

Parish Team: Fr. Ger Ahern PP: 059 6482768. Sr. Eileen Deegan.
Parish Office: 059 64 81 254. Email: admin@baltinglassparish.ie
Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Fiona Kavanagh & Anne Leigh
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP): Kathleen Sherry 085 8021633



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
Thursdays.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Aug:		28
Sep:	4/18	11/25
Oct:	2/16/30	9/23

WE REMEMBER

Recent deaths

Michael (Mick) Miley, Ballyraggan, Rathvilly

Months Mind

Maggie Kenny, Clough
David Clarke, Parkmore

Anniversaries

Brigid Millett, Lathaleere, Baltinglass &
deceased members of the Matthews
Family, Baltray, Co Louth

George Bradley, Parkmore
Mary Murray, Broadstown
Patrick & Annie Humphries, Shroughaun
Michael & Eileen O'Brien, Tuckmill
Paddy & Breda Cullen, Raheen
Patricia Cullen, Castledermot Road
Paddy & Mary Bermingham, Shroughaun &
their daughter Bernie Byrne

Tom Nolan, Lowtown
William Dwyer, Gibraltar
Tom Nolan, Lowtown
Michael O'Keeffe, 1 Parkmore
John McGeer, Knockrigg, Grangecon
Maggie Murphy, Seskin, Donard

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun)

Margaret (Peg) O'Donnell, Ballinacrow

*Rest in
Peace*

MASS IN STRATFORD ON SUNDAY 25TH SEPT

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO A CAR RALLY ON
THAT DAY SOME ROADS WILL BE CLOSED.
MASS WILL BE AT 9AM THAT MORNING
(NOT 9.30AM)

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th AUGUST 2022

"There is no cure for the proud man's malady". (Eccl.)

"Everyone is a first born son/daughter and a citizen of heaven" (Heb 12)

"When you have a party invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind". (Lk 14)

I was an athlete and I was so proud of myself if I won a race and my name
or photograph was on the paper. Pride - thinking I was great, better than
others. Can anyone relate to this? Wanting to be the best footballer, hurler,
wanting recognition and approval. Proud of being so capable - able to
paint, write, sing, cook or whatever - play football, hurling.

Now, this has to really sink in - all our gifts come from God- for free.

It is wonderful to discover and develop our gifts as we are meant to,
once we remember they are for sharing.

Share your gifts - and remember they come from our Creator.

I am no better than anyone else just because I am a better hurler etc.

Everyone is a first born son/daughter & a citizen of heaven". Yes, we are all
equal. Do I treat everyone equally, without judgement? Hard job, isn't it?

The party of life, and we're all invited.

We are the lame, the poor, the cripple, the blind.

Yes, all of us. We are invited to live, and live fully.

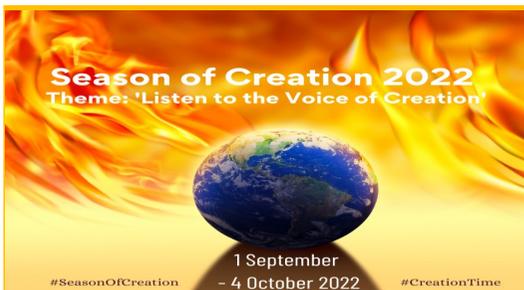
Many are hurt inside - lame, blind to reality.

Crippled inside, not free to be ourselves - always putting on an act,

Wearing a mask. What freedom is there in that?

Pride prevents us from asking for help.

"ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE"



The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. This year's theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation".

The Season of Creation calls us to listen to the voice of creation, to the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change, to the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of the Earth. The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same, "for we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si', 13). Find out more about the season and resources for use in home and parish at www.kandle.ie or www.catholicbishops.ie



KILTEGAN ICA

The next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday 1st September at 3.30pm in St. Peter's Hall.

New membership is always welcome.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

05, 11, 16, 18
No Jackpot Winner



5 Match 3 Winners - €50 each
Angie Moore, Brendan Byrne, Deirdre Flynn, Marie Fluskey, John Timmins

Seller's Prize: James Cush
This week's Jackpot: €8,750

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

06, 09, 26, 30
No Jackpot Winner



6 Match 3 Winners - €50 each
Marie Shortt, Mark Jackson, Kitty Bookle, Tracy Corcoran, Fran Faulkner, Joan Hallahan

This week's Jackpot: €7,800

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIRED

Please note the August Meeting has been postponed, due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologise for any inconvenience.

BALTINGLASS WELCOMES

An immense thank-you to the people of Baltinglass for your very generous support which has brought a family of five straight from a camp in the Lebanon to our town. They are settling into life in Ireland well and are very grateful for the welcome they have received here after their 10 years in a refugee camp. The youngest aged 12 was one when the attacks on Aleppo happened. He is overjoyed to be here. You have probably seen him walking to school with his father every day during term time. Over the summer he has been having fun swimming in the river and playing football with the GAA cub. What a difference you have made!



RAMPERE LANDFILL & RECYCLING CENTRE



HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Date: 10th September
Time: 2.30 - 5pm
Paints, Medicines etc.

If the truck fills quickly then collection will finish. Materials may not be left on site.

BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

are holding their AGM in Inis Fail, Germaine's on September 15th at 8pm. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments provided.



The Diocesan Synod Committee is looking forward in the coming months to building on what was begun in the synod listening in Lent. Both the diocesan and national syntheses are available to read in full on www.kandle.ie/synod. You can keep up to date on the synod and the synodal pathway for Ireland on www.synod.ie, on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/synodalpathway> and on Twitter @synodalpathway, as well as on the synod page of the diocesan website.



GOHERY SCHOOL OF TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCING

will resume for the new term on Tuesday 6th September at 6pm in Bigstone Hall, R93 E956. Registration is required that evening.

CENTENARY OF AN GARDA SIOCHANA



We are hoping to hold a presentation ceremony later in the year to present commemorative medals/coins/certificates to mark the centenary of An Garda Síochána. Those eligible to receive a presentation are as follows: All retired Members of An Garda Síochána, Widows/Widowers of deceased Members of An Garda Síochána, Retired Garda Reserves. All Garda Staff both serving and retired. I am asking that any of the above residing in the Baltinglass, Blessington, Dunlavin, Donard, Hollywood, Tinahely, Shillelagh and Carnew, (basically West Wicklow) make contact with Baltinglass Garda Station on 059 64 82 610 or by e-mail to Thomas.h.mcdermott@garda.ie, leaving a message for Sergeant McDermott with your name, address and contact details.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The DPC will meet on Wednesday, September 14. For more information on the DPC and its areas of work please go to <https://www.kandle.ie/pastoral/diocesan-pastoral-council/>

ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK 2022

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland have launched **Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2022**, proudly supported by Irish Life, which is taking place nationwide on **Sunday, 18th September** to mark World Alzheimer's Month. Alzheimer's Memory Walk is a **family-friendly** event suitable for all ages and abilities to unite together with their families and communities to raise awareness and funds for dementia supports. To register for the walk please visit <https://alzheimer.ie/register-below-for-memory-walk/>