". The Oil of Chrism  
is used at baptisms, confirmations, the ordination of priests & bishops, the consecration of altars and the  
blessing of churches, where the walls are smeared with it in the shape of the sign of the cross. As part of  
the consecration of the Chrism, balsam is poured into the oil, which gives it a sweet smell intended to  
remind those who encounter it of the "odour of sanctity" to which those people and things who are  
marked with it, and by extension all of us, are called to strive for.

### RENEWAL OF ORDINATION VOWS

The Chrism Mass also provides an opportunity for the priests of the diocese to renew the vows they first  
made at their ordination. As a group of ministers gathered with members of the faithful of the diocese  
they make their public commitment to the service of God, the Church and its people once more. The  
people in turn offer their prayerful support of their priests.

### SYNOD SUBMISSIONS

This year our Chrism Mass is taking place in the context of our Listening Lent - a Lent in which thousands  
of people across the diocese have engaged with the synod process. For these past weeks people of all  
ages and from all walks of life have come together to listen to one another sharing on what it is like to be  
part of the Church—the joy and pain of that membership, the hopes and the dreams for the Church in the  
future. I am delighted that the opening procession of our Chrism Mass will include representatives from  
each of our seven pastoral areas. Each of these people will carry parish and focus group synod  
submissions which will be placed in a prepared space.

### GOOD FRIDAY NATIONAL HOLY FACE PUBLIC PRAYER VIGIL at McAllister Monument



A public prayer Vigil will be held in each County in Ireland at  
**12noon – 1pm** on Good Friday to make reparation to the Holy  
Face of Jesus and for the protection of life, faith & family in Ire-  
land. Pope Francis has asked that we "return to the Face of Christ"  
**"Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth,  
I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven." Mt 10:32.**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**CONFESSIO**  
Holy Thursday 8.30pm

Good Friday 4pm

Holy Saturday 11-12