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NEWSLETTER

**Articles for the Newsletter must be
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 1.30pm - 2.30pm

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www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maggie Brophy (nee Donohoe),
 Dunlavin & Tinoran
 Margaret O'Connor, 7 Parkmore
 John O'Neill, 49 Parkmore
 Peggy Shortt, Mill Street
 Winnie & John Hughes, 5 Parkmore
 Kathleen Curry, 2 Bawnogues
 Katherine Walsh & deceased members
 of the Walsh Family
 Kathleen Twyford, Grangecon
 William Wall, Parkmore
 John Whitty, Hughestown & deceased
 members of the Whitty Family
 Michael & Marie Farrell
 Thomas, Joseph & Patrick Donohoe
 James & Elizabeth Donohoe
 Paddy Byrne, Walkinstown & Weaver Square
 Mary and John Cooney, Enniscorthy & England
 Bridget Hallissey, Enniscorthy & England
 Patrick Burke, Woodfield
 Ellen Donegan, Kilmurphy

Stratford : Sunday 9.30am

Paddy McDonald, Gibraltar
 Kevin Moore, Stratford

*Rest in
 Peace*

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd OCTOBER 2022



Extracts from Pope Francis' message for Mission Sunday 2022

You Will Be My Witnesses (Acts 1:8)

These words were spoken by the Risen Jesus to his disciples just before his Ascension into heaven, as we learn from the Acts of the Apostles: 'You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth' (1:8). They are also the theme of the 2022 World Mission Day which, as always, reminds us that the Church is missionary by nature.....Let us reflect on the three key phrases that synthesize the three foundations of the life and mission of every disciple: 'You shall be my witnesses', 'to the ends of the earth' and 'you shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit'.

'You shall be my witnesses' - The call of every Christian is to bear witness to Christ. This is the central point, the heart of Jesus' teaching to the disciples, in view of their being sent forth into the world. The disciples are to be witnesses of Jesus, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive. Wherever they go and in whatever place they find themselves. Christ was the first to be sent, as a 'missionary' of the Father (cf. Jn 20:21), and as such, he is the Father's 'faithful witness' (cf. Rev 1:5). In a similar way, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church.....

'To the ends of the earth' - In telling the disciples to be his witnesses, the risen Lord also tells them where they are being sent: '...in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8). Here we clearly see the universal character of the disciples' mission.

Something similar still happens in our own day. Due to religious persecution and situations of war and violence, many Christians are forced to flee from their homelands to other countries.....

More and more, we are seeing how the presence of faithful of various nationalities enriches the face of parishes and makes them more universal, more Catholic. Consequently, the pastoral care of migrants should be valued as an important missionary activity that can also help the local faithful to rediscover the joy of the Christian faith they have received.....

The words 'to the ends of the earth' should challenge the disciples of Jesus in every age and impel them to press beyond familiar places in bearing witness to him.....The Church must constantly keep pressing forward, beyond her own confines, in order to testify to all the love of Christ.

'You will receive power from the Holy Spirit' - Let us always be strengthened and guided by the Spirit. When the risen Christ commissioned the disciples to be his witnesses, he also promised them the grace needed for this great responsibility: 'You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses' (Acts 1:8).....Whereas they had previously been weak, fearful and closed in on themselves, the Holy Spirit gave them the strength, courage and wisdom to bear witness to Christ before all.....

No Christian is able to bear full and genuine witness to Christ the Lord without the Spirit's inspiration and assistance. All Christ's missionary disciples are called to recognize the essential importance of the Spirit's work, to dwell in his presence daily and to receive his unfailing strength and guidance. Indeed, it is precisely when we feel tired, unmotivated or confused that we should remember to have recourse to the Holy Spirit in prayer.....

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CONFIRMATION

Saturday 25th March at 11am & 1pm

St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Stratford: Saturday 6th May at 11am

Baltinglass/Bigstone:

Saturday 13th May at 11am & 1pm

Grangecon: Sunday 14th May at 9.30am



Lock Up Light Up – Burglary Prevention Tips from An Garda Síochána

As we approach the time of year when the clocks are set to go back, we are once again appealing to people to secure their homes and premises and to Lock Up and Light Up during the winter months.

Traditionally burglaries increase by 20% over the winter months of October to March. Some simple methods can make your home and premises less vulnerable to Criminal Attack.

- *Lighting around the house on a sensor or photocell.*
- *Lighting inside on timers*
- *Natural Surveillance- trim shrubs down to 1m and trees up to 2 m.*
- *Use Bogus Caller Cards*
- *Close Curtains during hours of Darkness.*

What Attracts the Burglar:

- *Signs of being unoccupied.*
- *Open Windows* * *Hidden keys*
- *No alarms* * *High vegetation*
- *A build up of Post /Milk, etc.*
- *Ladders or tools in easy reach*
- *Easy access to the rear of your house*
- *Poor lighting or house lights on at the wrong time.*
- See www.garda.ie for Home Security Tips and Advices.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

09, 21, 22, 25

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match Winners - €85 each

Edel Geoghegan, Australia, Tony K,

Mary Case

Sellers Prize: O'Reillys

This week's Jackpot: €10,750

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

02, 04, 09, 29

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match 3 Winners - €100 each

Martin Coleman, Maria Walsh, Amy Dunne

This week's Jackpot: €9,700

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.

Starts 25th October. Tea and coffee

will be available from 6.30pm.

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.



PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP

Thanks to those who took the time to attend our recent meetings 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 Oct at 7.30pm.

RATHVILLY & CASTLEDERMOT

GARDEN & FLOWER CLUB

next meeting is on 27th October at 7.30 pm

in Teach Diarmada. Paul Smyth will give a

Talk & Slide Show on Angela Jupe, renowned architect, garden designer & snowdrop collector, formerly of Fancroft, Roscrea & more recently of Bellefield House & Gardens in County Offaly.

Paul is a gardener, horticulturalist & plantsman & is passionate about plants & how we use them. Admission €5. Raffle €5.

EARLY LEARNING AND CARE PROFESSIONAL

AWARD INFORMATION SESSION

to be held for interested students on Friday 28th of October at 11am in the Further Education and Training Centre Athy.

For information please call: Una Burke 059 8632044 Ext 2. Further Education and Training Centre, Carlow Road, Athy.

Co Kildare. www.athyfetc.ie

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The next meeting will take place Wednesday 26th October at 3pm in Germaines. New membership are always welcome.

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

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.

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)

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 28th October. Tickets are €10 and can be purchased on the night or in Burkes shop beforehand.