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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

12TH MARCH 2023



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

SUNDAY MASSES

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
Mar:	19	26
Apr:	2/16/30	9/23

WE REMEMBER

MONTH'S MIND

Marita Kavanagh, Graigue & Bawnogues
 John O'Neill, Tuckmill

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Nolan, St. Joseph's Road, Blessington
 Dr. Patrick Lord, Baltinglass
 Hal (Henry) Dunne & Madge (Margaret) Dunne
 Billy O'Brien, Raheen and
 deceased members of the O'Brien Family
 Mick Lennon, Parkmore
 Peter Burke, Carrigeen
 Anne McGrath, Carrigeen
 John O'Connor, Parkmore
 Michael Duggan, Parkmore
 Kathleen Nolan, Glencannon
 Noel Sleator, Barronstown
 Patrick Doyle, Graney
 Susan Byrne, Randalstown, Stratford
 Thomas & Brigid Alcock, and
 deceased members of Alcock family
 Denis Murray, Broadstown
 Billy Fitzgerald, Bawnogues and his son Liam
 Jim & Rita O'Brien, Carrigeen
 Patrick Lennon, Parkmore

*Rest in
 Peace*

Stratford: Sunday 9.30am

Anna Whittle, Rathbran
 Susan Byrne, Randalstown
 Christina Loughlin, Ballinacrow

PLEASE NOTE

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



CHRIST be with me,
 CHRIST within me,
 CHRIST behind me,
 CHRIST before me,
 CHRIST beside me,
 CHRIST to WIN me,
 CHRIST to comfort
 AND RESTORE me.
 CHRIST beneath me,
 CHRIST above me,
 CHRIST IN quiet,
 CHRIST IN danger,
 CHRIST IN hearts
 of all that love me,
 CHRIST IN mouth
 of friend and stranger.
 (From St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer)



MASSES FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Thursday 16th: 7.30pm Baltinglass
Friday 17th: 9.30am Grangecon 11am Baltinglass

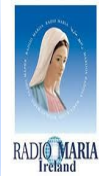


The feast of our national patron, is a day to celebrate all that is good in our lives and around us. It is a time to be proud of our Spiritual heritage and traditions. St. Patrick had great devotion to God and was always sensitive of God's presence in creation.

In today's world where many people drift aimlessly in life, Patrick is a voice of hope. He took great confidence from God's presence in his life. This then is a time for each of us to acknowledge God's gentle presence in our lives. It is a time to pause for a moment in prayer and like Patrick, not to be afraid to ask God for guidance, direction and an abundance of blessings.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Saorview - Channel 210
Stream on www.radiomaria.ie
By phone (01) 437 3277
(no extra charges apply) FREE
APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"



CONFIRMATION

Saturday 25th March 11am & 1pm
St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass

Service of Light

Tuesday 14th March 7pm & 8pm
You are asked to keep the candidates in
your prayers as they prepare for this
important occasion in their lives.

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 Patterson's on Thursday 23rd.

*Emma Hayden, Area Organiser
for the Irish Cancer Society.*

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/pn extra
Further details from Mary on 087-299-9571.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

10, 16, 18, 22

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match 3 Winner €85 each

Grace Buckley, Breda Kelly, Eliz McCarthy
Sellers Prize: Nicko

This week's Jackpot: €15,550

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

03, 06, 17, 23

No Jackpot Winner



4 Match 3 winners - €75 each

Nora Timmins, Mary Cullen,
Marie Louise Kinsella, Matt O'Brien

This week's Jackpot: €5,800.



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.

Digging Deeper



LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING

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

Living Lent

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



ANAM CARA—WICKLOW

monthly Parent Evening on Monday 20th
March at 7:15pm in the Parkview Hotel,
Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. This
event is free and open to all bereaved
parents regardless of the age your child
died, the circumstances of their death, or
whether their death was recent or not. We
also now offer an online meeting too. Please
contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085
2888 888 for any queries.

JOB VACANCY

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

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

available in all Churches and
at the Parish Centre.



Free Bereavement Workshop for Frontline Workers

Hosted by the Kildare Bereavement Network
for frontline workers, to raise awareness of
the impact of bereavement and the
supports available in Kildare. Thursday 23rd
March, Solas Bhríde, Tully Road, Kildare
Town at 7pm.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Mission Team

Will meet in the Parish Centre in Newbridge
on Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm which
will last approximately 1 hour. We will be
looking at ways in which we can promote
mission awareness and the work of
missionaries overseas during October
Mission Month. It has been a very long time
since we met before and we look forward
to seeing you all in the parish centre in
Newbridge. If interested in coming to this
meeting please email: jim.farrell@missio.ie
or Fr. George pageorge26@gmail.com

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Carlow Carers Support Group meeting on
Tuesday, 21st March from 11am to 1pm in
the Cathedral Parish Centre. Please contact
the Family Carers Ireland Kilkenny/Carlow
office on 056 7721424 with any queries.

I HIT
SOMEONE
OUTSIDE
A BAR

An assault can wreck a victim's life,
but it can also ruin your own future.
You could lose your job, your ability to
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NOT YOUR FISTS



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A Garda initiative as part of their mission of
Keeping People Safe that is aimed at
reducing and preventing assaults which can
have serious consequences for both victims
and perpetrators.