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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

Tue<mark>s. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00</mark>pm 1.30pm - 2.30pm

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SUNDAY MASSES		
GRANGECON		STRATFORD
May:	28	
June:	11/25	04/18

WE REMEMBER RECENT DEATH Patrick (Patsy) Moore, Tuckmill

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Coogan, Knockfield Elizabeth Coogan & her sons Francis & Patrick & daughter Lily Burke, Knockfield Ina & Patsy Burke, Belan Street & deceased members of the Burke Family Mary Doyle, Chapel Hill & deceased members of the Doyle & Lalor Families Brigid Keogh, 8 Parkmore Johnny & Julia Dunne, Tinoran Jimmy Dunne, Hughestown Sheila Ward, Prosperous Mary Groves & her daughter Annie, Parkmore Anthony Donoghue, Timolin, Moone Bridget & Richard Donoghue, Knockeen, Tullow Martin Moore, Newtown Saunders Joseph, Sheila & Willie Doyle Bridie O'Neill, 11 Shroughaun Ann O'Reilly, Woodfield

Stratford: Sunday 9.30am Pat Bollard, Winetavern



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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

21st May 2023



"He blessed them"

The gorse (furze) is in bloom and the very scent from it makes me feel drunk. It is so prickly and its deep golden yellow flowers are only heavenly.

"Lifting up his hands he blessed them".

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven. He had to leave so that his spirit could become part of every human being. Jesus was chosen by the Father to fulfil a certain mission on earth - so that he would renew the whole world. He was mediator between God and humanity.

Some of us may know people who have the peace of Christ - an inner peace not dependent on exterior circumstances. We are all invited to this peace - not wanting more than what we have and thanking God for it. There is a peace in handing over and allowing our lives to unfold rather that wanting to control everything.

Jesus blessed his disciples - maybe we too could bless others. Thank you God for people in my life who are helping me on life's journey. Bless them and bless the mayflower, the song of the bird and the beautiful scent of the gorse.

> "Now as He blessed them He withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven".

> > (Ann Sayers)

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Saorview - Channel 210 Stream on www.radiomaria.ie By phone (01) 437 3277 (no extra charges apply) FREE APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"

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.



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

BALTINGLASS ACTIVE RETIRED

Monthly meeting due to take place on 31st May has been deferred to 7th June due to members annual holiday.

DANNY'S CORNER

We would like to wish Julie Kirwan the best of luck as she completes her Bronze Medal for the Presidential An Gaisce award. To do this she had to complete a 25 Km hike, learn a new skill and volunteer in the community by cleaning the church once a week. Well done Julie with all your hard work.



RADIO MARIA

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers 18, 22, 24, 28 No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3 Winners - €125 each Sean O'Brien & Claire Doolev

Sellers Prize: Kellie Curran

This week's Jackpot: €18,500

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO Winning Numbers



4 Match 3 winners - €75 each Barry Deveraux, Paula Doyle, Roger McHugh & Theresa McLaughlin

This week's Jackpot: €7800.

WICKLOW & KILDARE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE Counselling & Psychotherapy.

For bookings contact: Luba O Neill by Phone - 089-2744920 or Email: info@wicklowandkildarementalhealth.ie Aran Centre, Blessington, Co. Wicklow PSI + IHIP

KILDARE & WICKLOW EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD (KWETB)

invite you to information sessions about an exciting new pilot course in psychology starting in Blessington Further Education & Training Centre (FETC) in September. Join us for a cup of tea/coffee on Tuesday, 23rd May, 7pm to 8pm, or Wednesday, 24th May, 11am to 12noon in Blessington FETC for an informal outline and chat about the course.



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

TidyTowns **Caring for our environment**

BALTINGLASS 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!

MEDJUGORJE MASS 7pm Thursday May 25th Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow.

Rosary followed by Mass and Benediction.



The ministry of proclaiming the Word of God is an important one. We appreciate the commitment of our existing readers. We would like to add to our list for 6pm Mass on Saturdays. If you would be willing to do so please contact Fr. Ger, Sr. Eileen or Parish Office.

CEMETERY MASSES 2023 Rathbran Cemetery

Friday 30th June 7.30pm **Knockpatrick Cemetery** Friday 7th July 7.30pm **Baltinglass Cemetery** Sunday 6th August 3pm Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery Tuesday 15th August 11am

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.



AFTERNOON RECITAL Suono Ladies Choir

Carlow Cathedral Sunday 21st May at 4pm Programme to include works by Faure, Hagenberg, Casals, Esenvalds, Humperdinck & Whitacre. Musical Director: Owen Lynch, Piano: Ann Cullen. Free admission.

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