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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH SEPTEMBER 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 Thursdays.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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.
www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Sep:	4/18	11/25
Oct:	2/16/30	9/23
Nov:	13/27	6/20

WE REMEMBER

Anniversaries

Tess Gormley (nee Nolan), Kettering, U.K. & The Wood, Baltinglass
Ger O'Reilly, Kildangan
Seamus Hunt, Parkmore
John Cullen, Parkmore
Nora Lennon, Parkmore
Jim McEntee, Bawnogues
Bridie & Tony Doyle, Kiltegan, Naas & London
Michael & Kathleen Molloy, Raheen
Paddy Hughes, Parkmore
Margaret Foley, Belan Street
Josie Twyford, Rathmoon & her Son Anthony
Timothy, Catherine & Pat O'Brien, Ballinacrow

Rest in Peace



BUS TO OUR LADY'S ISLAND

Thursday, 8th September.
Contact Duffy Coach Hire for further details on 059 647 1681 / 087 254 3235.

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)



When I was 16 I lost two weeks wages out of my pocket as I was travelling down a hill on the back of a motorbike.

Today's gospel tells us:

'None of you can be my disciples unless he gives up all his possessions'.

This doesn't mean that we give up everything. It's more to do with our attachment to all we own. We are asked to enjoy everything we have that comes into our lives but the time comes when we need to let things go. Life is constantly changing so as we grow personally we also need to reflect that growth in our environment.

There can be a fear in letting go and isn't that what God wants us to do - is to let go and surrender our lives to him. This happens when we experience an inner stillness, when we are not doing anything, when there is no striving, no trying, no effort involved. We are invited to live in a relaxed way and isn't this way a result of true love.

I often wonder what I would be like if I lost all my possessions, so just for now I thank God for all I have. Have I still to let go of my two weeks wages lost so many years ago?

Help me Jesus to learn from you, to be your disciple today.

Ann Sayers!

BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS AGM

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



STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

11, 15, 18, 23

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €250

Matt Manley

Seller's Prize: Jimmy Fluskey

This week's Jackpot: €9,000



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

01, 03, 07, 24

No Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3 Winners - Sharing €300

Tom O'Neill, Joe Nolan, Mark Ashton, Bill Tyrell, Martha Keogh, Christy & Mary Doran, Dan Kavanagh, Robert McHugh, MA Farrell, Oisín, Con Tadhg C/O Bridie

This week's Jackpot: €8,000



SEASON OF CREATION

1st September – 4th October:

A prayer for the Earth

(Martyn Goss, Diocese of Exeter)

God our Creator, maker and shaper of all that is, seen and unseen;

You are present in the breadth and depth of the whole of creation, and in the processes that make life possible.

Yet, we are distracted by the Gods of the marketplace. Our lives have become fractured and fragmented.

In our brokenness we disturb the Earth's capacity to hold us. Call us back from the brink.

Help us to choose love and not fear, to change ourselves and not the planet, to act justly for the sake of the vulnerable, and to make a difference today for the life tomorrow.

We make this our prayer in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Season of Creation 2022

Theme: 'Listen to the Voice of Creation'



1 September
- 4 October 2022

#SeasonOfCreation #CreationTime

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

VINTAGE CAR TOUR



From 5th Sept to 21st Oct a vintage car tour will pass through Baltinglass allowing over 60 participants from Europe in 35 cars to explore at their leisure our beautiful countryside on the way to Laragh.

They are availing of the Parish Centre Car Park to swap drivers. They will enter by the church Main gate (from 9.40am) drive to the left of the church, up to the car park and change driver. They will leave by the parish centre exit and be gone by 10am. As this coincides with the 10am daily Mass on four days we ask you to be safety aware and follow the stewards instructions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN BALTINGLASS

Faillte Isteach is a Conversational English Language Project co-ordinated by County Wicklow Partnership through the SICAP Programme. The project is aimed at providing free Conversational English classes for migrants in an informal setting.

We are looking for volunteers for the classes in Baltinglass. No experience or qualifications are necessary as a friendly welcoming attitude is most important. You will be provided with materials and ongoing support from the facilitator. A commitment of two hours per week would be required.

Classes are held every Thursday morning from 11am – 1pm in The Parish Centre Baltinglass. If you wish to find out more about volunteering for the classes please contact Ann Byrne, County Wicklow Partnership on 085 80 06 873 or Contact the Office - 0402 20 955 .

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 Síochana. Those eligible to receive a presentation are as follows: All retired Members of An Garda Síochana, Widows/Widowers of deceased Members of An Garda Síochana, 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.

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.

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.

