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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 DEATHS

Oliver Phelan, Shrughaun

#### ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Peter Nolan Jnr. Blessington  
Joe Kinsella, Kiltegan & Mill Street, Baltinglass  
Winnie Breen, Weaver Square & deceased members of the Breen Family  
Paul Kennedy, Chapel Hill  
James Doyle, Clough  
Jack & Betty Norton  
Mary Groves, Parkmore  
Seamus Bookle, Ballinroan, Kiltegan  
Patrick Fogarty, Baltinglass & London & his brother Thomas fogarty, 2 Parkmore  
Kathleen Hanrahan Gahan, Weaver Sq & Rathvilly  
Dan O'Neill, the Wood  
Josie Byrne, Main Street  
Elizabeth Byrne, Carrigeen & her Son Joseph  
Mary Furlong, Woodfield  
Patrick Fleming, Shrughaun

#### GRANGECON Sun (9.30am)

Theresa Flood, Ballynure & Grangecon  
Tom & Bridget Flood, the Rocks  
Elizabeth Flood, The Rocks  
Fr Ned Whelan, Ballon  
James Whelan, Athy



#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Monday 22nd: Donors Intention**  
**Tuesday 23rd: Donors Intentions**

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A

21st June 2026

## The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Persecution has been part of the church history especially when it comes to those who stand firm in their faith. This is the theme that binds together all the three readings in today's mass. It speaks to a very real human experience; fear, rejection, and feeling alone in our struggles. Yet, they also remind us that in the midst of fear, God stands with us, calling us to trust Him and live with courage.

The light of God finally disturbs those who prefer to live in darkness and they inevitably react by showing oppositions as we see being done to prophet Jeremiah. Persecution has often troubled the lives of the prophets. As all these is happening, Jesus says that persecution is a kind of cloak that his disciples will have to wear if they are firm in their beliefs. He encourages you and me to know that in the struggle between the evil and good, the good will always be the winner.

As a Christian today, do I feel discouraged with the reality that many are not interested with religion? Am I afraid and feel that others are 'watching' me and wondering what am I doing as I go to church? I guess we have a lot of questions and at times we feel like calling it a quit. But wait; Jesus reminds us that his followers must have courage at all times. He has promised his support in time of trial. Outside forces (discouragements) for Christ are realities for many Christians. The erosion of faith and de-Christianizing of values can frighten; but Christ says to all, 'Be not afraid.'



### CEMETERY MASSES 2026

**Rathbran Cemetery** Friday 26th June 7pm

**Knockpatrick Cemetery** Friday 3rd July 7pm

**Baltinglass Cemetery** Sunday 2nd August 3pm

**Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery** Saturday 15th August 11am



### MINISTERS FOR THE 27TH & 28TH JUNE



#### SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

**Minister of the Word:** Seán Horan  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Matt O'Brien  
Theresa McDermott

#### SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

**Minister of the Word:** Dominic Kelly  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** John Paul Kenny  
Seán Connolly

#### STRATFORD: 9.30AM:

**Minister of the Word:** Noreen Keogh  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Noreen Keogh

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

10, 14, 16, 28



#### No Jackpot Winner

#### No Match 3 Winners

**Sellers Prize:** Brian Byrne

**This week's Jackpot:** €16,300

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

04, 11, 13, 34



#### No Jackpot Winner

**1 Match 3 winner** - €300- Mary Byrne

**Next week's Jackpot:** €20,000.



**EVERY MONDAY IN  
FATIMA HALL 8PM**

### 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. Ph. Alison on 087 909 3222 or Mary on 087 2954605 for tickets.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

### HOSPITALITY MORNING

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



### BALTINGLASS LIBRARY EVENTS

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Creative Writing Group at 10.45am. Phone 059 648 2300. All Welcome.



### South Leinster Money Advice & Budgeting Service

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### WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE ANNUAL STREET COLLECTION

On Friday 26th to Sunday 28th June. Please give generously. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

### 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.

### 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.

### SUNDAY MASSES 2026

STRATFORD		GRANGECON
June	28	21
July	12/26	05/19
August	09/23	02/16/30

### NATIONAL SYNODAL PATHWAY UPDATE

Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland. To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please visit <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

### DAY FOR LIFE 2026

Today, Sunday 21st June, the Church across Ireland celebrates Day for Life on the theme The humanity of the unborn child, which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God - God and man - as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

### ACCORD CARLOW

We offer counselling in Carlow at St Catherine's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and we have two upcoming Marriage Preparation courses in September and November in Carlow. Please ph.086 414 9034 or [carlow@accord.ie](mailto:carlow@accord.ie) for more details.

### FUNDRAISER AND FUN IN SUPPORT OF ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

**Date:** Friday June 26th

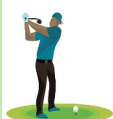
**Venue:** Baltinglass Golf Club.

**Details:** Tee-off: 9am to 4pm

**Team of 4** - €200. (including meal)

**Format:** Step-aside Scramble.

To join in contact (by June 20th) Bridget at Tel: 059 647 3600.



### Weekend Collections

#### 13th & 14th June

Off. €670. Dev. €1,520.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

### 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