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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1ST OCTOBER 2023



MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory
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

Wed. & Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm
Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office is **CLOSED**
Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd October.

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

SUNDAY MASSES

| | <u>GRANGECON</u> | <u>STRATFORD</u> |
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| Oct: | 15/29 | 8/22 |
| Nov: | 5/19 | 12/26 |

WE REMEMBER

MONTHS MIND

Mary Barrett, Lathaleer
John Swayne, Celbridge & Parkmore

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Swayne (Snr.) & all the deceased
members of the Swayne & Dooley Family,
Celbridge & Parkmore
Patricia Duffy, Parkmore
Rita & Jim O'Brien, Carrigeen
Shay Donegan, Mount Neill, Rathvilly
Mary & Patrick Kearney, Tinoran
Teresa Donegan, Parkmore and Mount Neill

GRANGECON: 9.30AM

Bridget Kealy, Knocknamuc
Jim Fenlon, Barronstown
Alan Moore, Grangecon and Sydney

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Peace*

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ON SALE

in St. Joseph's Church each weekend.

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

A Pastoral Message from Bishop Denis as the Synod on Synodality commences in Rome

I am very conscious we are entering a very historic time in our Church with the Synod on Synodality commencing in Rome this weekend. It will run throughout the month of October, with the second part happening in October 2024. Synodality is very much a new language for our Church which in the past delivered decrees and promulgations top down so to speak, this process is very much seen as a bottom up approach. It leaves some uncomfortable, because some people prefer simply being told what has to be done and doing it.

Indeed the history of the Church would suggest that Synods can cause often fractious debate between those who see themselves as traditionalists and those who might feel they were progressives. This is a Synod on Ecclesiology, on how the Church, how our diocese, how our parishes operate.

Some see this Synod called by Pope Francis as the first proper reception of Vatican II. 'Synodality' is a word that captures so much of the teaching and preaching of the pontificate of Pope Francis and of those Vatican II documents sixty years earlier. We must become a listening Church. We must accompany people on their faith journey. We must walk with one another, keeping in step, not too quick and equally not too slow. This new way of doing things suggests the journey of synodality is as important as any final deliberations and decisions.

440 will gather in Rome and that number will include lay women and men, religious as well as Bishops, all with voting rights. The Irish Episcopal Conference will be represented by Bishop Brendan Leahy (Limerick) and Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J. (Raphoe). Also attending, by invitation of Pope Francis, are Fr. Eamonn Conway (Tuam Archdiocese) and Sr. Patricia Murray IBVM. It will be a very different gathering. The seating in the Pope Paul VI Hall where normally Papal Audiences are held will be removed to allow for round table discussions and conversations. Even the setting of the hall will give a message before conversations ever begin. It's a sacred time, where delegates and those they represent, all of us, are walking on holy ground. Pope Francis desires that we at home are as much a part of the synod as those participating in the Pope Paul VI Auditorium.

Perhaps you engaged in the local conversations that led to our Diocesan Response or Synthesis? Maybe you didn't. I encourage you this week to reread that Synthesis on our KandLe website. Also take a look at what is called the working document or the *Instrumentum Laboris* that guides the process in Rome. You see it doesn't all happen in Rome. There are things we can begin here locally in our diocese, in our parishes, in our faith communities. I'm very aware the 'Put Out into the Deep' process is but one response to this time we are living through, but there will be others & there are others if we take time to reread the different syntheses & the many reports.

During the month of October, I invite you to pray for all that is happening in our Church at the moment. And I accept for some it can be a little unsettling. But Pope Francis reassures us "without prayer there will be no Synod". I remind you the synod is not a parliament or an assembly, it's a place where we listen attentively to one another, a listening that is always guided by the Holy Spirit.

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STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 17, 21, 22

No Jackpot Winner



1 Match 3 Winner - Brian Keogh - €200.

Sellers Prize: Baltinglass Pharmacy

This week's Jackpot: €3,300.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE 2023

Is live on RADIO MARIA IRELAND from 2PM on Saturday 7th October .

Speakers include FR. Seán Maguire, Fr. Colum Power, Catherine McGowan , Fr. Freddy Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277.



