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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

Mon & Wed. 9.30am - 1.00pm
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm
1.30pm - 2.30pm

The Office will be closed on Friday

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For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to make a donation etc.
www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WE REMEMBER

Anniversaries

Rita Germaine, Parkmore
Joey Fagan, 39 Parkmore
Myles McDonnell, Coolnarrig
Peter Smyth, Ballyraggan
Brendan Pearson, Parkmore
John & Jane (Jenny) Kehoe, Newtownsaunders
Thomas & Maureen Darcy, Weaver Square
Stephen Flood, Plunkettstown, Castledermot
Patrick, Olive & Elizabeth Fleming, Shroughaun

Stratford : 9.30am (Sun)

Peter Byrne, Goldenfort
Anna Whittle, Rathbran

Rest in Peace

NEW WEEKLY SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

Has someone in your life died by suicide? Would you like some support? Starting up at Sophia Counselling Centre, High Park, Kiltegan, for 6 weeks on Tuesday evenings 7-8.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30pm. Starts 25th October. All welcome. The group will be small in size and confidential. It will be facilitated by two counsellors from the Centre, Mary Cole and Debra Friel. Hearing other people's experiences may help you feel less alone and you may also choose to share some of your own experience and feelings, with no pressure to do so. To register or to find out more, text or leave a message 9-5 Mon to Fri for a call back: Debra on 087 671 1143 or Mary on 087 937 4549. A donation box will be provided at each meeting towards costs. Donations appreciated, whatever you can afford. One to one affordable counselling is also available at the centre, by arrangement.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH OCTOBER 2022

'One of them turned back praising God' [Lk 17]

Whenever I visit the plant nursery or indeed, if I walk through the forest, or even if I just go outside the door, I am forever in awe at the variety of leaves plants.



What are generally called weeds I find just fabulous
- the variations are incredible.

Today's Gospel is the story of the ten lepers. Now, this is only a story and it's the story of you and me. Just ask, how does this story apply to me?

Well, the ten lepers are like myself. There are many parts of me that are healed in an emotional, mental or physical way, but unless there is also a spiritual healing, just as there was with the one Samaritan, I am not healed from the core of myself. I know this - because if it happens I too, will turn and thank God as the one leper/Samaritan did.

My spiritual senses will awaken and I will see that 'his glory fills all heaven and earth' and I will take time out just to bask in this experience.

Look beyond the plant, the animal or whatever. It only takes a little reflection and all of life is a reflection.

I too, can be the one leper that was healed totally or I can walk away appearing to be healed but still carrying all the deep divided parts of myself.

No wonder Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten made clean?' No, they weren't not totally. Nature provides wonderful remedies but it's when the Spirit of God resonates with my Sacred Self that I am healed from the core.

Only then will I turn back 'praising God'.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE
live on RADIO MARIA IRELAND
from 2PM on Saturday 15th Oct.



Speakers include Fr. Vincent Stapleton, Antonia Moffat, Fr. Brian McKeivitt OP, Katrina Leyden. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

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 details phone Mary on 087-299 9571.

BABY LOSS REMEMBRANCE MASS

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

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

03, 09, 11, 20

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match Winners €85 each.

Anthony Ovington, Mikey Mangan,
Frances H. O'Neill

Sellers Prize: Colette Bollard

This week's Jackpot: €10,250

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

05, 06, 28, 30

No Jackpot Winner



4 Match 3 Winners - €75 each

Tomás Timmins, Derek Quirke,
Michelle Bible Coleman, G & E Sleator

This week's Jackpot: €9,000

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate Safeguarding Sunday. Safeguarding is at the heart of the Christian message. We remember all those who have experienced abuse in our diocese and remind them of the support services of Towards Healing and Towards Peace. We thank all those who are committed to ensuring that parish activities are run in a safe and welcoming way in our parishes. The Diocesan Safeguarding Committee have produced a newsletter to mark this event and we welcome you to take a copy or to view it online at www.kandle.ie.

PRIMARY SCHOOL GRINDS

and homework assistance from a qualified primary school teacher. Specialises in the area of Maths. Contact Chris 085 145 1619

PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP

Thanks to the 19 people who took the time to attend the meeting on Tuesday last to discuss Bishop Nulty's Pastoral Letter on the future of our diocese.

A follow up meeting with Rathvilly Parish will take place this Tuesday (11th) at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

A meeting of the six parishes in our Pastoral Area will take place in Tullow Parish Centre on Monday 24th October at 7.30pm.

If you didn't attend last Tuesday's meeting you will be very welcome to attend this Tuesday.

"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!



SOCIAL DANCING

Sat. 15th October Donard
Community Hall (W91YW57)
9pm to Midnight. Adm: €10.
Music by Bernie Heaney.

HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

in St. Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan
on Saturday 29th October from 9 to 11pm
with Dancing and Refreshments.
Subscription: €10.

THE PARENT'S ASSOCIATION OF BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

are hosting their annual sponsored walk/run on October 16th at 12 noon. The 6km loop starts outside Bigstone hall. Please come along and support the school as all proceeds go into activity, transport and supplies for the kids. Refreshments will be provided after. Thank you for the support from the Bigstone Parents Association.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKS

29th October at Scallywags,
Stratford Village 6-8pm
Adults Free. Children €10.



All activities free on the night.

**Haunted Maze if you dare. Lucky dip.
Games and prizes go leór. In aid of
Stratford Community Shop and Cafe.**

DANNY'S CORNER

A Memorial Service took place last Friday to celebrate two people who were very much part of the Lalor Centre but whom we sadly lost this year. A beautiful bench was placed at the door in memory of Liz Deering R.I.P. and a rose bush was planted in memory of Mag Byrne R.I.P. Both forever in our hearts and memories.

