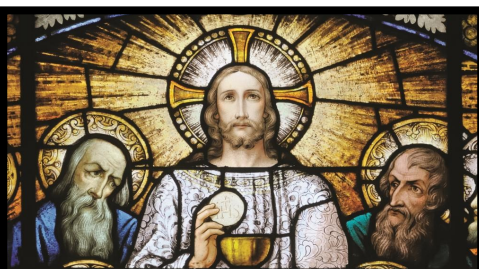


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**MASSES**  
**St. Joseph's Church**  
**Mon. - Fri. 10am**  
**Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am**  
**Available on Webcam**  
**& Radio 100.2fm**

### 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

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,  
to make a donation etc.  
[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

### SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Apr:	2/16/30	9/23
May:	7/21	14/28

### WE REMEMBER

#### MONTH'S MIND

Richard O'Beirne, Cuckoo Lane  
Pat Sinnott, Parkmore

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Edward O'Brien, Raheen  
Johnny Gibbons, Tallaght  
Jules & Kathleen Logan, Baronstown  
Patricia Burke, Woodfield  
Tom, Mabel & May Doyle, Main Street  
Ned, Sarah, James & Eddie Gahan Jnr.  
Carrigeen  
Margaret (Peg) Byrne, Walkinstown & Edward St  
Christy Donohoe, Tinoran  
Thomas, Michael & Gerry Curry, Bawnogues  
Jim Breen, Deerpark  
Joe & Bridget Doody, Tuckmill  
Kevin Kearney, Tinoran  
Bridget Clynych, Killalesh

#### Stratford: Sunday 9.30am

April Amy Nolan, Ballinatone, Stratford  
James & Sarah Barrett, Winetavern  
Paddy & Robert Barrett, Winetavern

*Rest in  
Peace*

### PLEASE NOTE

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



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26TH MARCH 2023

UNBIND HIM  
AND LET HIM  
GO!

One of the most common questions we are asked is what do you do? We may feel that we have to account for ourselves, explaining to others how we spend our time and whether or not we are living a fruitful life.

**Let's look at the Resurrection story of Lazarus when Jesus raised him from death to life. This is the story of each person. "Unbind him, let him go free," Jesus said, and he is saying this for us too. He invites us to total freedom, to wholeness and holiness, to full maturity in our Christian life.**

**It's an ongoing journey and if we keep desiring to be at the end of the journey then we miss out on the eternal now. This is it. We need to continue to say "yes" to God - all we own and have is a gift. Life is a gift - Eternal Life is a gift. We do not earn it. What we can do is love the giver and be thankful.**

Lazarus is ourselves and through Jesus we are all raised to new Life. This is the reason we celebrate Easter & the reason we attend the Eucharist.

**So maybe I could ask myself: 'Who am I?' rather than focus constantly on what it is that I do. A.S.**

*"Unbind him, let him go free" (Today's Gospel)*



### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm in Germaine's.

We invite members to bring some small Easter Eggs for distribution to charity. New membership welcome.

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

03, 20, 22, 24

No Jackpot Winner



**3 Match 3 Winners** - €85 each  
Margaret Keogh, Brigid Barrett,  
Jason, Casey & Shay  
**Sellers Prize:** Veronica Dunne

**This week's Jackpot:** €16,250

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

06, 12, 13, 23

No Jackpot Winner



**4 Match 3 winners** - €75  
Joe Hanly, Con Murphy, Danny Mc Carthy  
Sean Keogh

**This week's Jackpot:** €6,200



### BALTINGLASS 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.



### 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.

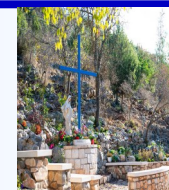
The DIL committee will be present if anybody would like to put themselves forward as a volunteer at the Baltinglass walk on 6th May. All are welcome.

### 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



### FAMILY MASS

11am Sunday 2nd April

### PALM SUNDAY



Mass will begin with the blessing of palms in the church grounds.

We encourage people to gather outside and be part of our procession as we commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.



### CHRISM MASS

Bishop Denis will celebrate the Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral on **Monday 3rd April at 7:30 pm**. During this Mass, the oils for use in the celebration of sacraments in the coming year will be blessed and consecrated, and the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises. People are welcome to join in this Diocesan celebration.

### National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 23rd April (2nd w/end after Easter)  
For bus enquiries for the Tullow -Carlow area phone Brendan 0876537753.

### WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE COMMITTEE

Thank You most sincerely to all who donated clothes to our recent collections and made it such a wonderful success.



### CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

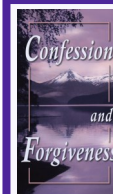
Baltinglass Masses  
Sat/Sun 1st/2nd April

Epilepsy Ireland is a voluntary organisation and fundraising is particularly important. Any support would be much appreciated.



### LITURGIES

**Holy Thursday: 7.30pm**  
**Good Friday: 3pm**  
**Stations of the Cross 6pm**  
**Holy Saturday: 9pm**



### PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

The celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is encouraged during the season of Lent in preparation for the liturgies of Holy Week when we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. On **Friday (31st) at 7.30pm in Baltinglass Church** we will have a Service during which people will have the opportunity to individually receive absolution for their sins. Service in Rathvilly on Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm.

### WASHING OF FEET

On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper when Jesus instituted the Eucharist and washed the feet of his disciples. If you would be willing to participate in the washing of feet during Mass on Holy Thursday please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Ger or Sr. Eileen.



**LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING**  
Weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass readings are available on [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie).



### 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. Information from: [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)



### DANNY'S CORNER

Hello everyone! So nice to see longer evenings, brighter mornings and the spring flowers in bloom. Most importantly, don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hour tonight (25th).