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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30TH JULY 2023



MASSES
St. Joseph's Church
Tues. - Fri. 10am
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
Available on Webcam
& Radio 100.2fm

WE REMEMBER

MONTHS MIND

Bridie Smith (nee Cronin), Swords & Grangecon

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Furlong, Parkmore
Matthew Dowling, Tuckmill
William Kerley, Graney
James Moore, Manger
David Clarke, Parkmore & deceased members
of the Hayden Family, Raheen & Parkmore
Mary Fogarty Snr., Lathaleer
Gerard Murphy, Green Lane & Hollywood
Ann (Nan) Barry, 5 Parkmore
Michael Groves, Parkmore
P J O'Reilly, Carlow and Baltinglass
Joseph McHugh, 6 Parkmore
Charlie Doyle, Parkmore

Stratford: Sunday 9.30am

Tommy & Mary Whittle, Rathbran
Annie Barrett, 25 Ballinatone

*Rest in
Peace*

CEMETERY MASSES 2023

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



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
From Monday 31st July and will
re-open Thursday 10th Aug at 9.30am

SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
August:	6/20	13/27
Sept:	3/17	10/24

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,
to make a donation etc.
www.baltinglassparish.ie

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE... A HIDDEN TREASURE

The other day I put a bag of books into the car with the intention of giving them away. That night, however, they were still in the car, also the following day, and the following day again. Yes, I was still holding on to them, just in case I needed them again. I was still undecided.

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field”.

What is it that makes up treasure in our lives?

Is it people, our family, our job, our possessions, our dog, our garden?

Today's gospel speaks of the treasure that is God. When we find him and he finds us we are willing to give up everything for him so he will be central to our lives. Our very breathing makes us aware of this letting go, this surrender necessary to be at peace and relaxed in God, in love.

When, however, will we be aware of the treasure that is God's unconditional love for each of us, no matter what we are like.

This is the treasure, the pearl of great price.

This is what each person longs for but may not realise it. Look at nature, there is a constant letting go, it's all around us. Let's learn from it. Life begins to flow more freely as we let go.

Yes, I took the bag of books out of the car again, clinging on, need to trust in surrender.

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"



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.



DONOUGHMORE PARISH FETE

Donoughmore, Glen of Imaal
Monday, 7 August (2 to 5pm)

Admission: Adults €3, Children Free.

At Whitestown, head for the Glen of Imaal.

Use Eircode W91C971 on Google Maps to find our location.

'Magic Martha' the Clown for children.
Cakes Stalls, Plants Books, Toys, White Elephant/Bric-a-Brac and Bottle Stall.
Activities: Bowls, Hoopla, Hit the Can, Ring the Bottle, Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar, Lots of Children's Novelty Races and a Mini-Auction. Also, a Fun Challenge for Teenagers and Adults - test your strength and stamina - Prizes to be won!
Afternoon Teas in the Main Hall.
'Hangry for Hotdogs' Van will be on site.
Raffle with great prizes. Lines cost €2.

The Irish Catholic

Ireland's biggest and best-selling religious newspaper!

ON SALE

in St. Joseph's Church each weekend.

€3

Highly recommended reading for all!
IF YOU TAKE ONE PLEASE PUT MONEY IN BOX!

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
07, 10, 17, 27
No Jackpot Winner



5 Match 3 Winners €40 each
Ann Patterson, Emily Moore, Olive O'Brien,
Frances Humphreys O'Neill, Ann Whittle
Sellers Prize: Dymphna Hanly
This week's Jackpot: €6,200

BALINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
05, 18, 19, 23
No Jackpot Winner



8 Match 3 Winner sharing €300
Roger McHugh, Brian Lord, Brian Foley,
A I + S E + Co Doody, Marie O'Shea,
Colliwobs & Jessie Short, Carl c/o Franck,
Bridget Dawson
This week's Jackpot: €9,800

RAMPERE RECYCLING CENTRE



FARM PLASTIC
Date: 2nd September
Time: 10am - 2pm

MATTRESS COLLECTION

Date: 9th September
Time: 10am - 2pm



HAZARDOUS WASTE
Date: 16th September
Time: 10am - 2pm
Paints, Medicines etc.



TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sales in the Garden
Monday to Friday:
8 to 11.30am.

Organic Lettuce, Herbs, Scallions,
Shallots, Radish, Rhubarb, Eggs.

Garden open daily during daylight hours



KILDARE AND WICKLOW EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD

Are you unemployed or looking to upskill, would you like to gain a recognised QQI Level 5 Qualification Business Administration and Digital Media, Healthcare Support, Applied Social Studies or Early Learning and Care. Athy VTOS have places available for our September and January enrolments. For additional information please call: Una Burke on 059 8632044/087 9787727

Part Time Courses

- + Healthcare Support QQI Level 5
- + Early Childhood Care & Education QQI Level 5
- + Office Skills QQI Level 4
- + Jump Start (Youth Support Programme for 18-25-year-olds) QQI Level 4
- + Construction Skills QQI Level 3

Courses are due to start in September.

For additional information please contact Rachel Doyle on 059 8632044 at Further Education and Training Centre, Carlow Road, Athy. Co Kildare.

www.athyfetc.ie or email bteathy@kweth.ie

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

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!



"If we approach nature and the environment without... openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously." (#11)

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.

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.