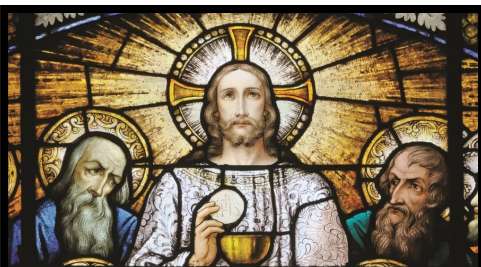


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MASSES
St. Joseph's Church
Tues. - Fri. 10am
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
Available on Webcam
& Radio 100.2fm

NEWSLETTER
Articles for the Newsletter
must be received by 12 noon
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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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SUNDAY MASSES
GRANGECON **STRATFORD**
Feb: 26
Mar: 5/19 12/26

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATHS
Pat Sinnott, Parkmore & Enniscorthy
Agnes Nolan, Parkmore

MONTHS MIND
Thomas Nolan, Tuckmill

ANNIVERSARIES
Mary Duffy, Parkmore
Christina Lennon, Parkmore
Jimmy Simpson, Killalesh
John Simpson & his Wife Elizabeth, Killalesh
Joseph & Teresa Gethings, Parkmore
Norah Murray, Rathtoole & Broadstown
Eileen Donegan, Holdenstown
John Groves, Parkmore
Michael & Margaret Foley, Carrigeen
Kathleen Hoxey, Glen of Immal
Dora Phelan, Chapel Hill

Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am
Ann Kehoe, Newtownsaunders
Claire O'Toole Bourke, Grangecon
Patrick & Dora O'Toole, Grangecon
Ciara Hosey, Bessina
Mary Murphy, Lowtown

Rest in Peace

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD
PARISH NEWSLETTER
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH FEBRUARY 2023



If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds. The miracle of inner change is possible. History and literature are full of examples: Paul on the road to Damascus, Charles Dickens' miser Scrooge, Matt Talbot the alcoholic. Something happened inside each of these, and they became new people. Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self discipline. You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer. 'Lord, each spring you renew the face of the earth. May you also renew each of us, so that we may be able to celebrate Easter in newness of mind and heart.

ASH WEDNESDAY **22ND FEBRUARY**
Mass at 10am & 7.30pm in Baltinglass Church
Ash Wednesday is a day of fast & abstinence.

TODAY IS TEMPERANCE SUNDAY
"Turning the other cheek"; "giving the shirt off our back"; "walking the extra mile." Relatives and friends of many people have "turned the other cheek" too often because of broken promises & relapse into addiction. They would 'give the shirt off their back' - or even 'the roof off their house' - if they could help a child, a spouse, a friend to "go on the dry". They have driven the extra mile to Primary Care centres seeking help, advice and treatment. Temperance Sunday is a day of prayer for them and for all who live under the shadow of addiction. We pray also for counsellors and staff in Primary Care Centres who help their relations towards recovery.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE
Temperance brings balance and prevents excess getting a grip
- Bishop Éamonn Walsh

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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

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

06, 15, 17, 18

No Jackpot Winner

Match 3 Winners €85.00 each

Sylvia, Harry Murphy & Lorna Byrne

Sellers Prize: Laura Bollard

This week's Jackpot: €14,750.



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

06, 08, 14, 18

No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3 winners - €50 each

Robert Doyle, Larry Dunne, Liam Coleman,
Nickey O'Brien, Winnie Keogh, Michael Farrell

This week's Jackpot: €5,200



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.

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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 TIDY TOWN

Spring Clean is happening on Saturday March 11th from 10am -2pm. All bags of rubbish to be left either at McAllister or at the entrances to the estates, BEFORE 2pm on the day. All estates are being asked to apply for their own litter pick. (Bags and High viz jackets)



TRÓCAIRE BOXES

available in all Churches and at the Parish Centre.

We encourage each family to give it a central place in their home during Lent, as we ensure others have a decent quality of life.

(€2,760 donated in 2022)



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

Friends of Calcutta

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY No: 13218)

Tuesday 29th November

All items of wearable clothing, footwear and curtains are most welcome.

Items can be left at the Parish Centre

any stage that day up to 2pm.

All enquiries to Michael Hopkins

FR. PETER MCVERRY HOMELESS TRUST

Baltinglass Parish raised €325 from the sale of St. Brigid's Crosses in February for the Peter McVerry Homeless Trust.

DANNY'S CORNER

We have noticed a big increase in the amount of dog poo on footpaths in the town recently. This makes life difficult for us wheelchair users who have to access shops, work etc. and who cannot avoid it on the footpaths. Please be mindful of wheelchair users, buggys and pedestrians and **ALWAYS** pick up your dog poo.

TRACTOR RUN



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

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT AGM

will take place Wednesday 22nd February at 3pm in Germaines.



RATHVILLY & CASTLEDERMOT GARDEN & FLOWER CLUB

meet in Teach Diarmada, Castledermot on Thursday 23rd February at 7.30 pm. Marie O'Leary will do a Flower Arranging Demonstration titled "With Easter in Mind". All exhibits will be raffled on the night. Tea, coffee & chat. Entry €5. Raffle €5.

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.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP

Welcome to a Mass for healing and peace in honour of Our Lady of Peace on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm. Rosary, followed by Mass & Benediction. **Venue:** Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre.

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