

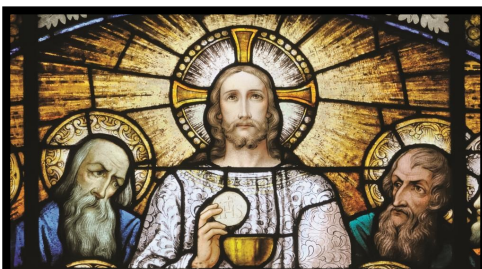
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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY

2ND APRIL 2023



## 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 'WEDNESDAY'

## PLEASE NOTE

Next Week-End's Newsletter is a Double Issue

## PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon. & Wed. 9.30am -1.00pm  
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am -1.00pm  
1.30pm -2.30pm

The Office is **CLOSED** Good Friday & will re-open on Monday 17th.

## WE REMEMBER

### RECENT DEATHS

Catherine (Cathy) O'Neill, Tinoran

### MONTH'S MIND

Seamus Behan, Lifford, Co. Donegal

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Lil Germaine, Knockpatrick

Kealy Family, Toolestown

Dan, Bridie & Paul Kehoe, Weaver Square

Gay & Jim Halloran, Tinoran

Jim Murphy, Irongrange

Frank & Mollie Westlake & their son Frankie, Carrigeen

Michael Patterson, Carrigeen

Tom & Kathleen Hegarty, Parkmore

William & Molly Whyte, Knockfield, Ballyraggan

Jack Byrne, Main Street, Baltinglass

Murt Byrne, Carrigeen

Rose Dempsey (nee Byrne), Carrigeen & Leeds

Peggy Flynn (nee Byrne), Carrigeen & Ballycumber

Paddy & Breda Whelan, Raheen

Ruth Staines, Baltinglass & Stoneybatter

### Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am

May Salmon, Lowtown

Rest in Peace



Today, Palm Sunday, we recall Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem knowing that he was later to suffer and die. It is the beginning of Holy Week, the greatest week in the Church's year - a week in which Christians throughout the world recall and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper when we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and Christ's call to serve. Good Friday brings us in touch with the suffering of Christ and indeed the sufferings of many throughout the world. Finally, in the liturgy of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night we celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus Christ, his victory over sin and death.

The reality, however, is that Holy Week goes unnoticed by some and has little or no impact on many. We may need to step back, to stop and reflect on what it means to be a Christian and who Christ is for us, and how we will celebrate that in this Holy Week.

While there is no obligation on us to take part in any or all of the liturgies of Holy Week we should be drawn to celebrate the events that give meaning to our faith and to what we profess as Christians.

Let Holy Week be a time of renewal of our faith, a dying and rising to new life with Christ.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### CONFESSION

Holy Thursday 8.30pm

Good Friday 4pm

Holy Saturday 11-12



## LITURGIES

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm

Good Friday: 3pm

Stations of the Cross: 6pm

Holy Saturday: 9pm

## EASTER SUNDAY MASSES



Stratford 9.30am

Baltinglass 11am

**ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY**  
**KILTEGAN - VACANCIES**

The positions are as follows:

**1 x 39 Hours Per Week Permanent**

**1x 12 Hours Per Week Permanent**

**1 x 6.5 Hours Per Week Permanent**

Interested applicants must have achieved a QQI Level 5 in a relevant qualification ie Health Care Skills/Health Care Support and have previous experience of working with the elderly. Excellent terms and conditions of employment for the right candidates. To apply for these positions email [hrmanager@spms.ie](mailto:hrmanager@spms.ie).



**BECOME SUICIDE ALERT!**  
**safeTALK**

Baltinglass & District Forum



**Location:** Baltinglass Parish Centre  
**Date:** Thursday 20th April  
**Time:** 7pm - 10.30pm.

SafeTALK 'suicide alertness for everyone' prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.

This training is suitable for anyone over the age of 18. Training is free of charge. Booking is essential. Please contact: [admin@breakingthrough.org](mailto:admin@breakingthrough.org)

**OUR "BALTINGLASS WELCOMES" FAMILY HOMELESS?**

You have seen the Irish Times article in St. Joseph's Church porch about the family we brought from the Lebanon last April where they had been in a refugee camp for 10 years. They are VERY happy with the warm welcome they received from the people of Baltinglass but their landlord is now selling their apartment and they have to leave in August. We are therefore URGENTLY searching for a 3 bedroomed house anywhere within a reasonable distance of Baltinglass, a very difficult task at present. Please spread the news far and wide. Contact Máire on 0830 362 325 with ANY possible results regardless of size and distance.

**STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO**



**Winning Numbers**

16, 19, 23, 29



**No Jackpot Winner**

**4 Match 3 Winners - €65 each**

Roisin Phelan, Laura & Joss,

Peter Doyle, Kieran & Carmel

**Sellers Prize:** Kellyann Bollard

**This week's Jackpot:** €16,500

**BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO**



**Winning Numbers**

03, 06, 20, 22



**No Jackpot Winner**

**4 Match 3 winners - €75 each**

Frankie Sheerin, Cathy Allen,

Elaine Quinn-Burke, Rena Doyle

**This week's Jackpot:** €6,400

**VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE**

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

**BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

**Coffee Mornings:** Fridays of April 11am in Germaines.

**Knitting & Stitching:** Tuesdays 2.30pm in Bia Blasta.

**Bowling:** Tuesdays 3- 4.30pm Fatima Hall

**Bridge:** Weds. 10.30-12 noon Parish Centre

**Summer Holiday**

to The Slieve Russell Hotel, Cavan from Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> May to Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

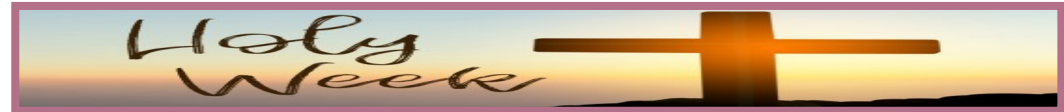
Cost €495 per person sharing.

Single supp. €35 per night. Ph. 087 2999571

*The trip to Henrietta St. Dublin Museum, and Hugh Lane Art Gallery, is fully booked.*

**DANNY'S CORNER**

The Lalor Centre are delighted to have raised €255 for the Daffodil Day fundraiser. This was supported by the Service Users, Staff and families. Sincere thanks to everyone.



**7.30pm**



At the heart of **Holy Thursday** is Jesus' command to serve others, modelled by Jesus in the washing of feet and the gift of himself in the Eucharist. 'Do this in memory' is a call to us as members of the Christian community to be a Eucharistic people. This means not only receiving the precious gift of Christ in the Eucharist but living Eucharist in our daily actions of care and service to one another.

**3pm**



On **Good Friday**, a day of fast and abstinence, the Church gathers in silence as we take up our prayer from the liturgy of Holy Thursday. In his Passion, Christ has taken upon himself the sufferings and the sins of our world.

**9pm**



On this greatest of nights in the life of the Church we keep vigil with the Lord. The Easter Vigil is rich in symbol and ritual action. It typically unfolds in four parts. The celebration begins around the light of the Easter fire. The fire is blessed, the Easter Candle is lit and this light is shared before we sing our great proclamation of Easter, the Exsultet. In the second part of the night we vigil with the stories of our salvation, the great stories from the Old Testament proclaimed in the light of our Easter faith and culminating in the proclamation of the resurrection in the Gospel reading. Now in the third part we are ready to do what our whole Lenten journey has been about – to welcome new members in baptism and to renew our own baptism before we complete our celebration of the vigil with the Liturgy of the Eucharist in which we receive the nourishment and grace of the Body of Christ to sustain us in the Christian journey.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Beginning at St. Mary's Church at **6pm on Good Friday** we make our way along the street to St. Joseph's Church. We encourage people to come together to make the way of the cross as we reflect on the passion of Jesus.



**National Holy Face Public Prayer Vigil**  
**Good Friday 12noon - 1pm**  
**McAllister Monument**

Human Life (Ire.) are holding over 100 Public prayer Vigils in each County in Ireland on Good Friday to make reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus, & for the protection of life, faith & family in Ireland. **"Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven."** Mt 10:32.

**LENTEN COLLECTION**

Thanks to those who have already contributed to this collection for the support of clergy. Envelopes in your box for this purpose.

**National Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Pilgrimage to Knock**

Sunday 23rd April - For bus enquiries for the Tullow -Carlow area phone Brendan 0876537753.

**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.



**CHRISM MASS**

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.



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**  
**Wednesday 30th Aug to 6th Sept. 2023**  
**Dublin to Medjugorje return.**  
**Half Board. Cost: €795**

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