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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18TH 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

## 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>
Sep:		25
Oct:	2/16/30	9/23
Nov:	13/27	6/20

## WE REMEMBER

### Months Mind

Phil Geraghty (née Byrne) Chicago & Carrigeen

### Anniversaries

Elizabeth Nolan, The Wood  
Luke & Frances McDonnell, Main Street  
Joe Quirke, Parkmore  
Turlough Quinn, Tuckmill

### Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun)

John Ross, Grangecon  
Pat & Elizabeth Leigh, Grangecon  
Johnny Carroll, Mallonswood, Grangecon

Rest in Peace

## PLEASE NOTE

**MASS THIS MONDAY AT  
10AM INSTEAD OF TUESDAY  
NO MASS ON TUESDAY**

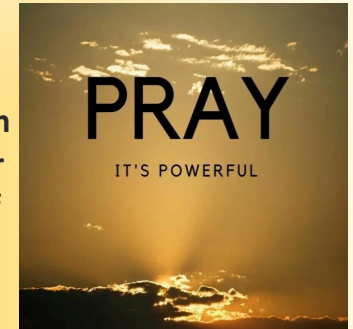
## PLEASE NOTE

**MASS IN STRATFORD  
NEXT SUNDAY (25TH)  
IS AT 9AM (NOT 9.30AM)**

*"There should be prayers offered for everyone, petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving"*

I was in the Church today with my little niece who is six. Full of joy she lit candles for Betty, Jake and many more. St. Paul tells us today that 'there should be prayers offered for everyone, petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving'.

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray he recited the Our Father. It is wonderful to pray this prayer slowly and meaningfully from our hearts. It is a prayer of praise, of wonder and delight, of requesting our daily bread, of surrender of our lives, of forgiveness, reconciliation and protection.



God knows all our needs and he knows us through and through. He loves us to come to him just as we are. We need to take time to do this each day so as to recharge and renew our Spirits and lives.

St. Paul says 'I want men and women to lift their hands up reverently in prayer'. Many people would get a fright at the thought of doing that but it is very freeing. Our Father who art in Heaven ...and Heaven is in your heart. Our Father is in your heart.

My niece prayed for her brothers to be a bit nicer, but most especially she prayed for Betty and Jake - the cat & the dog.

*Ann Sayers!*

## 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"



### A REQUEST FOR HELP FROM A YOUNG STUDENT

A Junior Cert Syrian refugee student at Scoil Chonglais in her exam year, has a 40 minute walk home from school each day carrying a heavy schoolbag. She lives on the outskirts of Baltinglass. She has been doing this all of last year. She is exhausted when she gets home and finds it very tiring doing her homework. She is also experiencing back pain from the heavy bag. Is there anyone who would be willing to be part of a rota to drive her home each day - a 10 minute journey? If you could help please contact Maire on 083 0362325.

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

### Last Week's Winning Numbers

04, 08, 19, 22

No Jackpot Winner

2 Match Winners €125 each

Teresa Kearney, Ann Marie Murphy

**Seller's Prize:** Tony Kearney

**This week's Jackpot:** €9,500



## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

### Last Week's Winning Numbers

05, 17, 19, 29

No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners - Sharing €300

Peadar Osborne, Carmel Coleman,  
Julia O'Neill

**This week's Jackpot:** €8,400.

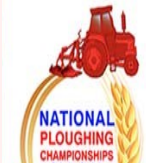


## Kildare & Leighlin at the Ploughing Championship 2022

Block 2: Row 18, Stand 291

### 'Ploughing a Prayerful Path' & Ireland's Favourite Hymn

The theme, 'Ploughing a Prayerful Path', echoes the recent synodal discussions throughout the world to advise Pope Francis on a way forward for the Catholic Church. 'Ireland's Favourite Hymn' is one of several initiatives being taken by the diocese during the Ploughing Championship. Visitors to the stand will also be invited to help create a woollen mural depicting the logo of the synod. **Stand 291** will highlight some ancient ritual customs such as the making of **St. Brigid's Crosses** and the distribution of **Blessed Salt**. There will be a **Prayer Wall** for petitions, as well as a quiet space for private prayer in the midst of the hectic Ploughing Championships. We look forward to seeing you there! Call in for a cuppa!



### WHAT IS IRELAND'S FAVOURITE HYMN?

Bishop Denis has launched the search to find Ireland's Favourite Hymn and the result will be revealed at the Diocesan Stand at the Ploughing Championship this year. There are thousands of hymns to choose from; ones that we learned at school, from parents and grandparents, or some of the more contemporary compositions that we have come to know and love in recent years. Some of these popular hymns will be sung by leading performers at our stand each day before the result is announced on the final day. Send the name of your favourite hymn to: [favouritehymn@kandle.ie](mailto:favouritehymn@kandle.ie)



## NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Visit

**Slaney Suir Retail & Business Stand  
(Block 2: Stand 594 Unit 19)  
Our Lady Queen of Peace Medjugorje**

### BALTINGLASS & BLESSINGTON FURTHER EDUCATION

Do you want a chance to win a €150 hamper? Join us for the Baltinglass and Blessington Further Education website launch event on 21st Sept. at 1:30-1:45pm. There will be a live stream of the event which will be broadcast on KWETBs Youtube Channel and on our BFETC Facebook page. Links to the event will be posted on launch day. Tune in to learn more about our courses and win great prizes. Like and follow us on social media to see how to win!



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](http://www.kandle.ie) or [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

### 'MY LIFE IN YOUR HANDS'

A book will be published shortly containing a selection of writings by the late Fr. John Cummins PP of Abbeyleix and Ballyroan, and native of Newbridge. A deep thinker, an accomplished preacher and a Doctor of Divinity, God's word and message were central to his vocation. This book reveals Fr. John's gentle sharing of his love of God through his reflections each Sunday and other occasions with the Christian communities of Abbeyleix, Ballyroan, Naas & Carlow. *My Life In Your Hands* will be a useful companion as we journey through the coming liturgical year. For the casual reader, it is an opportunity to engage with the Christian faith.

### BALTINGLASS HOSPITAL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

If you would like to join in the celebrations on Friday 23rd Sept at 12noon please contact the hospital on 059 6451600 or [emma.redmond1@hse.ie](mailto:emma.redmond1@hse.ie)

We extend our congratulations to all staff and residents on this occasion. We remember those who have died over the past 100 years. We are blessed to have this wonderful facility in our community.



### Culture Night is being celebrated across the country on Friday 23rd September 2022.

'Cairde Ceól agus Damhsa', a local traditional Irish music group, and the Gohery School of Dancing are inviting you to join them at 7pm outside Teach Diarmada Castledermot on that night for an evening of song & dance.