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MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory
Wed. & 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

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For Weekly Newsletter, Information,
to make a donation etc.
www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

Oct: 29
Nov: 5/19 12/26

MORNING MASSES THIS WEEK

PLEASE NOTE

10am Mass on Wednesday and Friday
No Mass on Tuesday or Thursday

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATHS

Rose Dunne, Griffinstown, Grangecon
Kilian Seitz, Carlow

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas O'Brien, Carrigeen
Rory Farrell, Rathmoon
Patrick & Josephine Doody, Parkmore
Johnny Keogh, 8 Parkmore
Tom & Maureen Darcy, Weaver Square
Peter Doyle, Clough
Mary Owens, Parkmore
Katriona Deevy, Carlow
Dan Nolan, Parkmore
Mai Kinsella, Hughestown
Catherine & Joseph Maher, Baltinglass & Dublin
William Wall, Parkmore
Olive & Patrick Fleming, Shroughaun

GRANGECON: 9.30AM

Bridie Cronin Smith, Grangecon & Dublin
who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES:

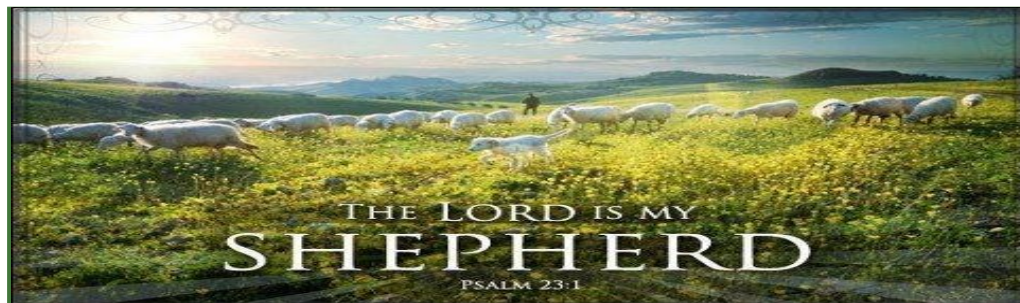
Michael & Margaret Cronin, Springfield
John Cronin, Springfield
Fr Tim Cronin, Bermingham & Grangecon
Lorraine Cronin Canty, Grangecon & London
Francis Flood, Ballynure
John & Jenny Kehoe, Newtown Saunders
Michael & Margaret Kehoe, Grangecon Hill
Joe & Katie Whelan, Ballynure

*Rest in
Peace*

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15TH OCTOBER 2023



'The Lord is my Shepherd'

Many of us have something to deal with in ourselves,
rather like St. Paul who spoke of his thorn in the flesh.

We can ask God to take it away as St. Paul did,
but it is there to remind us constantly of the cross.
St. Paul tells us today that 'there is nothing I cannot master
with the help of the one who gives me strength'.

*At Mass I offer myself up mind, soul, body and spirit with Jesus
to the Father. I ask God to melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Indeed we are all instruments for God's use.
We need to allow God to work through us in the smallest of ways.*

Today's Psalm is most consoling: 'The Lord is my Shepherd'.
It is full of caring and kindness, constantly being minded
and loved by our Lord.

In today's Gospel we are all invited to the wedding feast.
Many people tell me I'm too hard on myself, that I need to
live more loosely. Indeed I need to be more humble and
accept myself as I am just now - knowing that 'God will fulfil
all my needs in Christ Jesus as lavishly as only God can'. **A.S.**



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/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

12, 25, 26, 29

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €200

Lucy & David Cush

Sellers Prize: Patterson's

This week's Jackpot: €3,900



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

04, 05, 27, 29

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €300

Eamonn Dunne

This week's Jackpot: €6,900



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. 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

SEWING MACHINE WANTED

If you have a sewing machine lying idle it can be given a new life & put to good use.

If willing to give on loan or donate please contact the Parish Office.

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

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.

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.

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

are hosting their annual sponsored walk/run on the 22nd October at 12 noon. The 6km loop starts outside Bigstone hall. Please come along and support the school as all proceeds go into activity, transport and supplies for the kids. Refreshments will be provided after. Bigstone Parents Association thank you for your support.

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 Oct. For information contact Niall Neville on 083 150 8991.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over the weekend of **Sunday 22nd October** and is coordinated in Ireland by Missio Ireland.

COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
Envelopes in your box.

ALL IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN

There are over 2 million domestic gardens in this country. Just imagine the difference it could make if 2 million gardens became biodiversity friendly! Gardening for Biodiversity also has advantages for human health and wellbeing. For gardens to be good for pollinators, they need to provide food in the form of flowers, shelter for nesting and safety from chemicals. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

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:

Laos: 057 866 1338

Offaly: 057 934 9444

Carlow: 059 913 5544

NALA free phone number: 1800 202 065



"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (# 217)