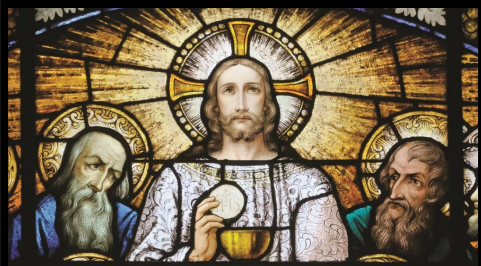


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MASSES
St. Joseph's Church
Tues. - Fri. 10am
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
Available on Webcam
& Radio 100.2fm

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

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For Weekly Newsletter, Information,
to make a donation etc.
www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON **STRATFORD**

Feb: 26
Mar: 5/19 12/26

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

John O'Neill, Tuckmill
Marita Kavanagh, Graigue, Kiltegan & Baltinglass

ANNIVERSARIES

Johnny Doody, Dublin & Hartstown
Larry O'Toole, Hartstown & Grifflinstown
Peter Nolan, St. Joseph's Road, Blessington
Thomas Duffy, Parkmore
Jimmy Nolan, The Wood
Maura Whelan, Knockananna
Rita Kehoe, Clough
John Byrne & his Son William, Shroughaun
Bridget Ann Flood & John Paul Flood, Naas
Eileen Lynch, 'St Anne's', Bawnogues
Patrick Walsh, Mill Street
Bridie Dwyer, Gibraltar
Dermot O'Neill, Shroughaun
Seán Bookle, Irongrange & deceased
members of the Bookle Family
Seán Doyle, Graney
Mary Murphy, Lowtown
Godfrey Timmins, Weaver Square
Una Timmins, Weaver Square
Pat & Hannah Kavanagh & deceased members
of the Kavanagh Family, Collon, Moone
Willie & Joe Mackey, Ballinacrow & deceased
members of the Mackey Family
Joseph Byrne, Aughrim
Mary Dillon, Aughrim
Jack Gorman, Clough
Matt & Phyllis Farrell, Tankardstown & deceased
members of the Farrell & Ryan Families
Stratford: Sunday 9.30am
Joe Burke, Stratford
Noel Brady, Manger
Catherine Moore, Main Street, Stratford
John Staunton, Stratford & his wife Christina
Nora Byrne, Castlehill, Grangecon

*Rest in
Peace*

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12TH FEBRUARY 2023

"They are happy who follow God's Law"

(Responsorial Psalm)

There are two turning points each day, where darkness gradually
turns to light and when light gradually turns to darkness.
It is wonderful to honour both of these turnings of nature.

"They are happy who follow God's Law"

This law is the law of love written in our hearts. Some days can flow
along beautifully where we are left with a deep sense of fulfilment &
satisfaction and this is possible no matter how simple our lives are.
Other days may be topsy turvy where nothing seems to go right.

Matthew's Gospel tells us "all you need say is 'yes', if you mean 'yes',
'no', if you mean 'no'". We are called to say a loving "yes" to God
because we are made to love him. When we do this we are on the
road to freedom. God inspires our decisions and we begin to realise
what the best decision is for all of me, for my mind, body and spirit.

When we say "yes" to God it's as if he says "I have you now".

**There is a freedom in letting go and letting God take over -
letting him clothe us in love.**

"They are happy who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts",

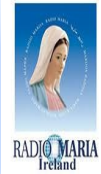
Each day we hopefully grow and mature a little bit more.

**Our rising each morning like a little resurrection, our sleeping
like a little death. Nature's turning and weaving a little dance.**

A.S.

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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

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS



**Enrolments are now
being taken for the
2023/2024 School Year
at the following schools**

Stratford: 059 6481279
Baltinglass: 059 6481083
Grangecon: 045 403111
Bigstone: 059 9161171

BE KIND 2 YOUR MIND

The Be Kind 2 Your Mind programme starts in Carlow on Thursday 2nd March. Running for 5 weeks in the Talbot Hotel, Carlow the Be Kind 2 Your Mind Programme is for teens and their parents and focuses on managing anxiety, emotional regulation and building confidence. For more information or to book your place call or text Aisling on 087 791 0560 or email info@bekind2yourmind.ie. More information including dates for half-day workshops can be found at www.bekind2yourmind.ie

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
19, 24, 29, 30



No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner €250.00
Declan Barrett

Sellers Prize: Casey Barrett
This week's Jackpot: €14,500

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
07, 09, 13, 16



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
JACKPOT WINNER - Brian O'Hara - €12,700**

7 Match 3 winners - €45each
Seán O'Brien Snr, Joan Hallahan, Terry Butler,
Sinead, Paul & Amy, Dick Barrett,
Bridget Prendergast, Thomas Corcoran

This week's Jackpot: €5,000.

CHURCH FLOWERS



We are grateful to the small group of women who look after flowers to adorn our altar in St. Joseph's Church. A few more people would be a great help to them. The more we have the less the work for everyone. If you are interested please contact the parish Office, Sr. Eileen or Fr. Ger.

'AGING WITH GRACE DAY'

At Mt St Anne's, Killenard on Saturday 18th Feb. from 10am - 4.30pm. The day is facilitated by Maria Garvey, who has over 30 years experience as a leader in education, health and social care, community and social enterprise. Open to all. €60 per including 2 course dinner person. Book to Mt St Annes, 057 8626153 or secretary@mountstannes.com.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 30th Aug to 6th Sept. 2023

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €795
For information contact: Parish Office 059 64 81 254,
Fr. Ger 087 629 8881, Andy Murphy 087 09 00 819



BALTINGLASS

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2023

A meeting will be held in the Old School, Church Lane on Thursday 16th Feb. at 7.30pm to form a committee for this years 'Darkness Into Light' walk. If anyone is interested in joining the committee this year, you are very welcome.



PARISH CARETAKER POSITION (KARE)

**Community Employment position.
19.5 hours per week**

St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Baltinglass.
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 & 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 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 upkeep and maintenance of the building and surrounding grounds.

Flexibility with working hours **IS REQUIRED** for opening/closing & preparing the parish building for meetings etc. The role is diverse in nature and will include gardening, basic maintenance and general handy works.

TRACTOR RUN



A Tractor Run in aid of Bigstone Community Centre will take place on Sunday 19th February. Registration will commence from 12noon with the run commencing from Eircode R93 KP89 at 1pm. Lorries and Vintage Cars are also welcome your support would be greatly appreciated.

DANNY'S CORNER

We are very busy here in the Lalor Centre participating in "ME" month. We had a visit from Woolly Farm this week which allowed us to pet a variety of animals and hold them. We have various walks planned and a full day of activities in Fatima Hall next week. All this along with our annual Valentines Day Disco. Busy busy busy!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY CLOTHES COLLECTION

In aid of West Wicklow Day Care Centre on Friday 25th & Saturday 26th February and 3rd & 4th March in the mornings. Times to be confirmed. Drop off your bags at the Old Ambulance Depot at Baltinglass Hospital.



*Celebrate God's
love this
St. Valentine's Day*