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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 Blessed Sacrament.

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.

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WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Noel Donohoe, Parkmore

MONTHS MIND

Vera Cogan, Baltinglass
Patrick Murphy, Sruthan



ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Annie Murphy, Carrigeen
Jim Keogh, Parkmore
Robert James Moore, 7 Rathcoran
Patrick Moore, Tuckmill Lower
Patrick, Elizabeth & Hugh Coogan, Irongrange

GRANGECON: SUN 9.30am

Michael Germaine, Bessina
Helena Roache, Griffinstown

MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST. PAUL'S ORATORY

Monday 11th: Noel Donohoe

TOP TEN WAYS TO HELP POLLINATORS

Don't mow, let it grow! Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. By reducing mowing – even to once a month – you will help them to slowly return, one pocket at a time. Where? Everywhere! Even tiny biodiversity margins are valuable.
www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

10TH MAY 2026

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Why Sunday Matters

Why Sunday Matters – an Invitation to all parishioners for the Coming Weeks

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation invite parishioners across the diocese to reflect on the letter from the Irish Bishops, 'Why Sunday Matters', for these remaining weeks of Eastertide up to the 'Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ' on June 7.

From next weekend we will post a short excerpt from the letter each week for you to think about, with a link to the full text.

Sunday matters – it's good every now and again to stop and remind ourselves why.

First Holy Communion Celebrations in our Parish

For the next two weekends; Saturday 16th (Stratford) and Saturday 23rd May (Baltinglass, Bigstone and Stratford Lodge) we will celebrate the fact our Children are receiving The Body of Christ (Holy Communion) for the very first time in the Eucharist.

Up to now our children have been attending Mass with their families, participating by bringing forward the gifts of Bread and Wine at the offertory, coming forward in the procession at Communion time for a blessing and learning the prayers that all the people say together at Mass.

From their First Holy Communion Day onwards, they will participate in the Mass fully by receiving the Body of Christ along with their families and all our faith community. The greatest gift our children will receive in their lifetime is Jesus, in Holy Communion. This is not a once off event, but it is a gift that we all receive each time we choose to attend mass. A gift that will nourish, sustain and energise us to be followers of Jesus in our lives.

Let us all remember our children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion Day soon.



FAMILY MASS

This Sunday 10th May
In Grangecon at 9.30am
&
Next Sunday 17th May
in Stratford at 9.30am & Baltinglass 11am.



MINISTERS FOR THE 16TH & 17TH MAY



SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Niall Doogue
Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Carwood
Mary Patterson

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Maggie Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers: John Paul Kenny
Seán Connolly

STRATFORD: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Liam Brady
Eucharistic Minister: Carmel Doyle

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to help clean
St. Joseph's Church occasionally along with a
few other volunteers, your help would be
gratefully appreciated. Please contact the
Parish Office on 059 64 81 254.

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

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

02, 07, 08, 28



No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 Winners - €40 each
Dean Valentine, Darina Redmond
Tina Bollard, James Whelan
Elizabeth O'Toole

Sellers Prize: Colette Bollard
This week's Jackpot: €14,300

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

07, 08, 22, 28



CONGRATULATIONS

TO JACKPOT WINNER
Aoife Sammon - €20,000

Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

Our upcoming performance of
Mendelssohn's Elijah with the RTE
Concert Orchestra is on Friday
12th June at 7.30pm in Carlow
Cathedral. Tickets are available
from Eventbrite or from CCS Members.



CREATIVE PLACES BALTINGLASS BEALTAINE TEA DANCE

Hosted by Baltinglass and district
Active Retirement Association on
13th May at 3pm in Germaines,
Baltinglass. Free Event.
No booking required.



CONGLAIS CRAFTERS

Meet every Tuesday morning in
the Hub beside the Parish Centre
from 11am to 1pm. We would love
to see new members come and
join us. Drop in any Tuesday morning.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 2ND & 3RD MAY

Offertory: € 660. **Dev.** €1,705.
Many thanks to all who contributed.



**EVERY MONDAY IN
FATIMA HALL 8PM**

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS GROUP

for Baltinglass and surrounding areas.
Making a difference in your local community.
If interested, please contact 087 770 8267.

CALLING ALL BIKERS

THE LALOR CENTRE MOTORBIKE RUN will be held on Sunday 10th May

in Baltinglass. This event was a major success
last year and we are looking forward to the
laying of Astro Turf over the next few weeks
which was funded from the monies raised
last year. Registration for the Rally is at
12 noon at the Hug A Mug Café
W91 NH66. All Bikes will move out at 1pm.
If you require any more information, please
contact any of the following organisers
Johnny 087 684 3091, Peter 089 404 2161
or Terry 087 886 1001.

HELP US RAISE THE ROOF

St John Baptist Church, Stratford-on-Slaney,
are replacing the roof on the Church, and
would appreciate your support.

Please donate to [https://www.idonate.ie/
cause/stjohnbaptistchurch](https://www.idonate.ie/cause/stjohnbaptistchurch)



MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2026

Wednesday 26th August to
2nd September Dublin to
Medjugorje return. Half Board.
Cost: €895. Spiritual Director:
Fr. Ger Ahern. For more info
contact: Parish Office 059 6481254
or 087 629 8881 or 059 9151277.



ALTAR SERVERS

If you would like to be an Altar Server
please contact the Parish Office.



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 7th 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 and will
return later that night. 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. Tickets for the bus
cost €30 per person. No pre-payment is
required as it is paid on the bus on the day.
To reserve a seat or for more information
please contact Dominic on 085 823 2105.

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to
make a donation etc.

SUNDAY MASSES 2026

	<u>STRATFORD</u>	<u>GRANGECON</u>
May	17/31	10/24
June	14/28	07/21
July	12/26	05/19

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