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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2ND OCTOBER 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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to make a donation etc.
www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WE REMEMBER

Recent Death:

Shay Donegan, Mounnell, Rathvilly

Anniversaries

Patricia Duffy, Parkmore
Pat Sleator, parkmore
Teresa Donegan, Parkmore & Mount Neill

Grangecon : 9.30am (Sun)

Bridget Kealy, Knocknamuc
Tom Flood, The Rocks

Rest in
Peace

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,

**We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them
and protect them.**

**We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom
to guide their choices.**

**We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.**

**May we walk in your ways
So that peace and justice
Become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.**



Day for Life Message – Caring for the Older Person

The focus of the Day for Life this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing.

There are many challenges which we face; the way in which we provide care for older persons, its cost and the means of payment, the shortage of staff in care homes, the time and energy needed to help older people feel valued and wanted. Many feel they have become a burden or can feel treated as a burden, a 'bed-blocker', or a nuisance because they move more slowly, struggle with more physical challenges and live a different rhythm of life. They often feel vulnerable and worry, when they hear talk about and even concrete proposals for the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia. We share their concerns. In better valuing older persons, we need to find new ways of building bridges by our actions.

Pope Francis has recently offered a very different and more positive perspective. In his *Catechesis on Old Age*, he writes, 'The alliance between generations, which restores all ages of life to the human, is our lost gift and we have to get it back. It must be found, in this throwaway culture and in the culture of productivity.' He invites us to listen to the dreams of older women and men and to learn from their wisdom (Joel 2:28). Older persons have a different rhythm to life from which we can learn. He continues, 'The arrogance of the time on the clock must be converted into the beauty of the rhythms of life.'

We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities.

We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of older persons so that no-one feels like a burden in our society. We challenge our politicians and healthcare system to provide accessible palliative care for all the dying.

We encourage people to learn from a closer accompaniment of the elderly that there is a real richness in the journey through old age, which offers a deeper meaning and a new rhythm to the whole of life; something which can be celebrated and lived with hope in eternal life.

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, pray for us.

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By phone (01) 437 3277
(no extra charges apply) FREE
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BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT NOTICE

Activities taking place this autumn:

- **Bridge:** Wednesdays
10.30am – 12 noon -The Parish Centre
- **Bowling:** Tuesdays 3pm – 4.30pm
in Fatima Hall
- **Knitters:** Enjoy a get together in Bia Blasta on Tuesdays at 2.30pm
- **Coffee Mornings for October:** Fridays
11am in Germaines

Day Trips:

- **Trip to Carlow Visual Theatre** to see Brian Friel's play 'Translations', on Thursday 20th October at 8pm.
- **Trip to Avondale House and Forest Park** on Friday 21st October at 11am **is fully booked.**
- **Trip to The National Concert Hall** to see The Mikado, on 12th November at 2.30pm.
- **Computer Class for Seniors:** Digital Skills for Everyday Living **is fully booked.**
- **Yoga Class** is being planned. Further details later.

For information on above day trips please contact Mary on 087-299 9571.

BABY LOSS REMEMBRANCE MASS

takes place on Thursday, 20th October at 7 p.m. in Tynock Church. For further information please contact Mary on 086 226 1264.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

05, 11, 12, 22

No Jackpot Winner

5 Match Winners €50 each.

Paul Fleming, Harry Dunne, Mark & Michelle, Mary O'Keefe, Mary McDermot

Seller's Prize: Maurice Mangan

This week's Jackpot: €10,000.



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

11, 22, 26, 30

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €300

Darragh Hennessy

This week's Jackpot: €8,800



VOLUNTEER WITH ALONE

ALONE provide services to older people living at home. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services: a Visitation and Befriending Service, and a Telephone Support and Befriending Service. Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539.



COASTAL ROSARY FOR FAITH AND LIFE IN IRELAND

2.30pm Sunday October 9th
Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP

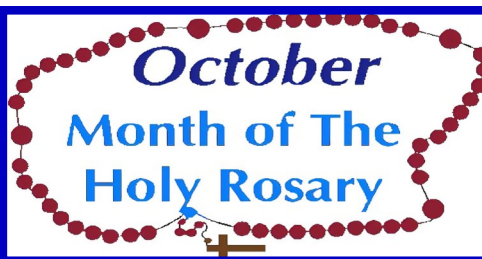
Bishop Nulty in his recent Pastoral Letter outlined the issues facing the diocese into the future. It will call for change and a different way of working together as a faith community. As he said the diocese has been divided into 7 Pastoral Areas. Ours is the Tullow Pastoral Area and within that there are 6 parishes. These parishes have been grouped into 3 clusters: Baltinglass\Rathvilly, Tullow\Ballon, and Hacketstown\Clonmore.

He has asked us to reflect on this arrangement and to respond to his letter. With this in mind there will be meetings as follows at 7.30pm

Baltinglass Parish Centre: Tuesday 4th Oct: For Baltinglass parishioners
Baltinglass Parish Centre: Tuesday 11th Oct: For Baltinglass and Rathvilly parishioners
Tullow Parish Centre: TBA : For the full Pastoral Area.

"What worked in the past doesn't of necessity address the needs of the future. We must build a different type of Church, where all of us are in the boat together, not just the priest, the deacon and the small group around them, but all of us with our hands to the oar." Bishop Nulty

Please take the time to attend as your input and participation are important!



MATT TALBOT MASS

The monthly Matt Talbot Freedom From Addiction Mass will take place in Carlow Cathedral, at 10am on **Monday 3rd October**. At this Mass we pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction, we also pray specifically for all those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. We welcome you to join us at this Mass to pray for yourself or somebody you may know who has an addiction. To enroll someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com

MY LIFE IN YOUR HANDS

A book is to be published shortly containing a selection of writings by the late Fr. John Cummins PP of Abbeyleix & 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, Carlow and Naas. *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.

