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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

11TH JUNE 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

GRANGECON STRATFORD

June: 25 18
July: 9/23 2/16/30

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Anne Nolan, Moneymore, Grangecon

MONTHS MIND

Patrick Moore, Tuckmill

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas F. Millett, Lathaleere & deceased
members of the Matthews

Family, Baltray, Co. Louth

Donal McDonnell, Coolinarrig

Theresa Doherty, Carrigeen

Tommy O'Connor, Irongrange

Seamus O'Reilly, Woodfield

Clare Doody, Hartstown

Paul Kennedy, Chapel Hill

Maureen Coffey, Carrigeen & her husband

Patrick & her son Pádraig & deceased

members of the Coffey & O'Shea

families in Baltinglass & Kerry

Con Hayes, Bawnogues

Elizabeth Barrett, 8 Shroughaun

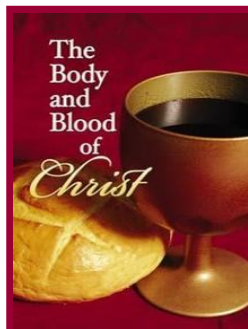
John Moore, Deerpark

Bridget Byrne, Shroughaun

Grangecon : Sunday 9.30am

Laurence, Margaret & Deirdre Dunne, Knockrigg

*Rest in
Peace*



'Today is my gift to you.'

'The fact that there is only one loaf means that though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf'. 1 Cor. 10:16-17

Today is the feast of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ).

Bread comes in many forms and is the stable diet of millions of people all over the world. Bread doesn't just happen. It is a combination of many things together, the soil, the sun and rain.

It passes through many hands from the farmer, the miller, the baker, the shopkeeper and then to us. It is people who bring forth the bread but is to God whom we give thanks to.

In the above quotation Paul is referring to the fact that we are all in some way connected with God. We are not isolated individuals on our own but all very much part of a team or family.

The gift of the Eucharist doesn't celebrate individualism but celebrates the fact that we are all a part of God's family.

In sharing the one loaf, we are connected and united, not just with each other but to God, our universe, our community, our family and so on.

The Eucharist is not a prize for the strong, but a source of strength for the weak, for sinners." (Pope Francis)

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"



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



UPKEEP OF CEMETERY

People are encouraged to tend to their graves in preparation for these Masses.



CRUINNÍÚ NA NÓG

National Day of Creativity for Children & Young People returns to Baltinglass on **Saturday 10th June.**

Taking place in the Tearmann Community Garden, Creative Places Baltinglass has created a fun and inclusive programme of events and activities to celebrate and encourage participation by children and young people in creative activities.

Find out more by visiting <https://www.creativeplacesbaltinglass.ie/events/cruinnu-na-nog-returns-to-baltinglass>

EXAMS

We remember in our prayers students sitting Junior and Leaving Cert exams at present. We wish them every success.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
06, 12, 23, 28
No Jackpot Winner
No Match 3 Winners



Sellers Prize: Kellyann Bollard

This week's Jackpot: €3,750.

BALINGLASS GAA LOTTO

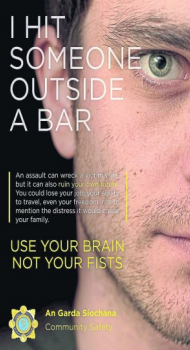


Winning Numbers
02, 05, 07, 26
No Jackpot Winner



4 Match 3 winners - €75 each
Tommy Byrne, Denis Murray
Patricia Doody, Ann Healy

This week's Jackpot: €8,400



USE YOUR BRAIN NOT YOUR FISTS

An assault can wreck a victim's life, but it can also ruin your own future. You could lose your job, your ability to travel, even your freedom, not to mention the distress it would cause your family.

A Garda initiative as part of their mission of Keeping People Safe that is aimed at reducing and preventing assaults which can have serious consequences for both victims and perpetrators.

rites of passage

Five-day, life changing programme for men. Slí an Chroi, Kiltegan. 26th -30th July.
Email: rites2023application@malesireland.ie
Phone: 086 2326988
Website: www.malejourney.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



BALINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

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



BALINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

At present we are on summer recess. Meetings will resume at the end of August.

Weekly Coffee Mornings will continue on Fridays at 11am in the following venues:-

June: Hug-a-Mug

July: Horans

August: Golf Club

Sept: Bia Blasta

October: Germaines



On Wednesday 26th July at 3pm, weather permitting, members are invited to gather for a **Picnic** in Tearmann Gardens. You are requested to kindly bring along your own basket of goodies, eats, drinks and mugs.



MASS READERS



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.



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/

WICKLOW & KILDARE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Counselling & Psychotherapy.
For bookings contact: Luba O Neill
Phone: 089 2744920 or Email: info@wicklowandkildarementalhealth.ie
Aran Centre, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.



"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents" # 14