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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

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
May:	14/28	07/21
June:	11/25	04/18

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Lily McMurrin (nee Kavanagh), Weaver Square
Mary Winder (nee Abott), Parkmore
and Ruislip, London

ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen Long, Rathfarnham
Ellen Humphries, Dunlavin
Peter Doyle, Barronstown
Mai Kennedy, Chapel Hill
Nicolette Wall, Parkmore & London
Thomas Furlong, Woodfield

Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am

Josephine O'Toole Coogan, Grangecon
James Murphy, Lowtown
Tom & Mary Moore, Ballinure
Joseph Hamill, Grangecon

*Rest in
Peace*

Mass of Thanksgiving for Blessed John Sullivan

Clongowes Wood College Sunday 7th May 3pm
Celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty

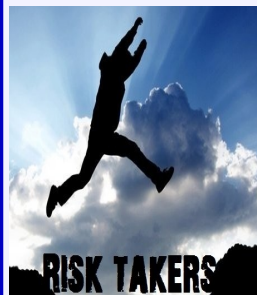
PENTECOST NOVENA

19th -27th of May
This novena will be broadcast daily on Radio
Maria and Shalom World Prayer Channel.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday) 30th April 2023



TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST

"We all have our Vocation story to tell. It's not earth shattering but it's ours and we must own it. What attracted us to the life we live today? I encourage each of you to tell something of your own story next Sunday, as we begin a dedicated 'Year for Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood' with the theme 'Take the Risk for Christ'.

Looking over the parishes where our vocations were nourished, taking the group of men in active ministry and those who are retired, it's interesting to see that our 79 priests come from just 40 parishes. There are 16 parishes that have no native son serving in the diocese. The parishes with the most vocations to the diocesan priesthood are Carlow Cathedral and Tullow, followed closely by Borris and then Edenderry. The County Carlow end of the diocese has had the largest number of diocesan vocations with 36 priests from parishes within the county.

We are blessed with men born in other parts of the country who are part of our diocesan family. We are further enriched by thirteen men from abroad who minister here and of course the Religious Orders, especially our friends in Kiltegan, who so generously give of their gifts, having served out on the missions.

As in our Synodal discussions and reflections across the diocese we honestly ask where and how is the Holy Spirit leading us? Is Ireland now a Mission territory as some suggest? It is. The fact is we will always need priests. However, before we can cultivate vocations, we must evangelise. There are still vocations here. There are still young men who generously give of themselves to the Lord, perhaps they need a little encouragement to take that risk for Christ". + Denis Nulty

Contact Kildare & Leighlin Vocations Director: Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill PP
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Saorview - Channel 210

Stream on www.radiomaria.ie

By phone (01) 437 3277

(no extra charges apply) FREE APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"



THE TOTUS TUUS WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE 2023

will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming Saturday May 6th from 2pm.

Speakers include Siobhán Dunnyce, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins.

You can follow the conference by:

1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie.
2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet.
3. Listen live via Facebook.
4. Call 01 4373277 and listen live
5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Stratford: Saturday 6th May at 11am

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

Grangecon: Sunday 14th May at 9.30am

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

06, 08, 12, 27



No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3 Winners - €45 each
Jane O'Keeffe, Pauline Faulkner,
Ciara O'Neill, Margaret Keogh
Dinah Ryan, Finbarr Brady

Sellers Prize: Jim Cush

This week's Jackpot: €17,500

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

05, 12, 18, 30



No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 winners - €60 each
Leonora Doyle Murphy, Emma Doyle,
Mary O'Keeffe, Doreen Walsh, Steph Hickey

This week's Jackpot: €7,200



BORD OIDEACHAIS AGUS OILIÚNA
CHILL DARÁ AND CHILL MHAINTÁIN
KILDARE AND WICKLOW
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTRE ATHY OPEN DAY

May 3rd from 10am to 12pm. If you would like to find out more about all levels of Education and Training courses for adult learners and young people in your area, please come along on the day. We will also be accepting registration for new students enrolling on programmes starting September, and some summer programmes. For additional information call: Una Burke/Susie Kelly/Michael Kelly on 059 863 2044. Further Education and Training Centre, Carlow Road, Athy, Co. Kildare. www.athyfetc.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



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Coffee Mornings in May:

Fridays 11am in The Little Acorn.

Outing:

Mount Congreve Gardens, Waterford, Wed 17th May. Phone Mary on 087 299 9571.

Theatre: Some members are organising car-pooling for Thursday 25th May for the 8pm performance of The Cripple of Inishmaan, at the Carlow Little Theatre.

Summer Holiday break: A few places still available in The Slieve Russell Hotel, Cavan, from Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June. Cost €495 pps. Single supp: €35 per night.



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/

MARCH FOR LIFE 2023

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2pm

Marching in Dublin

from St. Stephen's Green to Leinster House.

DUFFY'S COACH HIRE

Day Trip to Bloom: Thursday 1st June.

PLAN YOUR GET AWAY

JOIN G & J DUFFY COACH HIRE

At the Woodford Dolmen Hotel on Friday 5th May from 8pm - 11pm. Music & Refreshments on the night.

Explore all our special offers.

All are welcome. **FREE Admission.**
For all the above please contact Duffy's on 087 254 3235 or 059 64 71 681.



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



SATURDAY 6TH MAY
Starting at Scoil Chonglais car park



Seamus Whitney's ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May at Baltinglass Golf Club
€40 per person. Teams of 3

First tee off: 8am. Slots available throughout the day. Register on arrival.