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St. Paul's Oratory
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NEWSLETTER

Articles for the Newsletter
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Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm
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& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

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For Weekly Newsletter, Information,
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www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Oct:	29	
Nov:	5/19	12/26

MORNING MASSES THIS WEEK

BACK TO NORMAL SCHEDULE
Tuesday—Friday 10am in Oratory

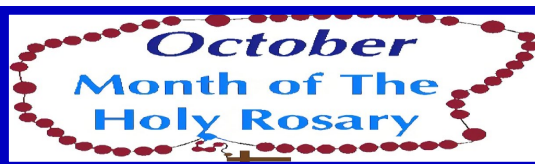
WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

Peggy Shortt, Mill Street, Baltinglass
John O'Neill, 49 Parkmore
Margaret O'Connor, 47 Parkmore
Michael & Marie Farrell
Thomas, Joseph & Patrick Donohoe
James & Elizabeth Donohoe
Deceased members of the Farrell &
Donohoe Families
Seamie & Ita Doyle, Irongrange
Patrick & Mary Donegan, Holdenstown
Mary Woods, Hartestown
Willie Cullen, Newtown Saunders
Winnie Hughes & her Son John, Parkmore
Paddy Byrne, Walkinstown & Weaver Square

STRATFORD: 9.30AM

Joe Byrne, Dublin & Ballyhook, Stratford
Paddy McDonald, Gibraltar
Robert Barrett, Ballinatone, Stratford
James Coleman, Castleruddery, Donard
Kevin Moore, Stratford
Jim Coleman, Manchester & Stratford



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22ND OCTOBER 2023

**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**
22nd October
2023

Highlights from the Message of Pope Francis

Our hearts burned within us “when he explained the Scriptures to us”. In missionary activity, the word of God illumines and transforms hearts.

Today, as then, the Risen Lord remains close to his missionary disciples and walks beside them, particularly when they feel disoriented, discouraged, fearful of the mystery of iniquity that surrounds them and seeks to overwhelm them. So, “let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of hope!” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 86). The Lord is greater than all our problems, above all if we encounter them in our mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the world. For in the end, this mission is his and we are nothing more than his humble co-workers, “useless servants” (cf. Lk 17:10).

Our eyes were “opened and recognized him” in the breaking of the bread. Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of the mission.

Here we can recognize an essential reality of our faith: Christ, who breaks the bread, now becomes the bread broken, shared with the disciples and consumed by them. He is seen no longer, for now he has entered the hearts of the disciples, to make them burn all the more, and this prompts them to set out immediately to share with everyone their unique experience of meeting the Risen Lord. The risen Christ, then, is both the one who breaks the bread and, at the same time, the bread itself, broken for us. It follows that every missionary disciple is called to become, like Jesus and in him, through the working of the Holy Spirit, one who breaks the bread and one who is broken bread for the world.

“You will receive power” from the Holy Spirit: Let us always be strengthened and guided by the Spirit.

The image of “feet setting out” reminds us once more of the perennial validity of the *missio ad gentes*, the mission entrusted to the Church by the risen Lord to evangelize all individuals and peoples, even to the ends of the earth. Today more than ever, our human family, wounded by so many situations of injustice, so many divisions and wars, is in need of the Good News of peace and salvation in Christ. I take this opportunity to reiterate that “everyone has the right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone, not as one who imposes a new obligation, but as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 14). Missionary conversion remains the principal goal that we must set for ourselves as individuals and as a community, because “missionary outreach is *paradigmatic for all the Church’s activity*” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 15).

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STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 08, 18, 19

No Jackpot Winner



4 Match 3 Winners - €50 each
Alison Hennessy, Bernadette Conlon,
Caroline Kelly, Betty Conway
Sellers Prize: Laura Bollard

This week's Jackpot: €4,200



BALINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

08, 17, 23, 28

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match 3 Winners - €100 each
Katie Murphy, Billy Cullen,
Richard Kavanagh

This week's Jackpot: €7,100

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.

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



THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SYNODAL ASSEMBLY

has begun in Rome. It began with an ecumenical prayer vigil on 30 September and concludes with Mass on 29 October.

The work of this synod assembly is in continuity with the Spirit led conversations that took place in parishes, dioceses, countries and continents across the world. You can find out more about the Synodal journey so far and what is happening at the Universal phase of the Synod from the Vatican Synod webpage at www.synod.va/en and the webpage for the Irish Synodal pathway at www.synod.ie as well as at the dedicated page on www.Kandle.ie



FIVE WEEK DANCE CLASS

Learn to Jive, Waltz, Quickstep and Country Linedance. Starting Wed. 1st November in Baltinglass Golf Club 7.30-8.45. Everyone welcome, no partner required. €50 per person for the 5 week course. Text Noeleen 086 869 0332 to book.

BALINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

are organising a fundraising event on Saturday 28th October at 3pm. Families are invited to the Lord's Wood for a Halloween trail and scavenger hunt. There will be games and facepainting on the day too. Donations welcome no matter how small.



" Since the effects of climate change will be felt for a long time to come, even if stringent measures are taken now, some countries with scarce resources will require assistance in adapting to the effects already being produced, which affect their economies. In this context, there is a need for common and differentiated responsibilities." (# 170)

ARTISTS IN WEST WICKLOW

Artists in West Wicklow can avail of a special bus service to take them to the Wicklow Artist Salon which takes place in the historic library at Killruddery House, Bray from 12.30-4pm on Saturday Nov. 4th.

Five emerging artists from across the county (including West Wicklow) will present their work and discuss the people, places and art that has influenced their vision. The Wicklow Artists Salon has been running for over a year. It is an-artist led forum curated by visual artist Joanna Kidney and writer Philip St John. It gives practitioners from County Wicklow an opportunity to meet each other, explore important themes and perhaps begin collaborations. The Killruddery salon is a special one featuring early career/emerging artists. If you are an emerging artist, why not come along? If you are a regular attendee, why not bring an emerging artist with you?

Visit <https://www.mermaidartscentre.ie/whats-on/events/wicklow-artist-salon-influences> to book your place.



BALINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

CHANGE OF DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Members, please note the change of date for October meeting to Wednesday 1st November, at 3pm in Germaine's. Apologies for any inconvenience.