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## MASSES

Available on Webcam  
& Radio 100.2fm



### MASSES THIS WEEK IN ST. JOSEPH'S

**New Year's Day** 11am  
**Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd, Thurs 4th** 10am  
**Fri 5th** No 10am Mass

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

**Fri 5th** 7.30pm **Sat 6th** 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

**REOPENS: WEDNESDAY 3RD JAN**

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATH

Jean Staines, Allen Dale Lawn

#### MONTHS MIND

Nora Timmins, Weaver Square, Baltinglass

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Aileen Walshe, Woodfield  
Everett Lord, Bawnogues  
Sr. Gabrielle Thornton, Galway  
Liam O'Meara, Wexford  
Tim Conneelly, Galway  
Kathleen Curran, Galway  
Freda Keogh, Parkmore  
Annie Burke, Woodfield  
William Bradley, Edward Street  
P J Kavanagh, Bawnogues  
John & Rose Hennessy, Graney  
William Noel Lyons, Eadestown Glade  
Paddy Cullen, Deerpark  
Mary McGee, Knockrigg, Grangecon  
Paddy Harper, Parkmore

#### STRATFORD: 9.30AM

Egils Puris, Manger, Stratford  
Mary, Anne and Tommy Whittle

*Rest in  
Peace*

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,  
to make a donation etc.  
[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

31ST DECEMBER 2023

### A Prayer for the Family

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
one family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,  
welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,  
especially those for whom we now pray.



Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love,  
make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, mother and guide; pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector; pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne; pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin; pray for us.

## 9.30AM SUNDAY MASS 2024

### GRANGECON

January 7th

January 21st

February 4th

February 18th

March 3rd

March 17th

March 31st

April 14th

April 28th

May 12th

May 26th

June 9th

June 23rd

July 7th

July 21st

August 4th

August 18th

September 1st

September 15th

September 29th

October 13th

October 27th

November 10th

November 24th

December 8th

December 22nd

### STRATFORD

January 14th

January 28th

February 11th

February 25th

March 10th

March 24th

April 7th

April 21st

May 5th

May 19th

June 2nd

June 16th

June 30th

July 14th

July 28th

August 11th

August 25th

September 8th

September 22nd

October 6th

October 20th

November 3rd

November 17th

December 1st

December 15th

December 29th



To all who contribute to the life of our parish-  
Sacristans, Maria - Parish Secretary, Readers and Eucharistic  
Ministers, Altar Servers, Organists, Musicians & Singers, Collectors &  
Counters, Flower Arrangers and Cleaners, Bingo helpers, Parish  
Council, Finance Committee, Baptism Preparation Team, CE Workers.

*Should you wish to be involved in any way in the life of the parish in the  
coming year please contact Fr. Ger or the Parish Office.*



### THANK YOU

To the Men's Shed for building  
our new crib in St. Joseph's.  
Not alone did they build it  
they also donated the materials for it.  
To Eilis Doody for donating the painting of  
the Bethlehem scene behind the window.  
It has provided a very contemplative space  
for reflecting on the birth of our Saviour.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

People have been commenting on the large  
attendances at our Masses for Christmas.  
It was very uplifting to have so many  
people in our churches and truly celebrating  
what is at the heart of the season.  
Hopefully it was a faith filled experience  
for everyone and one to sustain your  
faith into the New Year.



### An Irish Prayer for the New Year

*May God give you....  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.*



*Thanks to everyone for their support of our  
bingo since resuming in October.  
Next bingo will be on Monday 8th January.*

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**

10, 13, 15, 25

**No Jackpot Winner**



**6 Match 3 Winners - €50 each**  
Kevin Murphy, Michael Timmins,  
Michael Kehoe, Paddy Tighe,  
Sean Kane, Martin Keogh.

**This week's Jackpot: €9100**



### WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Thanks to our 'Link People' who have  
distributed this years boxes of envelopes.  
If you did not receive one & wish to have  
a box to make your contribution please  
contact the Parish Office.

*Thanks also to all who have contributed  
to the financial support of the parish by  
using their envelopes or by other means.*

### THANK YOU

To all who contributed to the Christmas  
Collection for support of Parish Clergy.  
It is much appreciated.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**  
**11AM ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**