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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 by 12 noon  
on Thursdays.

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,  
to make a donation etc.  
[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

### SUNDAY MASSES

**GRANGECON**    **STRATFORD**

**Jan:**            **22**                    **29**  
**Feb:**            **5/19**                  **12/26**

### WE REMEMBER

#### MONTHS MIND

Mary Whitty, Hughestown, Baltinglass

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Johnny Byrne, Tuckmill  
Peter & Rose-Ann & Margaret King, Co. Louth  
Nick Carty, Deerpark & Wampfler  
Paul O'Brien, Edward Street  
Anne McDaid, Old County Road  
Seán & Brid O'Toole, Weaver Square  
Deirdre O'Connor, Carlow & Baltinglass  
Anthony Howard, Barronstown  
John & Charlotte Keogh, Barronstown  
Breda Patterson, Belan Street  
Dan Campion, Parkmore  
John Kenny, Shroughaun  
Phil Mahon, Bunclody & her sister Lil McHugh,  
Naas  
Patrick Sinnott, Enniscorthy  
Kathleen Wall, Bawnogues  
Seán & Eileen Kearney, Tinoran & England  
Mary Hanlon, Broadstown, Main Street, Clough  
& San Francisco  
Joe O'Toole, Main Street  
**Stratford: Sunday 9.30am**  
James Coleman., Stratford

*Rest in  
Peace*

### RADIO MARIA IRELAND

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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15TH JANUARY 2023



**Yes, I have seen that He is the Chosen One of God.**

Did he look like that?  
The man who queued up to be baptised by John the Baptist?

Jesus of Nazareth,  
a young man not unlike many others,  
taking his place with sinners.

Like joining the line in a Penance Service,  
or the crowd climbing a holy mountain for sins,  
becoming one of the people saying 'I am a sinner'.

Jesus saying, 'I am one of you'.

And John sees more: The man of bright vision in front of him  
His cousin he knew from the holidays together, is the Son of God,  
the One who should be baptising.

**Yes, I have seen that He is the Chosen One of God.**

Can you see, in the faces of the people around you,  
the chosen ones of God?  
Because of Jesus we are all chosen ones of God.

In Jesus we see, not just the young man of Nazareth,  
but every man and woman of every place,  
and see in each of them, the chosen one of God.



### 18—25 JANUARY 2023

Here in Ireland, this year of 2023 marks two important anniversaries of key events of the journey towards Christian Unity. This year is the centenary of the formation of the Irish Council of Churches and it also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ballymascanlon Meetings between the Catholic Church and other Christian Churches on the island of Ireland in 1973, a structure that is now the Irish Inter-Church Meeting. Today, these are the bodies for inter-church dialogue in Ireland as we continue to work together for peace, reconciliation and social justice. As we know, that work is unfinished; sectarianism is still, sadly, a major problem in communities and political life in the north while the growth of racism is increasingly evident across the island. The current cost of living crisis and the effects of the war in Ukraine add to the turmoil. It is in this context that we mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year - giving thanks for the progress made by the Churches at various levels over the decades but seeking to place our continuing journey of witness to Christ's desire for unity alongside his radical call to discipleship and social justice.

### EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE

is an employment and recruitment service to assist people over 18 years who may have different types of disabilities such as: Intellectual - Mental Health - Physical - Sensory - Hidden and who are job ready and need the support of a job coach to get a job. Contact Jackie McHenry on 086 049 6875 as she runs an outreach service based in Baltinglass Parish Centre twice a month.

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

#### Last Week's Winning Numbers



08, 23, 28, 30

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner: €250

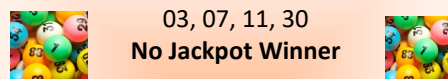
Mikey Keogh

Sellers Prize: Veronica Dunne

This week's Jackpot: €13,500

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

#### Last Week's Winning Numbers



03, 07, 11, 30

No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3 winners - €50 each

Gabriel Keane, Lorraine Whelehan,

Bernie Kilcoyne, Samantha Lennon,

Patricia Doody, Karen Foster

This week's Jackpot: €12,100

### 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

### FAMILY MASS

We invite families to join with the children preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion for the 9.30am Mass on next Sunday (22nd) in Grangecon.



Following Sunday (29th)

9.30am Stratford

11am Baltinglass



### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

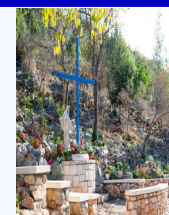
Wednesday 30th Aug to 6th Sept. 2023

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €795

€50 discount if €100 deposit paid by 31st January

For information contact: Parish Office 059 64 81 254,

Fr. Ger 087 629 8881, Andy Murphy 087 09 00 819



### MESSAGE FROM AN GARDA SIOCHANA



An Garda Síochána wish to warn people of a doorstep fraud and theft offence which has become prevalent over the last number of weeks. Elderly People are being targeted at their homes by Criminals who are impersonating Gardaí. The offenders are fraudulently pretending to be plain clothes Gardaí who are checking for dud money. They have duped people all around the country and stolen their cash on the pretence of checking to see if it is genuine money. They are producing false identification to assist the process.

#### ADVICE:

- An Garda Síochána will never ask people about their finances on the doorstep of their homes and will never ask to check money
- Always ask for Identification and do not be afraid to question it. If in doubt politely tell the caller that you want to verify their true identity. If necessary contact your local Garda Station who will be able to establish quickly if the caller is a member of An Garda Síochána.
- Report any such activity to your local Garda Station even if you have not been the victim of a theft. That report could save a neighbour or someone else close by.

Please check on elderly neighbours, family and friends and advise and reassure them.

### TRAD MUSIC CLASSES

Classes commence in Gaelscoil, Athy on Tuesday 10th January for young people and adults. Phone Jim Kelly on 086 839 0903.

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

On the 4th April for 7 nights. Contact Duffy Coach hire on 059 64 71 681 / 087 254 3235.

## SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

### BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

is now taking enrolments for September '23 We are holding an open-night on Thursday 26th January at 7pm. Parents and children will have an opportunity to look around the school, meet the teachers and students and see some of the students' work displayed in the school. All are welcome to attend!

### S.N.MHUIRE NATIONAL SCHOOL STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY

Applications for enrolment in Junior Infants in S.N.Mhuire are now available.

For application form:

Email: [stratfordns@gmail.com](mailto:stratfordns@gmail.com)

or call in to the School Office.

### SCOIL NAOMH IÓSAF NATIONAL SCHOOL BALTINGLASS

welcomes you to enrol for the 2023/2024 school year. Application forms for admission are available on our school website [www.snibaltinglass.ie](http://www.snibaltinglass.ie) or on request from the Principal at [principal@snibaltinglass.ie](mailto:principal@snibaltinglass.ie).

### GRANGECON NATIONAL SCHOOL

Admissions for Grangecon National School are now open. If you wish to enroll your child in Grangecon N.S. for September 2023 For enrolment forms: Phone 045/403111 or email [grangeconns1965@gmail.com](mailto:grangeconns1965@gmail.com)

School webpage:

<http://grangeconns.scoilnet.ie/blog>