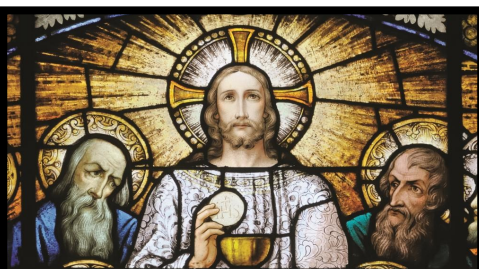


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MASSES
St. Joseph's Church
Mon. - Fri. 10am
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
Available on Webcam
& Radio 100.2fm

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,
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www.baltinglassparish.ie

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

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH
Anthony Graham, Stratford

MONTH'S MIND
Agnes Nolan, Parkmore

ANNIVERSARIES
Nancy Hughes, Parkmore
Maureen Molloy, Celbridge
John Burke, Woodfield
Tom Murphy, Bawnogues
Anthony Leigh, Bawnogues
Peter Doyle, Tinoran
James Geraghty, Rathmines, Dublin 16
Bridie O'Kane, Edward Street
John Gorman, Holdenstown

Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am
Daniel & Bridget Coughlan, Dunlavin
Jim & Bridget Byrne, The Rocks, Grangecon
Margaret Cronin, Springfield
Mary Harney, Colbinstown
Jack Byrne, Castlehill, Grangecon

Rest in Peace

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



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 19TH MARCH 2023

LATARE SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as 'Laetare Sunday'. *Laetare* is the latin for "rejoice". Today the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. It gives us a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

"REJOICE, JERUSALEM, AND ALL WHO LOVE HER. BE JOYFUL, ALL WHO WERE IN MOURNING"

Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a "shot in the arm" as we approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's an opportunity to savor and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us on Easter Sunday — the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!

Today God we honour all mothers and we thank you for the many things that are ours because of them.

A mother is someone who cares about you;

She's someone you could always run to as a child;

Someone you can always turn to as you grow up.

Whatever the situation,

a mother seems to know just what you need;

And whatever the need, she's willing to help,

ready to listen, able to understand.

She's someone who encourages you to be all you can be,

yet accepts you just as you are.

A mother is someone who will always have a special place in your heart and life;

Lord, as a mother looks after her young so you look after us.

Blessed are you always, God of life and love.

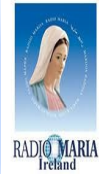
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CONFIRMATION

50 young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday during two ceremonies in St. Joseph's Church at 11am and 1pm

Please remember them in your prayers.

BALINGLASS & 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.



County Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN) free event on Sunday 2nd April

County Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN) is showing the film:

The Letter: A message for our Earth

in An Gairdín Beo (beside St. Leo's College), Carlow town. A visually stunning film which is a call to action led by Pope Francis to all communities to care for our common home, the earth. Starting with pizza at 5.30pm and film showing at 6.30pm.

Everyone welcome but booking is required.

www.eventbrite.com/e/the-letter-a-message-for-our-earth-tickets-587430138357

Email: info@ccen.ie if any questions.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

09, 10, 17, 23

No Jackpot Winner

No Match 3 Winners

Sellers Prize: Juanita

This week's Jackpot: €16,000.



BALINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

06, 08, 20, 25

No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3 winners - €150 each
Gerry Barrett, Linda Kennedy

This week's Jackpot: €6,000



BALINGLASS GAA/LGFA

are launching Football4All, an All Inclusive Child Lead

Sessions for children with Additional Needs in Baltinglass GAA grounds on Thursday, 6th April from 6 -7pm for ages 4-12years.

To register or for further information contact Lena on 087 62 07 572.



NEW COURSE!!

Gardening in the Spring!
Think Organic!

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

WHEN: Wednesdays - 11:45 to 1:45 and will run until the 31st May.

WHERE: Baltinglass Further Education and Training Centre.

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

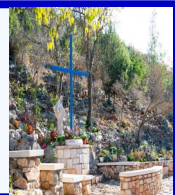


PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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



DARKNESS INTO LIGHT (DIL) 2023

Pieta will be holding a community information evening about Pieta House and its services on Wed. 29th March at 7.30pm in the Community Tearooms, Baltinglass.

The DIL committee will be present if anybody would like to put themselves forward as a volunteer at the Baltinglass walk on 6th May. All are welcome.

Free Bereavement Workshop for Frontline Workers

Thursday 23rd March, Solas Bhríde, Tully Road, Kildare Town at 7pm.

Hosted by the Kildare Bereavement Network for frontline workers, to raise awareness of the impact of bereavement and the supports available in Kildare.

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.

Digging Deeper



LENTE SCRIPTURE SHARING

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

Living Lent



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.

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.

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