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### MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory  
Mon. - Fri. 10am  
St. Joseph's Church  
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am  
Available on Webcam



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST. PAUL'S ORATORY  
WEDNESDAYS 7.30 - 8.30PM  
Spend an hour in quiet  
reflection before Jesus  
present in the  
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If you have anyone that's sick or house-bound and you would like a priest to visit please contact the Parish Office.

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### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATH

Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bawnogues

#### MONTHS MIND

Anthony Delaney, Bawnogues

#### ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

John & Kathy McGrath, Clough & their Son  
James

Joseph & Mary Bollard, Randalstown

Kitt Farrell, Raheen & Peader, Gerry & Pat  
Farrell

Ann O'Reilly, Woodfield

Mick O'Neill, Lathaleer

Joseph, Sheila & Willie doyle

Jim Somers, Borkle, Kiltegan

Terry Allison, Stratford

#### STRATFORD: Sun (9.30am)

#### RECENT DEATH:

Declan Curry, London

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

James & Sarah Barrett, Winetavern

Bill O'Keefe, Stratford

Mary Hawtin & Peter Tivenan, Stratford

Mary (Moll) Barrett, 3 Church Street, Stratford & London

Charl Kelly, Stratford

#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

#### 10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

**Monday 1st June:** Donors Intentions

**Tuesday 2nd June:** Meabh Williams

**Wednesday 3rd June:** Donors Intentions

*Rest in  
Peace*

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A

31ST MAY 2026

### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2026

Christians believe in the Holy Trinity, a central mystery of faith that reveals God as one divine being existing in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son—who is Jesus Christ—and the Holy Spirit. Each person of the Trinity is fully and equally God, sharing the same divine nature, but each remains distinct in their relationship and role.

God the Father is the creator and sustainer of all that exists, watching over and caring for His creation with boundless love. God the Son, Jesus Christ, became human to redeem humanity, offering salvation through His death and resurrection. God the Holy Spirit remains present in the world today, guiding, comforting, and empowering believers to live out their faith.

Although the word "Trinity" does not appear in the Bible, the idea is found throughout Scripture. For example, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus asks his followers to baptise "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," showing both the unity and the unique roles of the three persons within the one Godhead.

The doctrine of the Trinity is foundational for Christians. It shapes how believers understand God's nature and His relationship with humanity. The Trinity also serves as a model for human relationships, as the perfect harmony and unity among the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit invites all people to seek love, unity, and community in their own lives. The Holy Trinity is a profound and beautiful mystery at the heart of Christian belief. It shows how one God can exist in three persons, each fully divine, working together in perfect harmony for the salvation and guidance of all.

### WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:

#### AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS

'The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among young people – have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to participate in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have an opportunity to be transformed, to receive God's grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith. Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. We go to God together. The Sunday Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person's participation is needed for the Church to truly live. It is important to gather physically for Mass, and although technology is helpful, it can never replace the tangible experience of being with the community as we listen to God's word and receive the Body of Christ.' How does your presence at Mass can contribute to making the Church visible and alive?

See <https://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/> for more on the importance of Sunday and the Sunday Mass. Visit the Kandle Facebook page and/or X account to see this weekend's highlighted material.





### MINISTERS FOR THE 6TH & 7TH JUNE



#### SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

**Minister of the Word:** Fiona Keogh  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Theresa McDermott  
Patricia Carwood

#### SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

**Minister of the Word:** Elaine Byrne  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Margaret O'Reilly  
John Connolly

#### GRANGECON: 9.30AM:

**Minister of the Word:** Margaret Kealy  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Gina Carroll

### BISHOP DENIS AND THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

invites you to the third annual Parishes Alive Day on Saturday, June 20th from 10am to 4pm in Carlow College, St. Patrick's. The day will be facilitated by Dr Oonagh O'Brien, CEO of Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre and Janet Forbes the Youth Director in the Archdiocese of Armagh and a Member of the National Synodal Team. The day will explore how we can become more synodal in practice in our parishes and pastoral areas, taking baptism as a starting point and leading to practical explorations of key aspects of being synodal, including local decision making. Attendees will be given resources to take away for future use in their Parishes. This promises to be a very engaging and interesting day and will appeal to anyone who is interested in how Parishes and Pastoral Areas develop into the future. Much of it will be interactive and workshop based. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend or for the hospitality. Because these are "roundtable" sessions, numbers are limited so early booking is advised. To book or for further information email Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development by phone (office hours) 083-8305681 or [parishdevelopment@kandle.ie](mailto:parishdevelopment@kandle.ie)

#### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 23rd & 24th MAY

**Offertory:** €645. **Dev.** €1,505.  
Many thanks to all who contributed.

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

04, 15, 21, 30

#### No Jackpot Winner

#### 4 Match 3 Winners - €50 each

William Leigh, Ellen O'Neill,  
Jane Murphy, Linda Whittle

#### Sellers Prize: Paul Moore

#### This week's Jackpot: €15,200.

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

03, 04, 22, 33

#### No Jackpot Winner

#### 1 Match 3 winner - €300. - Roger McHugh

#### Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.

### AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER

Sunday 28th June from 2.30pm in Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club W91 WF50. Join us for an afternoon of tea and treats in support of the extension to the Community Walking Track at Stratford GAA Club and the new roof for St. John Baptist Church, Stratford on Slaney. Tickets €25. Contact Alison on 087 909 3222 or Mary on 087 2954605 for tickets.

### VACANCIES ON THE WICKLOW MIDWEST CE SCHEME

Immediate start for a **Catering Assistant** based in Donard Community cafe. 19.5 hours per week. Working week, Thursday, Friday & Saturday. For further details, please contact Marty Drumm on 086 059 9106.

**Environmental Expert** based in Stratford on Slaney, 19.5 hours per week. For further details, please contact Marty Drumm on 086 059 9106.

For both roles, full training will be provided. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### SUNDAY MASSES 2026

STRATFORD		GRANGECON
May	31	
June	14/28	07/21
July	12/26	05/19



### EVERY MONDAY IN FATIMA HALL 8PM



### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

**REMINDER:** Due to our short holiday break our next monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd June at 3pm in Germaines (instead of end of May).

### IRISH CANCER SOCIETY VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

The Irish Cancer Society is expanding the volunteer driver service in the Carlow and Laois area, and we are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital, as well as St James' Hospital and the Mater Hospital in Dublin. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie).

### FAITH ACCOMPAINMENT

Would you like to have someone to accompany you spiritually on your faith journey? A person with whom you could share your experiences and ideas of what this means to you personally? Máire Lawless, a lay person living in Baltinglass, would be delighted to offer this opportunity you, if you think you would find it helpful. I have been trained by the Carmelites as a Spiritual Director to facilitate this support. Interested? Then ring 083 036 2325



### KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE



Bishop Denis Nulty

invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the Diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock **on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. Mass, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the day.

#### A Bus will leave Baltinglass that morning

opposite Baltinglass Credit Union. Times will be announced closer to the date. It is advised to pre-book your place as you may not be guaranteed a seat on the day due to a limited number of seats. Payment is made on the day, on the bus. Cost: €35 p.p. To reserve a seat or for more infor-

### THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF APOSTLES

We welcome Sr. Mary to the Parish. She will be speaking at all masses this weekend the 30th/31st of May on her Missionary endeavour. Your support would be appreciated.

### DAFFODIL DAY 2026

On behalf of the Irish Cancer Society I wish to acknowledge total amounts of €14,310 raised on Daffodil Day. Thanks to our volunteers and the community of Baltinglass and surrounding areas who support us so generously and for the beautiful fresh Daffodils and shrubs donated to us. Sincere thanks to everyone. Emma Hayden on behalf of the Irish Cancer Society.

### FAMILY MASS

Next Sunday 7th June  
In Grangecon at 9.30am.

### NEWSLETTER

Articles for the Newsletter must be received by 12 noon on Thursdays.

#### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am - 1pm  
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1pm  
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm