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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday of Easter

7th May 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

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
May:	14/28	21
June:	11/25	04/18

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Billy Whelan, Winetavern & Liverpool
Frants Obshta, Weaver Sq. & Ukraine

MONTHS MIND

Kevin O'Neill, Newtown
Catherine O'Neill, Tinoran

ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia McDermott, Parkmore
Annie Murphy, Carrigeen & deceased members
of the Murphy Family
Margaret Cullen, Parkmore & her husband
Thomas & daughter Kathleen
Robert James Moore, Rathcoran
Willie Twyford, Rathmoon
John Kehoe, Newtown
Eugene Dunne, Belan Street

Stratford: Sunday 9.30am

Maisie & Jim Browne, Ballymore Eustace

*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.

Most of us know what it's like to be parting
company from another whom we love and
wondering if we will ever see them again.

Well, today Jesus is preparing his disciples for his
leaving them and so our Gospel has a sad, yet
wonderful atmosphere to it.

Jesus tells them this is not the end and in doing so is telling us too.
There is more to us than our material lives -we each have an inner,
spiritual aspect and our lives on earth are a preparation for the place
Jesus has prepared for each of us for "There are many rooms in my
Father's house". Our earthly existence is not permanent. Christ
became flesh and he too had to move on from this life.

Thomas questions Jesus "We do not know where you are going so
how can we know the way? And so we hear the beautiful consoling
words from Jesus "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life".

We tend to look outwardly for the Way just as the disciples did but
the "Kingdom of Heaven is within." Philip wants to see the Father
even though Christ has been teaching him and with him for so long.
Everything Christ is and says is from the Father for I am in the Father
and the Father is in me". Christ has nothing his own no more that we
have, nor can we do anything of value on our own.

Our Gospel today may be tinged with sadness, mystery and wonder
but it invites us today to "Trust in God still, and trust in me".

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STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

13, 19, 21, 30

No Jackpot Winner

No Match 3 Winners



Sellers Prize: Brigid Barrett

This week's Jackpot: €18,000



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Baltinglass/Bigstone:

Saturday 13th May at 11am & 1pm

Grangecon: Sunday 14th May at 9.30am

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

HOW TO PLANT SEEDS' DEMONSTRATION

The ladies from the Tearmann garden are going to demonstrate how to plant seeds and how to get them started.

They will also show how to use the Seed Ark at the library which has been up and running for a few years.

Venue: Baltinglass Library

Date: 9th May **Time:** 6.30 pm

All are welcome to attend. Free admission.



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

04, 20, 21, 25

No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3 winners - €150 each

Fabian Dunne, Laura Cullen



This week's Jackpot: €7,400



LAUDATO SI DAY

Exploring Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Laudato Si' (on caring for our planet).

Tuesday 30th May in "An Gairdin Beo", beside St. Leo's Convent, Carlow from 11am to 4pm.

Facilitated by Jane Mellett (Trocaire) & including lunch. Booking is essential with a suggested offering of €20 per person on the day. If interested please contact Fr. Ger or Parish Office.

DUFFY'S COACH HIRE



Day Trip to Bloom: 1st June.

Tour to Killarney: 16th July, 4 nights.

Tour to Donegal: 13th August, 5 nights.

Tour to Roscommon: 1st October, 4 nights.

For all the above tours contact Duffy's at 087 254 3235 or 059 647 1681.

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



SCOIL CHONGLAIS

PARENTS COUNCIL BAKE SALE

beside Sam McAllister on

Saturday, 20th May at 10am.

All funds raised will go directly towards supporting and enhancing school life for the wonderful young students.

Any support, donations of baked goods or raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

FAMILY SEASONS

RELATIONSHIPS & FAMILY SEMINARS

In Germaine's Restaurant

25th - 26th May from 7 - 8.30pm.

"You Took the Wrong Kid"

The four seasons of parenting. Maximise your parenting by mastering each session.

"The Big Lie" - Mastering 8 conflict keys to your relationship.

Refreshments after the seminar.



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

BEALTAINE AFTERNOON TEA DANCE

Old-time Dancing on Wed. 10th May,

In Inis Fail Germaines at 3pm.

Music by the Black Knights Band.

This Bealtaine Festival **Free Event** is funded

by Creative Places Baltinglass, Wicklow County Council and The Arts Council.

We look forward to seeing you there (both members and non-members).

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please return your box if you have not already done so by next weekend.

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/



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

DANNY'S CORNER

We had a very upsetting event last week when 4 youths were spotted riding bare back and hitting our therapeutic horses which are specially trained to support people with disabilities. We appeal to all parents to be aware of where your children are at all times to ensure that this does not happen again. **Danny!**



BALTINGLASS BRANCH

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