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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

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For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to make a donation etc.

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SUNDAY MASSES

 GRANGECON
 STRATFORD

 June:
 12/18/26
 5/19

 July:
 10/24
 3/17/31

WE REMEMBER

Anniversaries

Brigid Keogh, 8 Parkmore Jim O'Toole, Allendale Avenue John & James McGrath, Clough James Gethings, Parkmore Tim & Jean Connolly, Lathaleer Jack & Josie Byrne, Main Street Noel Byrne, Main Street Joe & Eithna Byrne, Carrigeen Murt & Elizabeth Byrne, Carrigeen Jim & Mary O'Neill, Weaver Square Mai, Luke & Dolly Kinsella, Hughestown Rose Doherty, Carrigeen Ann O'Reilly, Woodfield Grangecon (Sun) 9.30am Laurence, Margaret & Deirdre Dunne, Knockrigg Joseph & Mary Bollard, Randalstown, Stratford



CEMETERY MASSES 2022

Rathbran Cemetery
Friday 24th June 7.30pm
Knockpatrick Cemetery
Friday 1st July 7.30pm
Baltinglass Cemetery
Sunday 31st July 3pm
Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery
Monday 15th August 11am



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

29TH MAY 2022



"He blessed them"

The gorse (furze) is in bloom and the very scent from it makes me feel drunk. It is so prickly and its deep golden yellow flowers are only heavenly.

"Lifting up his hands he blessed them"!

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven. He had to leave so that his spirit could become part of every human being. Jesus was chosen by the Father to fulfil a certain mission on earth - so that he would renew the whole world. He was mediator between God and humanity.

Some of us may know people who have the peace of Christ - an inner peace not dependent on exterior circumstances. We are all invited to this peace - not wanting more than what we have and thanking God for it. There is a peace in handing over and allowing our lives to unfold rather that wanting to control everything.

Jesus blessed his disciples - maybe we too could bless others.

Thank you God for people in my life who are helping me on life's journey. Bless them and bless the mayflower, the song of the bird and the beautiful scent of the gorse.

"Now as He blessed them He withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven".

(Ann Sayers)

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RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

This collection takes place across the diocese on this weekend. This fund is essential to the care of our retired priests and your generous support is greatly appreciated.



Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan
Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine
Bishop Nulty invites you to
join with him & 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.

FREE FURNITURE

Two Armchairs with castors to give away. Contact Mary, Cronin, Ballymaconey, Rathdangan. W91 YC 92. Phone 059 64 73 487.

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BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers 07, 09, 12, 17 No Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3 Winners - Sharing €300 Michael Osborne, Caitriona Howard Fiona Keogh, Terry Butler, Robert Doyle, Frank Faulkner, Seán Keogh, V. Okphert, Marie O'Connor, Eamonn Dunne

This week's Jackpot: €5200.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers 03, 08, 10, 13 No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 Winners €50 each. Bridy O'Neill, Margaret Dunne, Sheila Barrett, Tina Barrett, Declan Hanly

> Seller's Prize: Annette Mangan This week's Jackpot: €5,250



UKRAINE TRACOR RUN

Sunday 29th May at 2pm Baltinglass

JUNIOR RUN

Kids on toy tractors at 4pm PLEASE SUPPORT



Baltinglass & District Active Retired

During the Summer months our dedicated Knitters will continue to meet weekly in Bia Blasta on Tuesdays at 2:30pm. The schedule for Coffee Mornings will be:

Month of June in Germaine's and July in Horan's - every Friday at 11am.

Our activities - Bridge, Bowling and Yoga - are all suspended for the Summer. Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for 31st August.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 31st Aug to 7th Sept. 2022
Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €765

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For information contact: Parish Office 059 64 81 254,

Fr. Ger 087 629 8881, Andy Murphy 087 09 00 819



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vtosathy@kwetb.ie Web: www.athyfetc.ie

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.

GRANGECON N.S. OPEN EVENING

Thursday June 2nd 6-8pm

Perspective students, their parents and all members of the community are welcome to attend to help celebrate our students' wonderful work and view our extensive school grounds. A book fair will also take place on the night, with a great selection of books to enjoy. An ice-cream truck will be on site to supply everyone with delicious treats and a group of talented parents will provide face painting. A fun evening is ensured so why not join us for some light refreshments? We look forward to welcoming you all.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

are holding a Carers' Clinic in the meeting room in Baltinglass Library on the 10th June, from 11am to 12pm. Anyone who cares for a family member, neighbour or friend is invited to drop in, meet Carer Support Manager Sarah and discuss any issues they may be facing. For more information call Sarah on 086 0213749 or email shoulihan@familycarers.ie.

BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

The Lords Wood won the Community Woodlands award from the RDS. We achieved the outright winner's award in the above category for 2022... this is no mean feat to attain this type of award for a small woodland walk as Kylemore Gardens, Tintern Abbey etc. were in the same category. We are also delighted to be part of the fundraiser GoFundMe 'Miles for Margaret' commemorative runs appeal. The upcoming 5 half marathons are being run on consecutive days from 4th to 8th June. Carlow Hospice is the other worthy beneficiary. We wish to thank all the Connolly family for being so generous in their offer to us . Please donate whatever you can and to please post the link on your own fb page.

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

