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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

23RD APRIL 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

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

SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Apr:	30	
May:	14/28	07/21

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATHS

Kevin O'Neill, Newtown
Eddie, Andy & Murt Piggott, Tinoran &
Birmingham

ANNIVERSARIES

Dick Nolan, The Wood
Rose & Jim Delaney, Bawnogues
Lily Rooney, Tinoran
Peter Sutton, Baltinglass & Birmingham
Patrick & Mary Kearney, Tinoran
Michael (Mikie) Lalor, Mill Street & Swords &
deceased members of the Lalor & Doyle Families
Elizabeth Byrne, Dunlavin
Paddy Pearson, Parkmore
Johnny Shortt, Mill Street
Luke Kinsella, Hughestown
Paul Gerard Doyle, London
Paul Barrett, Shroughaun
Kathleen Byrne, Main Street
Joe Germaine, Main Street

*Rest in
Peace*

Stratford: Sunday 9.30am

Patrick & Claire Moore, Winetavern & Ballinasloe
Bill & Bridget Byrne, Doctor's Road, Stratford
Mary & David Hawtin, Stratford
Thomas & Anna Bollard, Randalstown &
their daughter Margaret Shiels & her
husband Frank Shiels, Stratford & London

PLEASE NOTE

There will be a Communion Service
this Tuesday instead of Mass at 10am.
Mass as usual for the remainder of the week.

SPRING BLESSINGS

May the God of Spring brighten your days and
grace you to be a light in the lives of others.

May the God of Colour increase your awareness
of the gift & beauty of who you are & may you
share your giftedness with those around you.

May the God of Surprises enable you to locate
the sacred in all of life's experiences and may
you be enriched by all that crosses your path.

May the God of wonder awaken your soul to
the wonder and goodness that dwell in our
world and may you share your newfound
wonder with those who are close to you.

May the God of New Life nourish the life
that is within you and lead you to newer
and ever-fulfilling horizons.

May the God of Love fill your heart with
an ever-increasing capacity to love
and may you share this love
with all those whom you meet.



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Stratford: Saturday 6th May at 11am



Baltinglass/Bigstone:
Saturday 13th May at 11am & 1pm

Grangecon: Sunday 14th May at 9.30am

K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee invites you to a Day of Prayer & Celebration



Saturday 29th April, 9.30am - 4pm
Church of the Irish Martyrs
(Ballycane church) Naas W91 K6CT
South exit off M50 into Naas,
turn left after the hospital.
All welcome - Refreshments served.

THANK YOU

To all who contributed to the Lenten/Easter
Collection for support of Parish Priest.
It is much appreciated.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Thanks to those who have already returned
their boxes. It would be great to get more
back as soon as possible so that we can
forward the much needed funds to Trócaire

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER PRICE INCREASE

Please note that from May the price
of the paper will be €3.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

16, 17, 23, 27



No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners - €85 each

Kieran & Carmel, Alice Byrne, Mary Cullen

Sellers Prize: Fishers

This week's Jackpot: €17,250

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

10, 13, 17, 28



No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3 winners - €150 each

Peadar Osborne, Avril Quirke

This week's Jackpot: €7,000



DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2023

REMINDER— A Volunteer Meeting
will take place in the Parish Centre on
27th April at 8pm. All are welcome.
We have a new start/finish this year in the
lower Car Park of Scoil Chonglais.
Please be aware that for health and safety
reasons there is no parking in this Car Park
or on the roadside at Parkmore.
We ask people to car-pool where possible.
There is plenty of parking in Weaver
Square, the Church Car Park and in the
main part of the town.
Thank you ! DIL committee 2023

MARCH FOR LIFE 2023

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2pm
Marching in Dublin
from St. Stephen's Green to Leinster House.

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 & District Active Retirement

Bealtaine Afternoon Tea Dance

In preparation for the Bealtaine Festival 2023 (a
festival celebrating arts & creativity as we age),
we are organising an Afternoon Tea Dance for the
older people of the area,
including our members at **Inis Fail,**
Germaine's on Wednesday 10th May at 3pm Old
Time dancing with **Black Knights Band.** Event
funded by Creative Places Baltinglass, Wicklow
County Council & the Arts Council.
Next monthly meeting on Wednesday
26th April at 3pm in Germaine's.

UKRAINIAN CULTURE DAY

Sunday 30th April 2pm at Germaine's
Ukrainian music, dances, food,
and various master classes.



ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is an
island-wide attempt to reverse
declines in pollinating insects. One
third of our bee species are threatened with
extinction in Ireland. The good news is that
you can help by making your garden
pollinator friendly. Every garden, no matter
its size, can be a haven for hungry
pollinators. www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

AUDITIONS CALL for 'WEST SIDE STORY'

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May
Open to everyone from 13 years to
90 years young. Contact 087 919 5991
or turn up to St. Joseph's Hall, Blessington
on the days between 5 & 7pm.
Directed by: Sinead O'Brien.
Musical Director: Emma Dunleavy.
Producer: Barry Hamilton.

COMMUNITY CATCH UP

WED. 27TH APRIL FROM 7PM LALOR CENTRE

This time last year, Wicklow Public Participation
Network, working in collaboration with Wicklow
county council, visited Baltinglass to ask about
your vision for our Community. A year later we
want to catch up to give you feedback on what we
have done to date.

Find out about:

- ◆ Wicklow disability & Inclusion Steering Committee & Group Toolkit.
 - ◆ Wicklow Older People's Council & the new Age Friendly Strategy.
 - ◆ Wicklow volunteer Centre.
 - ◆ Network with other groups. Catch up on what we did with what we heard at last year's Vision for our Community Consultation.
- Refreshments & informal networking from 7pm.
Presentations, discussion, Q & A from 7.30- 9pm.
Contact: info@countywiclowppn.ie or 0860487434



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. For
more information please phone: 01 5053112
or email: marriagepreparation@accord.ie



JOB VACANCY

McGreal's Pharmacy are currently
recruiting a full time Accounts Administrator
to work in Blessington. For Information
contact HR at Deirdre.byrne@mcgreals.ie