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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th Sunday of Easter

14th 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

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:	28	21
June:	11/25	04/18

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

Joan O'Neill, Tuckmill
Margaret Connolly & her Father John, Carrigeen
Mary O'Keeffe, 1 Parkmore
Jim Keogh, Parkmore
Patrick, Elizabeth & Hugh Coogan, Irongrange
Eileen & Sean Kearney, Tinoran & England
Bridget & Dan O'Neill, The Wood

Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am

Michael Germaine, Bessina

*Rest in
Peace*

PENTECOST NOVENA

19th -27th May

This novena will be broadcast daily on Radio
Maria and Shalom World Prayer Channel.


Society of St Vincent de Paul

BALTINGLASS BRANCH

If you wish to donate to St. Vincent de Paul (Baltinglass) to
support families in our community who are in need,
please use the following:

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 8447 8860
SORT CODE: 90 65 07
IBAN: IE24 BOFI 9065 0784 4788 60



Everything in nature has a time, a rhythm, a natural cycle, a season. This is also true of spiritual development. In today's gospel we see that the time of the disciples has not yet come. These are the people who gave up everything for Christ. They were his students and also his friends and despite being trained by him they still did not fully understand what Jesus said.

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, the same spirit which descended on the head of Jesus when he was baptised by John the Baptist. Only then will the disciples understand that "I am in the Father & you in me and I in you".

Jesus was fully human and we are invited to grow towards this fullness which leads us to respect one another, keeping our focus on the being of the person, on God, and less on ourselves. Anything that separates us from Jesus needs to be emptied out or removed. Our fulfilment comes through Christ, as we are asked to leave our old way of life behind. We all make mistakes and it is humbling to admit them but also to learn from them. We are called to say only what praises God and only what uplifts another. There is a whole new life awaiting to dawn on us as we await Pentecost-Baptism in the spirit. And each day has its own time, rhythm, cycle and season. Just as our spiritual life has within.

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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.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

04, 06, 10, 29

No Jackpot Winner



2 Match 3 Winners - €125 each
Ned Byrne & Aisling Farrell

Sellers Prize: Maurice Mangan

This week's Jackpot: €18,250

BALINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

02, 05, 12, 28

No Jackpot Winner



10 Match 3 winners - share €300

John Bookle, Mary Vernon, Steph Hickey, Audrey Dunne, Kevin Kennedy, John Fleming, Mark Cody Canning, Kevin Browne, Liam Irwin, Pauline Murray

This week's Jackpot: €7,600

DUFFY'S COACH HIRE



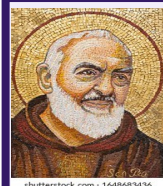
Day Trip to Bloom: 1st June.

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.



ST. PADRE PIO'S GLOVE

will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy, Co. Kildare on Saturday 3rd June from 11am to 5pm.

Items of St. Pio will be available on the day.

For details call Ann on 085 169 6189.

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



Abortion: Changing the Narrative – a Statement of the Catholic Bishops

Five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which also takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. At that time the bishops said, "a new situation now exists in Ireland. It is essential for us as a Church, which cares passionately about the gift of life, and wants to support both mothers and their unborn children, to seek better ways of responding to this new and very challenging reality".

Today, bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely, that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. The bishops remain convinced that the relevant law, the *Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018* will, in due course, be repealed. In the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition. The bishops will continue to do their best to change the narrative through dialogue and by testifying, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. How can People of Faith help? Read the full statement (which is available in the church and also on www.catholicbishops.ie)

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY

Knock Saturday June 3rd 1pm

Includes Mass, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross & talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme.

The Main Celebrant for the Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin.

A bus will leave from Kildare. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment.

Phone Niamh: 086 1758458



SCOIL CHONGLAIS

PARENTS COUNCIL BAKE SALE

beside Sam McAllister on Saturday, 20th May at 10am.

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

KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN

ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION

for our Retired Priests takes place on weekend of 27th/28th May

Please give generously to continue the support of our Retired Priests.

THE EATING DISORDERS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

On Wed. May 31st, at 7pm, Harriet Parsons from Bodywhys, the Eating Disorders Association of Ireland, will talk about eating disorders and how best to support someone affected by them.

Bodywhys: The Eating Disorders Association of Ireland is the national voluntary organisation for people affected by eating disorders, including friends and family. The organisation has grown to develop a range of services and supports for people affected by eating disorders. It offers support, information, a listening ear and understanding. Booking link for tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/how-to-support-someone-with-an-eating-disorder-tickets-615531700887?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Or email libraryoutreach@wicklowcoco.ie

A free, online event brought to you by Wicklow County Council Library Service as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.



BALINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

meet every Wednesday at 6:30pm at McAllister Statue. If you can spare an hour of your time to help us out, we would really appreciate it. We need all the help we can get. Thanks!