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### MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory

Tues. - Fri. 10am

St. Joseph's Church

Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am

Available on Webcam  
& Radio 100.2fm



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST. PAUL'S ORATORY  
WEDNESDAYS 7.30 - 8.30PM

Spend an hour in quiet  
reflection before Jesus  
present in the  
Blessed Sacrament.

### 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

SEPTEMBER: 28

OCTOBER: 12/26 05/19

NOVEMBER: 09/23 02/16/30

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATH

Michael (Mick) Doody, Tinoran Hill North

James (Jim) Kenny, Belan Street

#### MONTHS MIND

Margaret Kinsella, Kiltegan & Mill Street

Mary Brown, Brandon Road, Drimnagh.

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Pat Sleator, Parkmore

Shay Donegan, Mount Neill

Rita O'Brien, Carrigeen

Phyllis (Phil) Flanagan, Chapel Hill

Mary Kearney, Tinoran

Willie Swayne, Hughestown

Teresa Donegan, Parkmore & Mount Neill

John Barrett, Shroughaun

#### GRANGECON (Sun) 9.30A.M.

Pat & Elizabeth Leigh, Grangecon

Bridie Kealy, Knocknamuc

Joe Hamill, Knochters Hill, Grangecon



### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Tuesday 30th: Donors Intentions

Wednesday 1st: Donors Intention

Thursday 2nd: Donors Intention

Friday 3rd: Donors Intention

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €755.00

Development: €1765.00

Many thanks to all who contributed.



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

## Summary of Pope Leo's message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The current global context is sadly marked by wars, violence, injustice and extreme weather events, which force millions of people to leave their homelands in search of refuge elsewhere. The widespread tendency to look after the interests of limited communities poses a serious threat to the sharing of responsibility, multilateral cooperation, the pursuit of the common good and global solidarity for the benefit of our entire human family. The prospect of a renewed arms race and the development of new armaments, including nuclear weapons, the lack of consideration for the harmful effects of the ongoing climate crisis, and the impact of profound economic inequalities make the challenges of the present and the future increasingly demanding.

Faced with frightening scenarios and the possibility of global devastation, it is important that there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all. Such a future is essential to God's plan for humanity and the rest of creation.

In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes.

*From the Vatican, 25 July 2025*

**The Season of Creation** (1 September – 4 October) concludes on the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, next Saturday, honoured by the Catholic Church as the Patron Saint of animals and ecology because he was a great lover of creation.

As we mark the end of this Season, let us resolve to continue to protect earth and dignify humanity – responding in this way to hearing *"the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor"* (Laudato Si').

### Some interesting Quotations from Saint Francis of Assisi

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."

"What God knows about me is infinitely more important than what others think about me"

"For it is in Giving that we Receive"

"Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use Words."

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the LIGHT of a single candle."



### MASS READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We would like to add to our current list of readers and Eucharistic Ministers in the Parish. Please take time to give this invitation some thought. If you decide to volunteer please contact the Parish Office or any of the Priests.

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

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### **PLEASE NOTE - PRICE INCREASE**

FROM OCTOBER 2ND THE COST OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC WILL INCREASE TO €3.50.

### SICK CALLS

If you have anyone that's sick or housebound and you would like a priest to visit please contact the Parish Office.

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### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
**No Jackpot Winner**



04, 10, 18, 22

**10 Match 3 Winners - €20 each**

Nigel & Mary, Bernie Gannon, Dee Doyle, Noel Dowling, Thomas O'Toole, Elizabeth McCarthy, Bernie Darcy, Sinead Keogh, Muireann Fisher

**Seller's Prize: Pattersons**  
**This week's Jackpot: €20,000**

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
**No Jackpot Winner**



01, 08, 18, 29

**3 Match 3 Winners - Share €300.**

John Farrell, Keith Pender, Aimee Porter

**This week's Jackpot: €15,000.**

### SCOIL NAOMH IÓSAF

is looking for a temporary cleaner.  
For more information please contact the school office on 0586481083 or [secretarysnibalto@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysnibalto@gmail.com).

### BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN EVENING AND BOOK FAIR

on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 7 to 8pm. Prospective parents and their children are welcome to come along. We would love to meet you! Further information may be found on: [www.bigstonens.ie](http://www.bigstonens.ie). or by phoning the school on 059 9161171 or 085 2120952 or by email to office @bigstonens.ie.



### TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN END OF SEASON VEGETABLE SALES

Monday to Saturday from 8am - 11.30am.  
Tomatoes, Kale, Beetroot, Onions, Beans and a variety of Herbs. Call to the Garden.



### DIGITAL SKILLS PROGRAMME

**Venue:** Baltinglass Library

**Starts:** Wednesday, 1st October 2025.

**Time:** 2pm to 4pm.

**Duration:** A Six Week Programme.

**Contact:** Phone 086 846 2771 to enrol.  
Wicklow County Council.



### GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

Tuesday 30th September 2025

St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 44 numbers € 1220

Double number € 1300. Lotto € 550



### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

**COFFEE MORNINGS:** Fridays in October, 11am in Mrs. Madunkey's Restaurant, the Golf Club.

**OUTING:** To George Bernard Shaw Theatre, Carlow, to see the play 'Gaslight' on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 8pm. Tickets €21. Contact Mary on 087 299 9571. Transport not included.

**TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CONCERT HALL:** Dublin, to see the Rathmines & Rathgar Musical Society production of My Fair Lady on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm. Tickets €40/45. Coach Fee extra. Contact Mary on 087 299 9571.

**BOWLING:** Fatima Hall, Tuesdays from 3pm. New bowlers welcome.

**BRIDGE CLUB:** Wednesdays 10.30am – 12md in the Parish Centre.

**YOGA:** Course has already commenced.

**Updates on trips to Dail Eireann and Croke Park to follow, when available.**



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

#### CONFIRMATION

Sunday 19th April

St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass  
Baltinglass /Bigstone 12.30pm.  
Stratford /Grangecon 2.30pm.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Stratford:** Saturday 16th May

**Baltinglass/Bigstone:** Saturday 23rd May

### HOSPITALITY MORNING



Join us for a Cuppa in  
The Parish Centre every  
Tuesday morning after 10am Mass  
in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

**Date:** November 7th-9th

**Venue:** "Focolare" Centre, Curryhills,  
Prosperous, Co. Kildare. For info. and  
booking [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

### CONFESSIONS

Will take place every Saturday Morning  
in St. Paul's Oratory in the Parish Centre  
from 10am - 10.30am.

**OR** by appointment by phoning the  
Priest on duty at 085 831 4793.

### CAR DRIVER REQUIRED

For School Run. Contact Duffy's  
on 087 254 3235.

### TWO NIGHTS TO KNOCK

On 26th October, staying in St. Mary's.  
Contact Duffy's Coach Hire on  
087 254 3235 for details.