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#### MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory
Tues.—Fri. 10am
St. Joseph's Church
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
vailable on webcam & radio 100.2fm
Grangecon\Stratford
Alternate Sundays 9.30am

## **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

#### SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON		STRATFORD
Feb:		25
March:	3/17/31	10/24
April:	7/21	14/28

## VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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



Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan
Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine
Sunday 2nd June 2024

## **WE REMEMBER**

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Christina Lennon, Parkmore Richard O'Beirne, Cuckoo Lane Una Timmins, Weaver Square James Simpson Snr, Killalesh,

& his parents John & Elizabeth Simpson

Agnes Nolan, Parkmore

John Byrne, Shroughaun & his son William Larry O'Toole, Rathsallagh & Hartstown

Johnny Doody, Hartstown & Dublin

Johnny Boody, Hartstown & B

Kathy Moran, Tinoran

Anne Kehoe, Newtown Saunders

Norah Murray, Rathoole & Broadstown

Eileen Donegan, Holdenstown

Eric Whelan, Raheen

#### **GRANGECON: 9.30AM**

Ciara Hosey, Bessina Claire O'Toole Burke, Grangecon Pat and Dora O'Toole, Grangecon Margaret Nolan, Grangecon



## **PLEASE NOTE**

During Lent there will be Mass on Monday mornings at 10am.

**BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD** 

# **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT** 

18TH FEBRUARY 2024

# DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

## In the words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

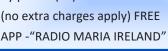
## **RADIO MARIA IRELAND**

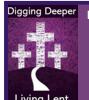
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## **LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING**

Weekly reflections on the **Sunday Mass readings are** available on kandle.ie.

## **LENTEN SUGGESTIONS**

**DAILY MASS** 

10am Mon – Fri St. Paul's Oratory

#### **FAMILY PRAYER**

Take some time to pray as a family, perhaps around the table after the evening meal.

#### **SACRED SPACE**

Create a space in your home with some Lenten symbols eg. stones, cross, ashes, bible, candle, Trócaire box, and use it for prayer time. Add a new symbol each week.

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Pray the Way of the Cross in the church. You can also find the stations on the diocesan website. www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/

## **TRÓCAIRE BOXES**

available in all Churches and at the Parish Centre. We encourage each family to give it a central place in their home during Lent, as we ensure others have a decent quality of life.



(€3,155 donated in 2023)

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers** 01, 10, 23, 27 No Jackpot Winner



No Match 3 Winners Sellers Prize: Brigid Barrett This week's Jackpot: €9,400

#### **BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO**



**Winning Numbers** 02, 06, 07, 16 No Jackpot Winner



2 Match 3 Winners—€150 each Daisy Coleman, Martina Clarke This week's Jackpot: €10,800



## JACKPOT €1000

## Mondays at 8pm in Fatima Hall

Thanks to everyone for their support.

#### **BALTINGLASS FETC**

Full and part time, day time and evening education courses are available. We are here to help you get back into education, learn at your own pace, reach your potential, have some fun, meet other people and gain confidence.

We offer 1 to 1 support in English, Maths and IT. Courses are free, flexible and fun. (eligibility criteria will apply).

If you are interested in upskilling or learning new skills in: Gardening, Art, Sewing, Beginners Hairdressing, IT – laptop, notebooks, smart phones in 2024 contact us or drop into the Blessington FETC. We would be delighted to hear from you.

> Contact us on 059 6482642 or 086 8462771.

## ANNUAL TRÓCAIRE LECTURE

Theme: Climate Justice and Catholic Social Teaching: 'Everything is connected' and 'No one is saved alone' (Laudate Deum 19) Registration for this free event is required.

Please register to attend:

In person: https:

forms.gle/3aAuvM4orvtT1mtL8 Online: https://bit.lv/3Shvklv

Rev. Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator SJ, former president of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar & current Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, California is the speaker.

The event will take place in Renehan Hall at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tuesday, 5th of March, at 7 pm. It will also be live-streamed. Further info from Frances Harnan at frances.harnan@trocaire.org

#### **FILL A BAG WEEKEND**

In aid of West Wicklow Day Care Centre on Friday 23rd & Saturday 25th Feb. Drop off your bags at the old ambulance depot at Baltinglass Hospital. Fri. 9-11am, 3-5.30pm. Sat 10am-2pm



## SCOIL NAOMH IÓSAF PARENTS ASSOCIATION **CAKE SALE**

Wednesday 21st Feb

9.30am-12.30pm in the school hall. Tea and Coffee available.

## **FAMILY CARERS IRELAND**

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

#### Art + Crafts with Olha at Baltinglass Library

Fri 23rd Feb 3pm - Embroidery Sat 24th Feb 11am - Painting with Acrylics

This is a free event and for adults. Please book at the library 059 648 2300 or baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie

## **CARLOW INSTITUTE** OF FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING **OPEN DAY**

Thursday 29th February 10am—2.30pm THE RIGHT CHOICE Discover your Options, Plan your Future



## **BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

The following Activities are up and running in the Parish Centre.

Bridge: Weds. 10.30am - 12 noon **Art Classes:** Commencing Tues 20th Feb

10.30am - 12 noon.

**Bowling:** Will resume in a few weeks

time in Fatima Hall.

Coffee 11am Fridays of February

**Mornings:** in Bia Blasta

AGM: Next meeting at end of Feb Summer Holiday Killarney 27<sup>th</sup> May for 4

nights at Castlerosse Hotel

## TidyTowns **Caring for our environment**

**BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS** 

## **ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN**

Big spring clean up around the town and in the estates on SATURDAY 9th MARCH.

Meet up at Mc Allister or estates can arrange their own clean up on the day. It would be great to see a good crowd out working between 10:30 -13:30. We really need and appreciate your help! Thank you!