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Safeguarding Sunday –

Bishop Denis Nulty's Safeguarding Sunday message (limited copies are available) highlights the Church's commitment to protecting children and vulnerable adults, acknowledging past failings and promoting a safe and welcoming environment. The observance of Safeguarding Sunday, alongside the Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse, emphasises the importance of safeguarding in the diocesan culture and thanks those who dedicate themselves to this mission. Active engagement of children and young people in parish life is welcomed and encouraged, with reassurance that safeguarding best practices govern all involvement.

Every blessing & thanks

+Denis Nulty

In Baltinglass Parish – On Safeguarding Sunday we would like to take the opportunity to thank Fiona Kavanagh who has served as a Safeguarding Representative in the Parish for many years, and who recently stepped down. We thank Anne Leigh who has also given many years of service to the parish as a Safeguarding Representative and continues to do so. Now we are in the process of recruiting, and we are happy to be able to say that three people have agreed to become Safeguarding Representatives in our Parish after Garda Vetting and Training. This will ensure that Safeguarding is and will continue to be a priority in our parish.

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Mary Duffy, Parkmore

Tom Kavanagh, Carrigeen

Joseph & Teresa Gethings, Parkmore

James Simpson Snr & his Parents Elizabeth &

John Simpson, Kilalesh

Patsy Doody & his son Paul, Clough

Eric Whelan, Raheen

Kathleen Nolan, Castledermot Road

Matt O'Brien, Carrigeen

Tom Martin, Pine Grove, Baltinglass

Cecil Moore, Deepark

Peter Burke, Carrigeen

Kathleen Fitzgerald, 47 Parkmore

Patrick Foster, Parkmore

Dora Phelan (nee Carton), Chapel Hill

John & Mary Shaughnessy, Ballytore

Brigid Plant, Parkmore

STRATFORD: SUNDAY 9.30AM

RECENT DEATH

Theresa Moore, Scotland

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Christina Staunton, Stratford

Noel Brady, Manger

Peter Fluskey, Stratford

Catherine Moore, Main Street

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

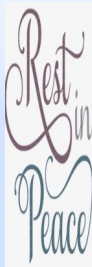
Monday 23rd: Ciarán Shevlin

Tuesday 24th: Breda Lennon

Wednesday 25th: John Moore

Thursday 26th: Donor's Intentions

Friday 27th: Donor's Intentions



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

22ND FEBRUARY 2026

BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT

REFLECTION PROGRAMME FOR LENT 2026



Sunday 22 February 1st Sunday of Lent

Some suggestions for the week

† Make the Sign of the Cross when leaving your home/passing a church/cemetery/ before & after a meal

† Give up social media for an evening (or more!)

† Take a pause when you want to give out

† Give up a coffee/ a meal and Support Trócaire's Lenten appeal

Digging Deeper

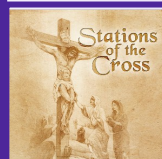


Living Lent

Gospel Link: Baptised and Sent by the Spirit

As we start our 40 days of Lent, in today's gospel we see Jesus undertaking a similar discipline and experiencing the very human realities of temptation and hunger along the way. Having just been baptised, he is led by the Spirit. Within the struggle of the desert, we see that Jesus is not alone. God sends angels to take care of him. This gospel passage is a timely reminder that we follow in the footsteps of Jesus who came among us to show us the way to God. Like Jesus, as baptised people we are led by the Spirit. We are never alone in our attempts to turn back to God and renew our lives. Led by the Spirit, we have Jesus and God's angels as our companions to give us strength and to bring us closer to God, the source of our life; we need never be afraid or alone. This Lent, where is the Spirit leading you? (Julie Kavanagh)

COME AND JOIN US ON FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 10.45AM (following the Rosary after Mass) IN ST. PAUL'S ORATORY, BALTINGLASS



Every Friday for Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6pm

St. Paul's Oratory Baltinglass Parish Centre.

