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#### **NEWSLETTER**

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**OFFICE CLOSED THIS MONDAY** 

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	SUNDAY MASSES	
	GRANGECON	<b>STRATFORD</b>
Oct:	30	23
Nov:	13/27	6/20
Dec:	11	4/18

## WE REMEMBER

<u>RECENT DEATHS</u> Chrissie Cullen, 37 Staplestown, Carlow and formerly Baltinglass

### ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas O'Brien, Carrigeen Johnny Keogh, 8 Parkmore Rory Farrell, Rathmoon Peter Doyle, Clough Cathriona Deevy, Carlow Catherine and Joseph Maher, Stillorgan and Baltinglass Willie Cullen, Newtown Saunders Mick Kavanagh, Shamrock, Knockananna John & Mary Bookle and

deceased members of Bookle Family Jim Farrell, Clough Upper Michael O'Keeffe, Randalstown Patrick and Josephine Doody, Parkmore Patrick and Mary Donegan, Holdenstown

Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am Michael and Margaret Kehoe, Grangecon Hill

Francis Flood, Ballinure Michael and Margaret Cronin, Springfield John Cronin, Springfield

Fr. Tim Cronin, Birmingham and Grangecon Lorraine Cronin Canty, Grangecon and London Joe and Katie Whelan, Ballinure



## **BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD**

PARISH NEWSLETTER

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH OCTOBER 2022

Statues, saints, medals, beads, novenas, holy water, petitions... All conjure up this idea of prayer. I can describe prayer as talking to God, asking for what I want... To pass an exam, to get a job, to heal an illness... the list is endless... all these prayers of petition, verbal and mental. I pray to get something and if I don't get it I say: 'What's the use of praying.'



Prayer in its essence is not about asking. It is more about **being** in silence, reverence, wonder and awe in the presence of God and in openness to that love that's beyond words.

God knows what each person needs and as soon as I realise this, I trust and I move on to a prayer of praise and thanks, realising the wonder of God in creation. I reflect. Even on reflection on say an aspect of nature, a poem, the gospel... my mind can still be talking, thinking, passing comments, looking for insights.

Jesus' parable today is about the need to pray continually. You know, it couldn't be more simple. Spirituality is recognising God in the present—not in the past or the future. How many times does my mind wander to a past event or become anxious about the future?

The Kingdom of heaven is here and now. It's an experience in the heart and its found in **not talking to God**, in being present just as I am sweeping the floor, cutting the bread... And doing only that—so that I'm **'praying continually'**. Yes, even sweeping the floor can be a prayer just imagine...all of my life can be a prayer and a simple one at that.

## **RADIO MARIA IRELAND**

Saorview - Channel 210 Stream on www.radiomaria.ie By phone (01) 437 3277 (no extra charges apply) FREE APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"

## **BABY LOSS REMEMBERANCE MASS**

RADIO MARIA

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

## **MARY'S MEALS**

Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger. In our 20th year, we provide a daily meal to 2,279,941 children every school day in some of the world's poorest countries. It costs just €18.30 to feed a child in a place of education for an entire school year. For more information, please check out www.marysmeals.ie or contact Angela Moore at 089-4339592 or angela.moore@marysmeals.org

## PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP

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

#### **MORTGAGE ARREARS/Abhaile Scheme**

Are you in mortgage arrears? Are you worried about losing your home? If so, there is help. You may be entitled to Government support under the Abhaile Scheme. For more information, feel free to contact Tatiana McGreal, Financial Solutions Ireland on 085 867 4883 (www.fsireland.ie)

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO Last Week's Winning Numbers

02, 05, 08, 17 **No Jackpot Winner** 



4 Match Winners €65 each. Beata Wisiewska, Maria Barrett, Shane & Denise, Tony Allen Sellers Prize: Jimmy Fluskey This week's Jackpot: €10,500



**No Jackpot Winner** No Match 3 Winners

This week's Jackpot: €9,500

## **Ossory Adult Faith Development Pilgrimage to Rome**

The Eternal City has a remarkable array of religious works of art - frescoes, paintings, sculptures, mosaics, stuccos. Over the centuries these treasures have inspired, educated and uplifted countless people. Our itinerary will explore the religious and catechetical meaning of some of these masterpieces. Traveling dates March 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2023, €710 p.p sharing. For more information and to book your place please contact Kieran and Laura Troy, Myriam Tours at 057-9355050 or email info@mvriam.ie



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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **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.

#### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over the weekend of Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and is coordinated in Ireland by Missio Ireland.

> **COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** Envelopes in your box.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL GRINDS

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

### 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.

# HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

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

### **DANNY'S CORNER**

Would you like to support a great cause? There is a fancy dress fundraiser in aid of "THIS IS ME" sensory and support group in Horan's on the 28<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets are €10 and can be purchased on the night or in Burkes shop beforehand.