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

PLEASE NOTE
During Lent there will be Mass on
Monday mornings at 10am.

NEWSLETTER
Articles for the Newsletter
must be received by 12 noon
on Thursdays.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED
Monday 6th to Friday 10th inclusive.
The Office will re-open
Monday 13th March at 9.30am.

Anniversaries etc. can be left into the
Sacristy before or after any Mass
during this time or you can drop them
into the Parish Centre Post Box
Up to 4pm on Friday.

WE REMEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES
Christopher Foley, Belan Street
Philomena O'Connor, Baltinglass & Beara, Cork
Annie Kingston, Bantry
Elizabeth McLoughlin, Edward Street
Felix O'Neill, Weaver Square
Kathleen Fitzgerald, 47 Parkmore & her
daughter Catherine
James Murray, Main Street
Joe Murray, Dunboyne, Co. Meath
Anne (Cissie) Burke, Lathaleer
Patrick Coffee, Carrigeen, his wife Maureen &
his son Pdraig & deceased members of
the Coffey & O'Shea Families, Baltinglass
& Kerry

*Rest in
Peace*

	<u>SUNDAY MASSES</u>	
	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Mar:	19	12/26
Apr:	2/16/30	9/23

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5TH MARCH 2023

"Master, it is wonderful for us to be here"

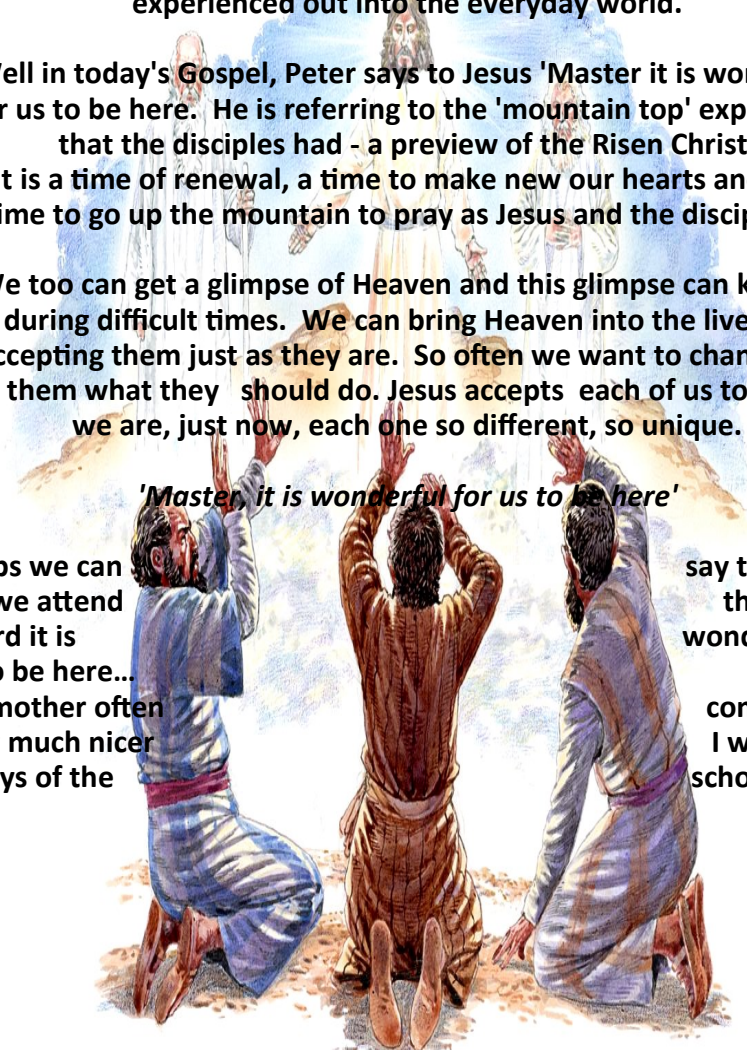
I remember the times we had retreats in secondary school and weren't they only wonderful - with beautiful hymns, inspiring talks, discussions and prayers. We were invited to bring what we experienced out into the everyday world.

