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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23RD JULY 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

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday 31st July and will re-open
Thursday 10th August at 9.30am.

SUNDAY MASSES

<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
July: 30	
August: 6/20	13/27

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATHS

Alice Burke, Rathmoon
Kevin O'Hara, Ballynure
Kathleen (Tessie) Farrell, Parkmore
Pauric Brady, Parkmore

ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Foley, Knockfield
John & Ann Kinsella, Tankardstown
Kate Kinsella, Parkmore House
Jack & Thomas Murphy, Carrigeen
Jim & Jane Cahill, Carrigeen
Padraic Geraghty, Carrowteige, Mayo
Margaret (Maggie) Kenny, Clough
Mary Campion, Parkmore
George, Teresa & Paddy Prendergast, Kyle
Jack & Sheila O'Neill, Tuckmill
Moran Family, Kyle
Ann O'Reilly, Kildangan

Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am

Sarah Moore, Ballinure

Rest in Peace

CEMETERY MASSES 2023

Baltinglass Cemetery
Sunday 6th August 3pm
Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery
Tuesday 15th August 11am



SUMMER COLLECTION

For support of priests and supply priests in our parish. Contributions may be made at this time.

ENVELOPES IN YOUR BOX FOR THIS



"Let them both grow till the harvest"

Isn't it just wonderful when we meet a person who accepts us just as we are - just now - mixture of wheat and weeds and all. What we need to do is to see a person's uniqueness as there is no other with such a combination of gifts, talents, likes and dislikes, experiences and so on. So often we want to change others and think that if only they changed everything would be okay.

Today's gospel tells us to let the wheat and weeds of our lives grow together. This story is talking to each of us personally. It is only when we change ourselves that the world changes too. But God loves us in our imperfections any way.

As the fields of wheat are ripening we are invited to reflect on what stage of life we are at ourselves. There is a time for everything just as we await the time for the sound of the combine harvester at work - a sound many people love. Our aim is to keep a balance in our lives, also maybe to be more in tune with nature, discovering what gifts and talents come naturally to us without strain. Every day will have challenges. We are so wonderfully made that each day is a prayer in itself. Help us to accept others, wheat and weeds and all - without judgement as we all travel our human journey, hopefully helping and supporting one another.

A.S.

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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"



MATERIAL REMNANTS WANTED

For a project at the Diocesan Stand at this year's Ploughing Championships. Remnants, no matter what size, can be left into the Parish Office at any time over the next few weeks.



INVITATION

10th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Nulty

On Friday 4th August Bishop Denis will celebrate the 10th anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin. People, Religious and Clergy are invited to participate in the **7pm Mass on Sunday 6th August in Carlow Cathedral** to mark this occasion and to acknowledge Bishop Denis' dedicated service to the diocese since coming to us in 2013.

UPKEEP OF CEMETERY

People are encouraged to tend to their graves in preparation for these Masses. We appreciate the work of CE participants. It is important that we all make an effort at having the cemetery looking good and respectful of our deceased.

DANNY'S CORNER

Hello all! Everyone in the Lalor Centre wish the Ireland Ladies Soccer team the very best in the World Cup. We have our flags and banners up and are enjoying watching the games and cheering our ladies on. Go on the girls in Green!

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
04, 07, 12, 28
No Jackpot Winner



1 Match 3 Winner
Marie McGarry - €200
Sellers Prize: Maurice Mangan

This week's Jackpot: €5,900

BALINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
04, 07, 25, 26
No Jackpot Winner



6 Match 3 Winner €50 each
Chris Murphy, Dawn Harte,
Emma & William, Joe Cullen,
Karen Lennon, Brendan O'Neill

This week's Jackpot: €9,600

UISCE FOR TANZANIA

This is a locally based registered charity founded by Jim Kavanagh, Rathdangan and Hacketstown. The organisation works to install rural village water supplies to communities in Tanzania who are very much in need of our help. You can support their work by using the 'gofundme' link: www.uiscefortanzania.ie or the bank IBAN:IE98BOFI90673426200262 If you wish to make a donation by cheque make it payable to Uisce for Tanzania and leave it into the Parish Office and it will be forwarded to Jim Kavanagh 085 12729854.



THIS IS A CAUSE WORTHY OF YOUR SUPPORT. NO MATTER HOW SMALL YOUR DONATION IT WILL HELP OTHERS TO HAVE CLEAN RUNNING WATER.

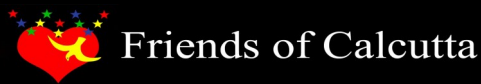
PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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 & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Wednesday 26th July 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 & mugs.



Friends of Calcutta

Supporting Friends of Calcutta
(CHY No: 13218)

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE CLOTHES COLLECTION ON WEDNESDAY



RETRACING THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST BRIGID AND ST CONLETH

An 8km walk on the Curragh Plains led by Bishop Nulty this Saturday beginning at St. Anne's School, The Curragh at 12noon and concluding with a Prayer Service in St Brigid's Church, Kildare at 4pm. To register for the walk please contact Aras Bhride on 045-521352 or email kildareparish@gmail.com



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Sunday 23rd July

We give thanks for the gift of grandparents & the elderly for the contribution they make to family life and the life of our community. May God bless and protect them.

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith & hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds.

May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness & love of God to the grandchildren & youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them. Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit & that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.

Amen.



"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? This question not only concerns the environment in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal." (#160)