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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11TH DECEMBER 2022



MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory
Tues. - Fri. 10am
St. Joseph's Church
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. & Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm
Tues. 9.30am - 1.00pm
1.30pm - 2.30pm

CLOSED THIS WEDNESDAY

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to make a donation etc.

www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
Dec:	25	18
Jan:	8/22	1/15/29
Feb:	5/19	12/26

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tommy (Arthur) Andrews, Moneymore & Rathfarnham

Pat Rogers, Edward Street

Mai & Anthony Farrell, Rathmoon

Lorcan Cogan, Portlaoise & Kilmurray

Jim McKeever, Lathaleer

Margaret Nolan, Bawnogues

Ann Groves, Baltinglass

Edward O'Keeffe, 1 Parkmore

Tom Coogan, Carrigeen & Mary Coogan Corcoran

Jack Doyle, Tinoran

Michael Connors, 29 Parkmore

Terence (Terry) Kinsella, Rampere

Jack & Ciss Kelly, The Dales, Carrigeen

Bridget Dooley, Chapel Hill

James Nolan, Gilbertstown, Rathoe & deceased members of the Nolan Family

Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am

Months Mind

Michael Kehoe, Knock na Muck, Grangecon

Rest in Peace

PLEASE NOTE

There will be 10am Mass on Monday morning instead of Thursday this week.

'Joy is the flag you fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace, is in residence within your heart.'

A lot of people confuse joy with pleasure; but there is a world of difference between them. Unless you know the difference you have not yet begun to live. People who have tasted real joy are suspicious of pleasure, because pleasure sometimes can be the death of joy.

Joy consists in having a love affair with life. It is having a heart full of concern for your companions on the road of life. It is looking for the happiness that comes in small ways, realising that in the ordinariness of our lives we find the extraordinary. It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now.

Joy is love bubbling over into life; and surprisingly, it can coexist with pain.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice!"

ADVENT 2022

Come, Lord Jesus
Lord of Hope

Resources to help us through our journey towards Christmas are available on kandle.ie

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING

What are the Advent Sunday Readings saying to me? Why not spend time reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures this Advent alone or with others? Faith Development Services are delighted to provide the Annual Advent Scripture Sharing Booklet for 2022. The booklet can be downloaded free of charge on <https://www.kandle.ie/advent-scripture-sharing-booklet-2022/>

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Baltinglass: Monday 19th 7.30pm
Rathvilly: Tuesday 20th 7.30pm

Celebrate God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions: Baltinglass

After 6pm Mass Saturday 17th
Christmas Eve: 10—11am

'WALK OF CAROLS'

Sunday 18th Dec. 6pm

People from St. Mary's Church of Ireland & St. Joseph's RC parishes join together for Carols, Readings and Prayers. Beginning at St. Joseph's church we will walk together stopping along the way to St. Mary's church.

**PLEASE CARRY LANTERN/LIGHT/TORCH!
ALL WELCOME!**

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve (24th)

6pm Baltinglass & 8pm Stratford

Christmas Day (25th)

9.30am Grangecon & 11am Baltinglass

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

03, 11, 19, 22

No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners: €85 each

Kevin Wall, Janette Monahan, Noel Power

Sellers Prize: Kellyann Bollard

This week's Jackpot: €12,750

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

20, 24, 27, 29

No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3 Winners - €150 each

Sabrina Sheridan, Bridget Barrett

This week's Jackpot: €11,100

Voucher Winners x 6

Aimee Porter, Peter Case, John Farrell,

ALONE

ALONE are Seeking Volunteers

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training & support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, contact Frances on volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 1085965.

FAMILY MASS

We invite families to join with the children preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion for Mass next Sunday 18th at 9.30am in Stratford & 11am in Baltinglass

LINK PEOPLE

Please call to the Parish Office from Tuesday onwards to collect the annual parish envelopes which are ready for distribution.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

25th -31st May 2023

with

Fr. Liam Merrigan & Mgr. John McEvoy
Total Price: €1265 per person sharing
Deposit: €150. Single Supplement: €195
(subject to availability)

For reservations contact:

Tully Travel, Carlow: 059 9136100

USE YOUR BRAIN NOT YOUR FISTS

An assault can wreck a victim's life, but it can also ruin your own future. You could lose your job, your ability to travel, even your freedom, not to mention the distress it would

A Garda initiative as part of their mission of Keeping People Safe that is aimed at reducing and preventing assaults which can have serious consequences for both victims and perpetrators.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE

ST. PETER'S, KILTEGAN

In St. Peter's Parish Centre, Kiltegan

Tuesday 20th December at 8pm.

Top Score - Christmas Hamper valued at approximately €200
Wonderful Prizes. Raffle €10



THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin on Dec 12th. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016.

If you would like to know more about safeguarding in your parish, please speak with your parish (Fiona Kavanagh, Ann Leigh and Martina Kennedy) or look at the Safeguarding section on www.kandle.ie.

If you ever wish to report a child or vulnerable adult safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocesan DLP on 085 8021633 or the statutory authorities of the Gardai, TUSLA, HSE.

HACKETSTOWN BINGO

is back this Wednesday at 8pm

Single Book—€10 with 2 sheets

Double Book—€15 with 2 sheets

Come, Lord Jesus.

SOCIAL DANCING

Saturday 17th December

Donard Community Hall

Music by: Teddy and Cathal Barry

Dancing 9pm -12. Adm €10

DANNY'S CORNER

We would like to thank the North Kildare Trout and Salmon Anglers association for their kind donation which covered the Lalor Centre Service Users Christmas party last week. A great night was had by all. Also, thanks to the children of 'Little Feet' for their beautiful Christmas Cards which were hand delivered this week.