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### MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory  
Mon - Wed. 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

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
Oct:	15/29	22
Nov:	5/19	12/26



### WE REMEMBER

Tessie Farrell, Parkmore who died in July

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Myles McDonnell, Coolinarrig  
Joey Fagan, 39 Parkmore  
William Swaine, Hughestown  
Stephen Flood, Plunkettstown, Castledermot  
Peter Smyth, Ballyraggan  
Brendan Pearson, Parkmore

#### STRATFORD: 9.30AM

William (Willie) Moore, Stratford  
Peter Byrne, Goldenfort

Rest in  
Peace

### 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"



### MORNING MASSES THIS WEEK

#### PLEASE NOTE

10am Mass  
on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
No Mass on Thursday or Friday

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8TH OCTOBER 2023

## A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All powerful God,  
you are present in the universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with your peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to  
our lives,  
that we may  
protect the world  
and not prey on it,  
that we may sow  
beauty,  
not pollution and  
destruction.



Touch the hearts  
of those who look  
only for gain  
at the expense  
of the poor and  
the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,  
for justice, love and peace.

*A prayer for our earth was published in Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si'.*

### CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland a special Weekend has been scheduled for the 10th -12th Nov. at *The Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. W91 XR23.*

This weekend is available to all married couples at no fixed charge beyond the deposit of €50 per couple and a voluntary donation.

To book visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
04, 10, 28, 29  
**No Jackpot Winner**



**1 Match 3 Winner** - Pamela Barrett - €200.  
**Sellers Prize:** The Glen Shop

**This week's Jackpot:** €3,600.

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
15, 17, 18, 30  
**No Jackpot Winner**



**1 Match 3 Winner** - €300 - Laura Cullen

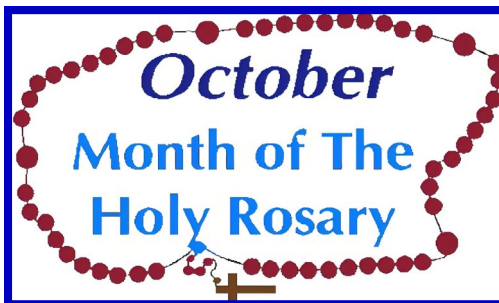
**This week's Jackpot:** €6,700



### **GOOD NEWS!**

**After a long absence Bingo will resume in Fatima Hall on the October Bank Holiday, Monday 30th at 3pm and will be held every Monday at 8pm.**

*We look forward to welcoming back all who have missed our bingo!  
Your support will be much appreciated.  
The continuation of the Bingo into the future will be dependent on the level of support it receives.*



### STRATFORD HALLOWEEN SPOOKS

*In aid of Stratford Community Cafe/Shop Project. (nearing completion)*

**Sunday 29 Oct 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**

Keep up to date with our Stratford Community Cafe/Shop news on Instagram and Facebook pages.



### **JOB VACANCIES**

#### ST. PATRICK'S KILTEGAN

Fulltime permanent Housekeeping Assistant required to provide domestic support to Sli an Chroi/St. Patrick's Missionary Society. The person is required to ensure a high standard of cleanliness is maintained on a day-to-day basis and work with a multi-disciplinary team. Interested candidates should submit a cv to [hrmanager@spms.ie](mailto:hrmanager@spms.ie) by close of business 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. For full details of the role please log onto our website <https://www.spms.org/vacancies>

#### RATHCOYLE NATIONAL SCHOOL

are seeking applications for the position of School Secretary - Part Time. If interested in the position, please apply by post to -The Chairperson, Rathcoyle N.S., Rathcoyle, Rathdangan, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow W91PN26. Envelopes should be clearly marked Secretary Application. Closing date: 3pm on Wednesday 18th October. For information contact Niall Neville on 083 150 8991.

### **BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

**Killarney Bowling** event bookings are popular. Members who may not be interested in bowling are also invited to join the group to Kerry, on their four night stay, from 27<sup>th</sup> November. The Glen Eagle Hotel staff are willing to organise tours and outings on request. Further details from Mary on 087 299 9571.

**Basic Computer Skills Class** for 6 weeks for interested members in November.

**Yoga Class** for 6 weeks will commence on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre, for members.

**Bridge Classes** -Wednesdays 10.30am – 12md.

**Coffee Mornings for October** will be held in Germaines every Friday at 11am.

### **GRANGECON PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING**

Join us for a Spooktacular Fun Night on the 26th October from 5.30-7.30pm for our Halloween themed Open Evening. This event is open to students, parents and the entire community. Pumpkin and art displays, face painting, games, storytelling and sweet treats will be on offer. Come along in your Halloween costume (*adults optional*) and learn about our outstanding educational programmes and facilities. See what our school has to offer & enjoy some light refreshments and speak to our staff, parents and students. See our facebook page for more details.



### **Joining in the Synod: A weekly update on the proceedings in Rome -**

*An Online Series with 1 in-person session*

**Dates (Online):** Monday evenings

Oct. 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

**Time: 8.30pm**

(Each session will take place online & will last 20 mins approx.)

**In-Person:**

Saturday 4th Nov. 11am – 1pm

at St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **CONFIRMATION**

Saturday 20th April

St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Grangecon: Saturday 27th April

Stratford: Saturday 11th May

Baltinglass/Bigstone: Saturday 18th May



**"A healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change." (# 218)**