Well in today's Gospel, Peter says to Jesus 'Master it is wonderful for us to be here. He is referring to the 'mountain top' experience that the disciples had - a preview of the Risen Christ. Lent is a time of renewal, a time to make new our hearts and minds, a time to go up the mountain to pray as Jesus and the disciples did.

We too can get a glimpse of Heaven and this glimpse can keep us going during difficult times. We can bring Heaven into the lives of others by accepting them just as they are. So often we want to change others telling them what they should do. Jesus accepts each of us totally just as we are, just now, each one so different, so unique.

'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here'

Perhaps we can say these words
when we attend the Eucharist.
Yes Lord it is wonderful for us
to be here... ...and my
Grandmother often commented on
how much nicer I was during
the days of the school retreats.



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First Reconciliation



FIRST CONFESSION

Children will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance this Monday in Baltinglass and Tuesday in Stratford.

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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



LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

DAILY MASS

10am Mon.– Fri. St. Joseph's Church

FAMILY PRAYER

Take some time to pray as a family, perhaps around the table after the evening meal.

SACRED SPACE

Create a space in your home with some Lenten symbols eg. stones, cross, ashes, bible, candle, Trócaire box, and use it for prayer time. Add a new symbol each week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Pray the Way of the Cross in the church. You can also find the stations on the diocesan website.
www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgypastoral/

Digging Deeper

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING



Weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass readings are available on kandle.ie.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

10, 17, 25, 30

No Jackpot Winner



6 Match 3 Winner €45 each
Evelyn Ryan, Angela Keogh,
Noelle Buckley, Sandra Greene,
Ned Kelly, Glen Ryan

Sellers Prize: Kellyann Bollard

This week's Jackpot: €15,250

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

04, 06, 24, 25

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match 3 winners - €100 each
Wayne Kavanagh, Rob Kearns,
Michael Campion

This week's Jackpot: €5,600.



Marriage Preparation Facilitators

Accord is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie for more information.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

available in all Churches and at the Parish Centre.



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 TOWNS

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)

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Coffee Mornings for March: Bia Blasta Fridays 11
Yoga Classes: Thursdays 2.30-4pm Parish Centre
Knitting & Stitching: Tues. 2.30pm Bia Blasta
Bowling: Tuesdays 3pm - 4.30pm Fatima Hall
Bridge: Wednesdays 10.30am - 12 Parish Centre
Summer Holiday: Slieve Russell Hotel, Cavan, from Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June. Cost €495 pp sharing. Single supp. €35/pt extra Further details from Mary on 087-299-9571.

THANK YOU

For your contribution to the recent appeal for the earthquake victims in Turkey & Syria.
Total amount raised: €2930

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, Sunday 23rd April 2023. €499.00 per person sharing. Price includes return train, 3 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement €100. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

DAFFODIL DAY IN AID OF THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY



Will be held in Baltinglass and surrounding areas on Friday 24th March from 8am. Merchandise will be on sale at different locations in the town. Anyone wishing to help are welcome. Please come to the Main Stall at McAlister Monument or leave your name and number in Patterson's Butchers, Main Street. Also donations of fresh daffodils would be very much appreciated. You can leave them at the Main Street Stall or in Pattersons on Thursday 23rd.

Emma Hayden, Area Organiser for the Irish Cancer Society.

JOB VACANCY

The Creative Places Baltinglass coordinator role is now being advertised: <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Your-Council/Job-Vacancies> Closing Date for applications: 12 noon, Thursday 23rd March



NEW COURSE!!

**Gardening in the Spring!
Think Organic!**

Plant containers: vegetables, herbs, bulbs, lasting colour.

WHEN: Wednesday 8th March 11:45 - 1:45

WHERE: Baltinglass Further Education and Training Centre.

Enquiries: 045 851494 / 086-8462771 or email abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie