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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

No 10am Mass on Thursday (Holy Day)

NEWSLETTER
Articles for the Newsletter must be
received before 12 noon on
Thursdays.
PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS
Mon, Wed. & Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm
Tues. 9.30am - 1.00pm
1.30pm - 2.30pm
CLOSED THIS THURSDAY (HOLY DAY)

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE
For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to
make a donation etc.
www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES		
	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
Dec:	11	18
Jan:	8/22	1/15/29
Feb:	5/19	12/26

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES:
John Kinsella, Tankardstown
Kitty Patterson, Old County Road, Baltinglass
Sheila Fitzmaurice, Tuckmill
Seán McLoughlin, Newtownsaunders
Justin Wall, Bawnogues
John O'Neill, Mountkelly
Mary Hanlon, Broadstown & her daughter Mary,
Broadstown & San Francisco

STRATFORD: SUNDAY 9.30AM
Months Mind
Joseph (Joe) Byrne, Dublin & Ballyhook

Anniversaries
Margaret Nolan, Bawnogues
Pat & Sarah Moore, Saundersgrove

Rest in Peace

FAMILY MASS
We invite families to join with the children
preparing for Confirmation and First Holy
Communion for the 9.30am Mass
on next Sunday (11th)
in Grangecon.



Following Sunday (18th)
9.30am Stratford
11am Baltinglass

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4TH DECEMBER 2022

"My peace I give you...."

Advent is a time for straightening crooked paths
in our relationships, for filling in the holes and
removing the stumbling blocks that trip us up
on our journey with God and God's people.

Many people carry hurts, angers and other heartaches.
There is the heartfelt cry and a longing for peace-
peace of mind, peace in families, in communities
and in so many places in our world.

Advent is a time to let go of our resentments and
of our failures, to forgive so that the **Prince of Peace**
can be born again and again in our hearts and lives.

This is a precious time to prepare ourselves
to welcome Jesus each day into our lives,
to be aware of how blessed we are in sharing
our lives and our faith with each other.

Lord, make me a channel of your peace.

ADVENT 2022

Come, Lord Jesus
Lord of Hope

Resources to help us through our journey
towards Christmas are available on
kandle.ie



ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING

What are the Advent Sunday Readings saying to me? Why not spend time reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures this Advent alone or with others? Faith Development Services are delighted to provide the Annual Advent Scripture Sharing Booklet for 2022. The booklet can be downloaded free of charge on <https://www.kandle.ie/advent-scripture-sharing-booklet-2022/>

Family Prayer for Second Week of Advent

Loving God, on this Advent day
we turn to you in prayer.
As we wait for the coming of your Son,
we ask your blessing on each of us.
Bring your healing upon us and help
us to welcome your light into our lives,
a light that gives us **the gift of peace**.
May your **peace** guard our heart,
our mind and our homes.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Together we pray: **Come Lord Jesus**.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday 8th December

Masses for Holyday

St. Joseph's Church

Wednesday: Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Thursday: Mass 11am

PLEASE NOTE:

No Mass on Thursday evening



STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

11, 20, 25, 27

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match 3 Winners: €85 each

Frank McCormack, Juanita Nolan

& Anthony Ovington

Sellers Prize: Fishers

This week's Jackpot: €12,500

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Last Week's Winning Numbers

02, 06, 26, 29

No Jackpot Winner



2 Match 3 Winners - €150 each

Peg Lennon & Ciarán, Gráinne,

Adam & Emma Fleming

This week's Jackpot: €10,900

€35 Voucher Winners x 6

V. Okphert, Christine Deering, Billy Kenny,
Kevin O'Neill, Sarah Gunning & Mary Doran



THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin on Dec 12th. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016.

If you would like to know more about safeguarding in your parish, please speak with your parish (Fiona Kavanagh, Ann Leigh and Martina Kennedy) or look at the Safeguarding section on www.kandle.ie.

If you ever wish to report a child or vulnerable adult safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocesan DLP on 085 8021633 or the statutory authorities of the Gardai, TUSLA, HSE.



Friends of Calcutta

THANK YOU

For supporting last week's clothes collection.



Wicklow Libraries Winter Warmer Initiative

Friday 9th Dec. at 11am Baltinglass

Library will screen the movie 'ELF'.

This is a screening for adults and does not require booking. Refreshments provided.



IN AID OF
STRATFORD COMMUNITY
SHOP AND CAFE

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

West Wicklow Voices featuring MÉAV

in St. Mary's Church, Stratford

Saturday December 10th 8pm sharp.

Tickets €15 are available from

Committee Members, Parish Office

or phone 087 62 12 411.

Door Prize on your ticket.



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT
ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The Christmas Party, hosted by
the Active Retired Committee for
its members & for Senior Citizens.

Thurs. Dec 8th 1.30pm in Inis Fail, Germaines.

Tickets €20.

Further details from Mary on 087 299-9571

PLEASE NOTE: No meeting in December.

Annual General Meeting in January.

MORTGAGE ARREARS/Abhaile Scheme

Are you in mortgage arrears?

Are you worried about losing your home?

If so, there is help.

You may be entitled to Government
support under the Abhaile Scheme.

For more information, feel free to contact
Tatiana McGreal, Financial Solutions Ireland
on 085 867 4883 (www.fsireland.ie)

ALONE

ALONE are Seeking Volunteers

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training & support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>
For more information, contact Frances on volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 1085965.



PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

25th -31st May 2023

with

Fr. Liam Merrigan & Mgr. John McEvoy

Total Price: €1265 per person sharing

Deposit: €150. Single Supplement: €195

(subject to availability)

For reservations contact:

Tully Travel, Carlow: 059 9136100

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Wolseley Singers host an
afternoon Christmas Concert in
the Mount Wolseley Club House
on Sunday 11th December,
2022 at 3pm
Proceeds to Cancer Society.



maranatha
Our prayer is, 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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in St. Joseph's Church each weekend.

€2.50

Highly recommended reading for all!

IF YOU TAKE ONE PLEASE PUT MONEY IN BOX!