Joining in the Synod: A weekly update on the proceedings in Rome -

An Online Series with 1 in-person session

Dates (Online): Monday evenings

Oct. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Time: 8.30pm

(Each session will take place online & will last 20 mins approx.)

In-Person:

Saturday 4th Nov. 11am – 1pm

at St .John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine.

Do you feel called to seek God in prayer and contemplation, monastic work and community life?

The Cistercian Community at St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn invite single women, aged 19-40, to our upcoming monastic vocations weekend on 27-29 October. Contact Sr. Sarah at vocations@glencairnabbey.org or visit www.glencairnabbey.org for more info.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 02, 20, 28

No Jackpot Winner



No Match 3 Winners so an additional €300 will be added to next week's Jackpot.

This week's Jackpot: €6,500



GOOD NEWS!

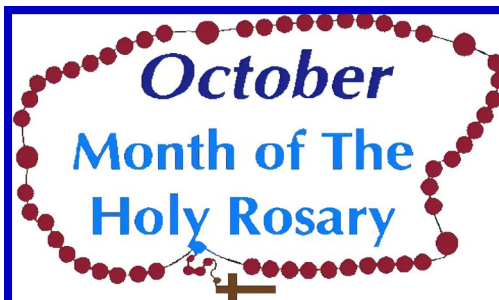
After a long absence Bingo will resume in Fatima Hall on the October Bank Holiday, Monday 30th at 3pm

and will be held every Monday at 8pm.

We look forward to welcoming back all who have missed our bingo!

Your support will be much appreciated.

The continuation of the Bingo into the future will be dependent on the level of support it receives.



CONGLAIS CRAFTERS BALTINGLASS



Raised €1,000 from their very successful Coffee Morning held on Tuesday 26th September

in aid of 'The Friends of St. Brigid's' in the Curragh Hospice. €600 was raised at the Coffee Morning and €400 was donated by the Conglais Crafters.

A big thanks to everyone for their support.

Thanks to the singer, musicians and to everyone who helped out in any way.

You know who you are!

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

Would you like to read the Catechism in a year? We are a friendly group that reads and discusses a section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church each week. In 2023, we will follow the Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>. Join us on Mondays, 8:00pm - 9:30 pm in the Parish Centre, Prosperous. For any enquiries, please contact Alice on 087 6505803.

JOB AVAILABLE

Fulltime permanent Housekeeping Assistant required to provide domestic support to Sli an Chroi/St Patrick's Missionary Society. The person is required to ensure a high standard of cleanliness is maintained on a day-to-day basis and work with a multi-disciplinary team. Interested candidates should submit a cv to hrganager@spms.ie by close of business 11th Oct. For full details of the role please log onto our website <https://www.spms.org/vacancies>

STRATFORD HALLOWEEN SPOOKS

In aid of Stratford Community Cafe/Shop Project. (nearing completion)

Sunday 29 Oct 6.30 to 8pm.

(please note change of date)

Mysterious Haunted Maze, Ghost Galley, Spook Nook and lots more!

'Hangry for Hot Dogs' will be there!

Children €10 Adults FREE

All you social media users, don't lose out.

Keep up to date with our Stratford Community Cafe/Shop news on Instagram and Facebook pages.



BECOME SUICIDE ALERT!

safeTALK

Location: The Lalor Centre, Baltinglass

Date: Saturday, 14th October

Time: 10am - 1.30pm.

SafeTALK 'suicide alertness for everyone'

Prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. Training is suitable for anyone over 18 years. Training is free of charge. Booking is essential. For information phone 01 606 0858 or Email admin@breakingthrough.org or www.nosp.ie/training

BOOK BY THE 6TH OCTOBER

CULTURE NIGHT

The Culture Night Library Event Committee would like to thank: Baltinglass Fairtrade, Daisy A Day, Germaine's, John Rossiter, Florence Grace, Cormac Doyle, OLHA, Caroline Killeen, Kevin Burke, Catri and Teresa (Librarians) for all their help in making the night so success. A big 'Thank You' to all the creative writers, singers and musicians for taking part.



"Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically." (# 10)