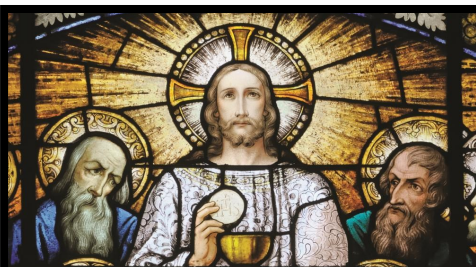


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**MASSES**  
**St. Joseph's Church**  
**Tues. - Fri. 10am**  
**Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am**  
**Available on Webcam**  
**& Radio 100.2fm**

### 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:                      29  
Feb:                      5/19                      12/26

### REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATH

Thomas (Tom) Nolan, Tuckmill

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila & Johnny Phelan, Stratford on Slaney  
Ambrose O'Neill, Tuckmill & deceased  
members of the O'Neill Family  
Esther Curry, Parkmore  
Paddy & Betty McDermott & their daughter  
Sharon Stanley, Chapel Hill  
Andrew Doyle, Barronstown, Grangecon  
William Sutton, Belan Street  
Declan Howe, Newbridge  
Jimmy & Ena Doyle, Parkmore  
Tommy Dooley, Chapel Hill  
Moirra Hargaden (nee Quinn)  
Brendan Doyle & deceased members of the  
Doyle Family  
Lizzie McGeer, Parkmore & deceased members  
of the McGeer Family  
Paddy Murphy, Seskin, Donard

#### Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am

Ann Moore, Knock na Muc  
Margaret & Michael Kehoe, Grangecon Hill  
Margaret & Jim O'Hara, Dunlavin  
Jack Keogh, Winetavern

*Rest in  
Peace*

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22ND JANUARY 2023

### *Celebrate Every Day*

Make every day a day to celebrate life and be thankful.

Look to everyday as a day of new beginnings,  
opening your heart to positive hope and unlimited potential.

Take time to pull yourself away from all the noise and just look  
around you. Take inventory.

Appreciate those who have enhanced the quality of your life,  
and remember that they have been a gift to you.  
Also remember that you are a gift to them, too.

Be grateful for the choices you've made, both good and bad.

Accept your mistakes, you can't change them anyway.

Apply what you have learned and go on.

Use these lessons to help with your other decisions in life.

Appreciate yourself and your own uniqueness.

Go outside and look at the sky.

Soak in the atmosphere. Enjoy the colours of the landscape.

Feel the textures of every place you are and be thankful.

Smile at the world. Don't allow negative feelings to creep into your  
consciousness. Feel the power of your own acceptance.

Put a positive spin on every thought you have.

Make every day special. Own it. Enjoy it.

Bask in the glory of life.

Appreciate the gift of your own life.



## 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

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

### Last Week's Winning Numbers

01, 05, 06, 25

### No Jackpot Winner

**3 Match 3 Winners** €85 each

Samantha Lennon, Shirley O'Neill

Mary Moore

**Sellers Prize:** M. Moore

**This week's Jackpot:** €13,750.



## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

### Last Week's Winning Numbers

03, 18, 21, 26

### No Jackpot Winner

**4 Match 3 winners** - €75 each

Robert Sheridan, Rosemarie Doyle,

Michelle Hanafin, Karen Mc Gowan

**This week's Jackpot:** €12,300



## FAMILY MASS

**We invite families to join  
with the children  
preparing for**

**Confirmation & First Holy Communion for  
the 9.30am Mass on  
next Sunday (29th) in Stratford  
or the 11am Mass in Baltinglass.**

## ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK MONASTEREVIN

To Commemorate Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice on the Monasterevin - Rathangan Road (R414) at 11 am on Monday 6th February (walk is approx. 6km). Car parking provided at Mountrice Cross. The Walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty and will journey via Umeras then along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in St. Peter & Pauls Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30 pm. Contact Monasterevin Parish for more details, 045-525346. All are welcome.



## PARISH CARETAKER POSITION (KARE)

For St. Joseph's Parish Centre,  
Baltinglass. Community

Employment position. 19.5 hours per Week. To apply for Community Employment, you must be eligible. Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups. Your eligibility will have to be verified by the Department. Please Contact ELAINE NOLAN on 045 448 700 or email: [elaine.nolan@kare.ie](mailto:elaine.nolan@kare.ie) if interested.

Applicants should supply suitable character references and be prepared to complete a Garda vetting application form. This is a Caretaker/Grounds Person position and requires the participant to ensure the up keep and maintenance of the building and surrounding grounds. Flexibility with working hours **IS REQUIRED** for opening/closing and preparing the parish building for meetings etc. The role is diverse in nature and will include gardening, basic maintenance and general handy works.



## WHIST DRIVE

In St. Peter's, Parish Hall, Kiltegan  
on Tuesday 24th January at 8pm.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: 22-29 JANUARY 2023

### Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith & Love



Each of us are on a journey in life. For Catholics, this journey begins and ends with God. Each moment on that journey is a chance to come to know and love God, who has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We can feel God's presence when we pray, when we spend time with loved ones, in nature, in moments of joy and when we come together as a community to celebrate God's love at Mass. As we walk along our journey, God is with us every step of the way.

Every Catholic school seeks to help students along their journey, nurturing their gifts and talents. Each student is a reflection of God with the potential to make society a kinder and more just place for all. The Church is currently in the process of synodality, which literally means 'journeying together'. This means that Catholics are called to come together and discern what the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to do and to be. This Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the unique contribution our schools make to the lives of our pupils, community and Church. As we journey together, may we always be inspired by the Holy Spirit to be all that God made us to be. May we talk together in faith and love.

## SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

### 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).

### BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

is now taking enrolments for the term starting in September 2023. Contact the school for an enrolment form:  
**Phone:** 0599161171  
**Email:** [bigstonens1@gmail.com](mailto:bigstonens1@gmail.com)  
Or you can visit our website at <http://bigstonens.scoilnet.ie/blog/admissions-2023-2024/>

### 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.

### 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>



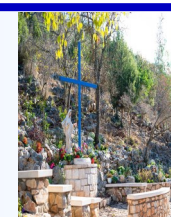
## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

**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



**PLEASE NOTE: Closing date for €50 discount is 31st January**