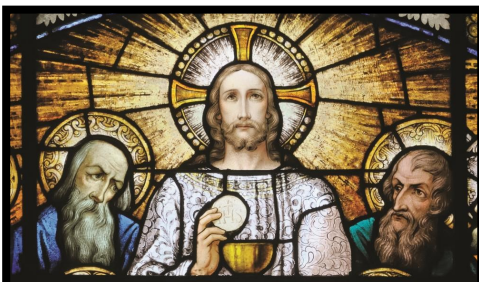


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**MASSES**  
**St. Paul's Oratory**  
**Tues. - Fri. 10am**  
**Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am**  
**Available on Webcam**  
**& Radio 100.2fm**

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

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS**  
Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm  
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm  
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

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

**SUNDAY MASSES**

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Oct:	1/15/29	8/22
Nov:	5/19	12/26

**WE REMEMBER**

**RECENT DEATH**  
John Swaine, Celbridge & Parkmore  
who died in Cyprus

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Tim Long, Dublin  
Pat Sleator, Parkmore  
Luke & Frances McDonnell, Main Street  
Phyllis & Patrick Reddan, Tinoran  
Michael & Julia Patterson, Main Street  
John Barrett, Shroughaun  
Anthony & Josie Tywford, Rathmoon

**STRATFORD: 9.30AM**

**MONTHS MIND**  
Mary Gadsdon, Stratford


**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Elizabeth Coleman, Stratford & her grandson  
Richard Wilkie, Manchester  
Jack Byrne, Randalstown  
Martin Kane, London & Stratford

*Rest in Peace*

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**Thanksgiving...Harvest time...awareness of blessings... gratitude for the gifts of life and love...it is necessary for us to think deeply about all we have been given. We can be almost overwhelmed by all that is ours. God is very generous to us. This Autumn season provides us with the opportunity to give thanks for the abundance and fullness of the harvest. Earth's fruitfulness has been harvested and the whole community rejoices.**

**Everywhere we look, we see the countless blessings God has given us - from the twinkling stars to the rich brown earth, from the spontaneous smile to the spring in someone's step, from the sound of hearty laughter to the smell of sweet perfume.**

**This is a time to honour the abundance and generosity of the earth. We look around at the luscious fruits, the wholesome vegetables and the beautiful flowers and we are in awe.**

**Yes, the generosity of our God strikes all our senses. The sights and smells cause our heads to turn and we can truly shout aloud: The Lord has indeed done great things in providing us with a bountiful harvest, a harvest that provides us with food and drink and clothing and so much more.**

**There is also the spiritual harvest of our personal lives. Each of us allowed to flower within our being many seeds of goodness and kindness and in doing so nourish each other's lives. Yes, these are the fruits of our spiritual growth for which we are grateful.**

**Now is the time to gather our basket of blessings; the time to remember that we have what we need to give us strength and nourishment during our barren times.**

## RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Saorview - Channel 210

Stream on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)

By phone (01) 437 3277

(no extra charges apply) FREE

APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"



## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**

04, 21, 25, 29



**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**Jackpot Winner** Tony Kearney - €8,300

**3 Match 3 Winners** - €70 each

Marie Gadsdon, Mary Donegan,

Karen Hanbidge

**Sellers Prize:** Jason Barrett

**This week's Jackpot:** €3,000

## A TALK BY HISTORIAN TOM DILLON THE CHIEFTAIN OF GRANGECON HOUSE PIERCE O'MAHONY

in Ballynure Church W91 YW74

on **Thursday October 5th at 7.30pm.**

Pierce was one of the most distinguished Irish men of his time. A nationalist MP, international humanitarian, chieftain, farmer and gardener, his incredible life story will be told. Introducing the talk will be Tralee historian Maurice O'Keeffe of Irish Life and Lore.



## TOUR TO ROSCOMMON

1st October, 4 nights.

