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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.

SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

JULY	20	27
AUGUST	03/17/31	10/24
SEPTEMBER	14/28	07/21

NEWSLETTER

**THIS WEEKEND'S NEWSLETTER
IS A DOUBLE ISSUE!**

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office is

CLOSED

Monday 21st July and
will re-open Monday 28th July.

Anniversaries etc. can be left into the
Sacristy before or after any Mass during
this time or else left into the Parish
Centre Post Box up until 1pm on Friday.

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Foley, Knockfield & deceased members
of the Foley Family

Kate Kinsella, Parkmore House

Ann O'Reilly, Kildangan

Pauric Brady, Beech Avenue, Parkmore

Michael Groves, Parkmore

GRANGECON: SUN 9.30AM

Kevin O'Hara, Ballinure

John Joe, Mary & Patrick Sleator, Grangecon

Sarah Moore, Ballinure

ANNIVERSARIES 26TH & 27TH JULY

BALTINGLASS

Jack Murphy, Carrigeen

Michael Furlong, Parkmore

Matthew Dowling, Tuckmill

William Kerley, Graney

Jack & Maureen Loughnane, Birr

James Moore, Stratford

Maggie Kenny, Clough

STRATFORD: 27TH JULY

William (Bill) Byrne, Stratford

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Tuesday 22nd : Donor's Intentions

Wednesday 23rd: Donor's Intentions

Thursday 24th : Donor's Intentions

Friday 25th : Donor's Intentions

Tuesday 29th : Donor's Intention

Wednesday 30th: Donor's Intentions

Thursday 31st: Donor's Intentions

Friday 1st August: Donor's Intentions

*Rest in
Peace*



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH JULY 2025

The Importance of Church Hospitality

On this the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C we are reminded that hospitality has a special place in the life of God's people. Hospitality in the church is not just being polite; it is the fundamental aspect of Christian life that reflects the Gospel. It serves to welcome newcomers and existing members, fostering a sense of belonging and community. In God's word to us today we hear; Abraham welcomes the three guests in our first reading, and in the Gospel Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home. In both stories, hospitality played a significant role; people feel welcomed, food was shared and a lesson was learned. Does that remind you of anything?

When we come together on a Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist should we not feel welcomed, should we not participate in the Eucharist and receive the bread of life in Holy Communion, should we not leave the church feeling that we are leaving different from when we entered. But I am left wondering to myself; How many of us feel welcomed today? Do we share food in the body of Christ at communion? Do you leave with a sense that you are different after learning something new to encourage you in your life and in your faith?

Hospitality is deeply rooted in Jesus' own ministry and should be deep rooted in us as a faith community. What can we do to make people feel welcome, to feel that they belong? What steps can we make to intentionally welcome people to our Sunday gatherings.

For me, incorporating effective hospitality practices in our church is vital for creating a welcoming atmosphere that reflects the love of Christ. By implementing practical ways, introduction of hospitality ministry; welcoming all at the doors of our church, organising and inviting people to the parish centre for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat after mass. By having a commitment to hospitality, we can foster a sense of belonging and community among our members and visitors alike, maximizing the potential within people to see their visit to our beautiful church as a step towards becoming missionary disciples of Jesus.

This is the challenge for us all today!

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY'S TRANSPORT SERVICE
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

in your community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed. Full training provided. There are essential post-drive administration tasks that require either existing knowledge of basic computer or IT skills, or the willingness to acquire such skills (such as scanning and uploading documents or attending virtual meetings). For information contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

03, 06, 09, 13

No Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3 Winners - €20 each

Ellen O'Neill, Sarah Smith,

Niamh Kennedy, Michelle Farrell, Helen Gray,

Karen Moore, Pat Byrne, Amber Doyle,

Kay Moore, Helen Farrell

Seller's Prize: Parkmore Stores

This week's Jackpot: €17,900



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

08, 19, 23, 28

No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3 Winners - Share €50 each

Cora Shortt, Michael Walsh,

D & J Prendergast, Shane Doody

Martin Donegan,

Kevin, Megan, Ronan, Teresa

This week's Jackpot: €13,000



CEMETERY MASSES 2025

Baltinglass Cemetery

Sunday 3rd August 3pm

Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery

Friday 15th August 11am.



UPKEEP OF CEMETERY

People are encouraged to tend to their graves in preparation for these Masses. We appreciate the work of CE participants. It is important that everyone makes an effort at having the cemetery looking good and respectful of our deceased.

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& BUDGETING SERVICE

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DONOUGHMORE SUMMER FETE

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

4TH AUGUST FROM 2PM - 5PM

Cakes, Plants, White Elephant, Books, Bottle Stall, Toys, Bowls, Hoopla. Afternoon Teas, Novelty Races, Horse & Carriage Rides etc. Fun for all the Family. Monster Raffle, Lines can be bought on the day. Magic Martha Kids Show. Free entertainment for Children, Crepe Stall. Mini Auction, Lots of Lots! Adm. Adult €3, Children Free. Off the N81, Turn at Whitestown to the Glen of Imaal. W91C971.



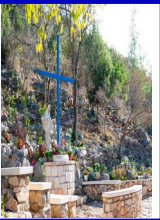
PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 27th Aug to 3rd Sept. 2025

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €865

For information contact: Parish Office 059 64 81 254,

Fr. Ger 087 629 8881.



ST. BRIGID'S 3 DAY PILGRIMAGE
TO LOUGH DERG

Wed. 13th Aug -Fri 15th Aug. Bus pick ups at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride. For bookings: Tel Joe 0872467594 or Email deirdregleeson@medwise.ie



NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS
PILGRIMAGE

Celebrating the World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. Theme "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (cf. Sor 14,2) On Sunday 27th July 2025 in Knock. Plenary Indulgence granted for the occasion. Those unable to join us in person can take part online at www.knockshrine.ie Phone +353 (0) 949388100.

REFLECTIVE WALK IN ST. PATRICK'S
HIGH PARK, KILTEGAN

On Sunday 27th July at 12 noon. Walk in the Woods in aid of Sophia Counselling Centre. All are welcome. Fr Seamus Whitney!

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

SICK CALLS

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS - 12TH & 13TH JULY

Offertory: € 445.00

Development: €1330.00

Many thanks to all who contributed.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Is a radio and media apostolate which reaches hundreds of thousands of people each year as a tool to help accompany and support them, especially those living alone in their own faith journey. We broadcast 24 /7. We are run predominately by a large team of volunteers and a small team of dedicated staff. We are holding a parish promotion in The Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow on 19th & 20th July. We are hosting a film & entertainment afternoon fundraising event with the hope that it will bring in much needed funds to help support the station, which is run without any adverts or commercials and solely on listeners' donations. The date and location of the Film Screening is Sunday 20th July at 3pm in Tullow Parish Centre. The Film is "The Miracle Club". Refreshments provided. A raffle will take place. If you would like to attend any of the Fundraisers you can ring 01 412 3456 to enquire about tickets.

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.

MEN'S RITES OF PASSAGE

Awaken your spirit of adventure as you fully embrace life, manhood and your place in the world. 23rd to 27th July 2024 in Kiltegan - a five day/four night experience for men. Share in a brotherhood of men. Experience ritual, storytelling, ancient wisdom, and encounters with the natural world. Leave with a greater sense of purpose, deeper self understanding, and a clearer vision for your role in life. Learn more and apply at www.malesireland.ie

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IF YOU TAKE ONE PLEASE PUT MONEY IN BOX!