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**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

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
<b>May:</b>	15/29	22
<b>June:</b>	12/18/26	5/19
<b>July:</b>	10/24	3/17/31

### WE REMEMBER

#### Recent Deaths

Willie Fleming, Grangecon

#### Month Mind

Michael Patterson, Carrigeen

#### Anniversaries

Patricia McDermott, Parkmore  
Annie Murphy, Carrigeen  
Margaret Cullen, Parkmore & her husband  
Thomas & her daughter Kathleen  
Margaret Connolly, Carrigeen  
Marie Dunne, 3 Belan Street  
Eugene Dunne, Belan Street  
Tony Donoghue, Timolin, Moone

#### Stratford: (Sun) 9.30am

Bill & Brigid Byrne, Doctor's Road, Stratford  
Thomas & Anna Bollard, Randalstown &  
Margaret Shiels (their daughter) &  
her husband Frank, London

*Rest in  
Peace*

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children from Baltinglass and  
Bigstone schools will receive First  
Holy Communion at 11am Mass on  
next Saturday 14th and those from  
Stratford school on Saturday 21st.



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8TH MAY 2022



*"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice."*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is dedicated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Church sets aside this day each year to fulfil Jesus' instruction to *"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"* (Mt 9:38).

While every person has a vocation in life, we focus at this time to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. The opening line from the Gospel passage for this year is: *"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me."* We pray that those whom the Lord is calling, may be able to lower the noise of distraction in their lives in order that they may hear the whisper of the Lord's voice in their hearts calling them to follow him.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest and to bless all who strive to listen to your voice. Inspire, in the hearts of men and women, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER TO DISCOVER YOUR VOCATION

Lord, You formed me in my mother's womb and have loved me into being.  
You have made me to know you, to love you, and to serve you,  
and thereby to find and fulfil myself.

Since I will do what you want of me, I ask that you send your Holy Spirit to me;  
that I may discern what you want of me and that I may have the courage  
to follow the path you are calling me to follow and to follow it with all my love,  
with all my mind, and with all my strength, right to the end. Amen.

## 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"



## CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

### Vivaldi Gloria and Magnificat

Carlow Choral Society presents an uplifting and joyous performance of Vivaldi's most famous Choral works on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary in Tullow, Co. Carlow.

Conducted by Blánaid Murphy and accompanied by the Irish Choral Sinfonia Orchestra and Yvonne Collier playing organ. Soloists include Aisling Kenny, Soprano and Laura-Joy Copeland, Mezzo Soprano

Tickets are €20.00 each and accompanied under 16's are free. Tickets are available online on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) and from Tullow Parish Office, and choir members.

For further information please contact [carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com) or Miriam Kelly, Secretary of Carlow Choral Society, on 087-9422608.



Ireland's biggest and best-selling religious newspaper!

### NOW ON SALE

The Irish Catholic newspaper is available in St. Joseph's Church each weekend.

**€2.50**

Sales have been affected by Covid. Publishers would appreciate your support.  
**Highly recommended reading for all!**

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**06, 18, 27, 30**  
No Jackpot Winner

**2 Match 3 Winners** - Share €300  
Sylvia - Lathaleer, Susan Cooling

**This week's Jackpot: €12,400**

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**04, 06, 16, 20**  
No Jackpot Winner

**6 Match 3 Winners** €45 each.  
Theresa Loughlin x 2, Colin Staunton,  
Catherine Doherty, Colin Byrne, Brian Byrne  
**Seller's Prize:** Jimmy Fluskey

**This week's Jackpot: €4,500**



### 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

## IRELAND NEEDS FATIMA

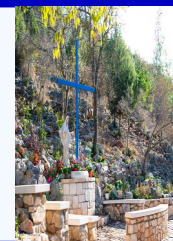
coordinated nationally by the Irish Society for Christian Civilisation promote devotion to Our Lady of Fatima in the public square. To this end a Public Rosary Rally will be held at various locations throughout Ireland on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.** Locally, a public Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto, Grangecon Village. Please come and pray for Ireland.



## 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



## TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN INVITATION

To our **Summer Celebration** on  
Friday 20th May at 11am in the gardens.  
All are very welcome to attend.

## BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT NOTES

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:** Contact 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 in the Tearmann Garden**, 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.  
Information from Mary on 087-299-9571.

## 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 on July 17th 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.

## LENTEN AND EASTER PRIESTS COLLECTION

**Thanks to all who contributed to this collection. Your support and generosity is much appreciated.**

## EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE

is an employment & 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 (086 0496875) who runs an outreach service based in Baltinglass Parish Centre twice a month.