For details please contact

Duffy's Coach Hire on 059 647 1681  
or 087 254 3235.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL MATHS ASSISTANCE

from a qualified primary teacher with 5+ years experience. Can extend to any curricular area if required. Contact [krislynam9@gmail.com](mailto:krislynam9@gmail.com) for details.



## BALTINGLASS BRANCH

If you wish to donate to St. Vincent de Paul (Baltinglass) to support families in our community who are in need, please use the following:

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 8447 8860

**SORT CODE:** 90 65 07

**IBAN:** IE24 BOFI 9065 0784 4788 60

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**

12, 20, 23, 29



**No Jackpot Winner**

**3 Match 3 Winners share** €100 each

Mark Staines, Liam Horgan, Theresa O'Neill

**This week's Jackpot:** €6,000



Fedhlíneamhacht na Seirbhíse Sínte  
Health Service Executive

## BECOME SUICIDE ALERT!

safeTALK

**Location:** The Lalor Centre, Parkmore,  
Baltinglass, W91 XW57

**Date:** Saturday, 14th October

**Time:** 10am - 1.30pm.

**SafeTALK 'suicide alertness for everyone'**

Prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. This training is suitable for anyone over the age of 18.

Training is free of charge. Booking is essential. For information phone

01 606 0858 or Email [ad-min@breakingthrough.org](mailto:ad-min@breakingthrough.org)

or [www.nosp.ie/training](http://www.nosp.ie/training)

**BOOK BY THE 6TH OCTOBER**



## CONGLAIS CRAFTS, BALTINGLASS

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of St. Brigid's Hospice,  
The Curragh

**Date:** Tuesday 26th Sept.

**Time:** 10am - 12.30pm.

**Venue:** Up by the Lalor Centre  
behind the Men's Shed.

**Support would be gratefully appreciated!**

## COUNTY WICKLOW PARTNERSHIP

FREE CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES

Are you interested in learning English?

Increase your confidence when speaking.

Practical lessons, small group classes & meet new people in your community.

All levels are welcome to attend, beginner, intermediate and advanced.

**Venue:** Baltinglass Parish Centre.

**When:** Thursdays from 11am - 1pm  
(except during school holidays) Tea/Coffee served

For information contact CWP Office on  
0402 20955 / Ann Byrne 085 8006873 or  
Email: [agbyrne@wicklowpartnership.ie](mailto:agbyrne@wicklowpartnership.ie)

## STRATFORD HALLOWEEN SPOOKS

Saturday 28 October 6.30 to 8pm.

*Mysterious Haunted Maze, Ghost Galley,  
Spook Nook and lots more!*

'Hangry for Hot Dogs' will be there!

**Children €10 Adults FREE**

All you social media users, don't lose out.

Keep up to date with our Stratford

Community Cafe/Shop news on

Instagram and Facebook pages.

## BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Now up and running after the summer recess.

Next monthly meeting in Germaine's on  
Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. New members welcome!

Tickets are booked to attend The National  
Concert Hall for a performance of 'Oliver'  
by Rathmines & Rathgar Music Group  
on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Four-night outing to **Killarney** on Nov 27th  
to participate in the Bowling Competition.  
For details contact Mary on 087 299 9571.

**Following activities have recommenced.**

**Bowling:** Fatima Hall Tuesdays 3pm.

**Coffee Mornings:** Bia Blasta  
11am Fridays of Sept.

**Art Classes:** Resume in October.

## ADULT LITERACY FOR LIFE

In Ireland almost 1 in 5 adults have  
difficulty with reading and writing? 1 in 4  
have difficulty with maths and 1 in 2 have  
difficulty using digital devices?

If you or an adult family member would like  
support, please contact your local ETB.

This service is **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL**.

**Contacts for services:**

Adult Learning Service:

Laois: **057 866 1338**

Offaly: **057 934 9444**

Carlow: **059 913 5544**

NALA free phone number: **1800 202 065**

## CLEANER AVAILABLE

Mornings only. For information please  
phone Kate on 086 867 1926.



**"Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother  
Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces  
various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs..." (# 1)**