COME AND JOIN US

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 09, 21, 22

No Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3 Winners - €20 each

Edel Geoghegan, Niamh Whelan,
Alan House, Brian Keogh, Louise Murphy,
Caiden Price, Niamh D'Arcy, John Timmins,
Chillie Nolan, Mary Case

Sellers Prize: Frances Humphries O'Neill

This week's Jackpot: €20,000.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 05, 15, 35

No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners - €100 each

Deirdre Murphy, Josie Dooley, Trish Cully

This week's Jackpot: €20,000.

BALTINGLASS GAA & SCOIL CHONGLAIS

JOINT LIPSYNC FUNDRAISER

Tickets are available to purchase in Pattersons Butchers Baltinglass for Baltinglass GAA Club and Scoil Chonglais joint Lipsync Fundraiser in the Dolmen Hotel Carlow on the 28th February. Tickets are priced at €25. They can also be bought online through the link on Baltinglass GAA Clubs Facebook and Instagram page. This is an important fundraiser for both Scoil Chonglais (to develop a full size astro turf) and Baltinglass GAA club (development of back pitch to 2 full size pitches). Both of these facilities will benefit not just the students and players but the entire community for years to come. A huge well done to all the brave lads and ladies taking part, dancing and lipsyncing and pushing themselves out of their comfort zone. Best of luck to all 12 teams taking part on the 28th February.

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE TRACTOR RUN

takes place this Sunday 22nd February from Bigstone Community Centre R93 KP89. Registration will commence at 12 noon. All are welcome to come along and enjoy this Community Day.



Ministers for the 28th Feb & 1st March



SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Niall Doogue

Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa McDermott
Patricia Carwood

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Cliona Kavanagh

Eucharistic Ministers: Aoife Kavanagh
Elaine Birchall

GRANGECON 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Anita O'Hara

Eucharistic Minister: Kay Moore



MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory

Mon. - Fri. 10am

St. Joseph's Church

Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am

**Available on Webcam
& Radio 100.2fm**

STRATFORD ON SLANEY MEN'S SHED

A meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Community Room in Stratford to start up a Men's Shed for Stratford and the surrounding areas. All are very welcome.

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NEWSLETTER

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon. Wed & Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm

**Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm**



Family Mass this Sunday 22nd February 2026 (First Sunday of Lent)
9.30am in Stratford Church & 11am in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass.

First Confession will take place in St. Joseph's Church Tuesday 24th at 6pm for the First Holy Communion Children of Scoil Naomh Iosaf and SN na Cloiche Móire.

First Confession will take place in St. Mary's Church Stratford on Wednesday 25th at 6pm for the First Holy Communion Children of Scoil Náisiúnta Mhuire and Our Lady of Fatima school.



In preparation for the celebration of Confirmation, the Parents and Confirmation Candidates from all schools will meet together in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass. The meetings will take place over the next three weeks: Tuesday 24th February at 7.30pm, Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm, and Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm. These meetings are an important part of preparing for Confirmation and will include guidance for both parents and candidates.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST. PAUL'S ORATORY

WEDNESDAYS 7.30 - 8.30PM

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

SUNDAY MASSES 2026

STRATFORD GRANGECON

February:	22	
March:	08/22	01/15/29
April:	05/19	12/26
May:	03/17/31	10/24

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our monthly meeting is on Wednesday 25th February at 3pm in Germaines. This will also be our AGM, with the election of 7 Officers and 7 Committee Members. Plans for our upcoming visit to Croke Park will be discussed, and arrangements for our short summer holiday break of 4 nights in the Connemara Coast Hotel from 25th May, will be updated.

Current Activities: **Bowling** has resumed in Fatima Hall on Tuesdays at 3pm. New members welcome. **Bridge** continues in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays from 10.30am – 12md. An introductory session for new members is being considered.

SICK CALLS

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 14TH & 15TH FEB.

Offertory: €745. **Dev.** €1,950.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

IN St. Paul's Oratory on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm. Please come along and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served after the Service. This year's World Day of Prayer Service is prepared by the WDP Nigeria.

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.

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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

