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MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory
Tues.—Fri. 10am
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
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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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SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Nov:	26	19
Dec:	10/24	3/17



WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Patrick Joseph Hayes, Freshford, Kilkenny who died in the Philippines

ANNIVERSARIES

Maisie (Mary) Andrews nee Donohoue,
Moneymore & Rathfarnham
Rita & Jimmy Germaine, Parkmore
Patrick McGrath, Carrigeen
Bridie Doherty, Carrigeen
Mary & Páiraic Naughton, Spiddal
Seamus Conneelly, Galway
Tommy & Christy Murphy, Carrigeen
Thomas O'Hara, Raheen
James (Jim) Doyle & his father Frank, Carrigeen
Ignatz Graf Von Westerholt, Kilranelagh House
Yani Athanassiou, Beirut, Lebanon
Andy Kehoe, Clough
Anastasia Doyle, Graney
Annie O'Toole, Main Street, Baltinglass

GRANGECON: 9.30AM

MONTHS MIND

Rose Dunne, Griffinstown

ANNIVERSARIES

Marty Dunne, Griffinstown
Mary Whelan, The Rocks
Michael (Mick) Kehoe, Knock na Muck, Grangecon
John & Lil Doyle, Barronstown

Rest in
Peace

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

STAY
AWAKE

"Stay awake.....be ready"

Many remember the Tilly Lamp. It was to be found in so many houses around the country before the electricity came. There was a ritual almost in lighting the lamp on a winter's evening, making sure the match did not touch the mantle, pumping up the oil to the right level to give a bright light, which filled the whole kitchen. With electrification, all it took was a flick of a switch, to give an even better light. However, many people held on to the old tilly lamp and a drop of oil so that they would be ready when the electricity went off. There it stood, dusty and unused in some household corner, ready for an emergency. Sometimes the gift of faith is treated in similar fashion. Keeping faith in God or faith in people is not an easy thing to do.

Something happens to us that doesn't fit into our understanding or expectation. The flame of faith can reduce to an ember. We can put it aside, like something for the past that no longer fits our life. Come a crisis and we fly to where we left it, but it's too weak to warm or light our path and there's no one to turn to. It's a bit like that in today's gospel. Be ready is the advice, hold on to some oil for the lamp. Be ready, for the Lord is coming and sometimes he comes in the dark. Keep your lamp trimmed and burning. [A.S.]

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STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

06, 07, 13, 24

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €200

Pamela & Katie

Sellers Prize: M. Moore

This week's Jackpot: €5,100



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

07, 09, 19, 23

No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners - €100 each

Patricia Doody, Bernie Kilcoyne,

Ross Mullally

This week's Jackpot: €7,700



SYNOD NEWS

The first part of the Synod Assembly has concluded in Rome. A Synod Report was agreed on the last day of the month long assembly. In the coming months this report will be considered by Catholics here in Ireland and across the world, ahead of the second part of the Assembly in October 2024. This report and a summary of it, prepared by Vatican News, can be viewed on the dedicated Synod page on Kandle.ie.

STRATFORD & GRANGECON COMMUNITY CAFÉ/SHOP FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Wish to say Thank You to all those Witches, Spooks, scary Ghosts and of course the Spooky Pooches who made our Halloween Spooks night on October 29th an amazing success! Thank You is also due to the 'Man Above' for providing such a dry balmy evening so all could enjoy themselves in comfort! We are most grateful to all who supported us and to those who so generously donated to our cause, and look forward to seeing ye all next year.

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Coffee Mornings:

Hug-a-Mug Fridays of November at 11am.

Bridge: Every Wednesday 10.30am-12noon in Parish Centre. New members welcome.

Bowling Club: invite new members to Fatima Hall on Tuesdays from 3 – 4pm.

Christmas Party: For Active Retired members and Seniors in the area. Patients from the local Hospital will be invited too. The venue is Germaines, on Wednesday 6th December at 1.30pm. Tickets €25 (after subsidisation) available from AR Committee, or contact Mary on 087 299 9571.

Next Monthly Members Meeting

Wednesday 22nd Nov. 3pm in Germaines.

CHURCHLANE CHRISTMAS MARKET

St. Mary's Church Baltinglass and Church of the Ascension Ballynure Stratford Lodge School and Old School, Churchlane, Baltinglass Saturday November 25th, 4-8pm.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

REMEMBRANCE MASS

Our Annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday 22nd Nov. at 7.30pm. We will remember especially by name those who died in the past 12 months and whose funerals took place in the parish churches.



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



Mondays at 8pm in Fatima Hall

Your support will be much appreciated.

TOTUS TUUS

SCRIPTURE CONFERENCE 2023

IS LIVE ON RADIO MARIA IRELAND ON SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER FROM 2PM

Speakers include FR. JOHN RYAN (CLOYNE DIOCESE), FR. LUKE DEMASI (HOME OF THE MOTHER), FR. JOHN MCENEANEY

(WATERFORD & LISMORE DIOCESE), FRANCES HOGAN (SCRIPTURE SCHOAR). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01) 437 3277.

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RENEWAL OF DEAD LIST

Envelopes and paper are provided in your box of envelopes. If you do not have these you may write them on paper using your own envelope. These can be placed in the basket at the altar during November.



Clean up after your dog

When out walking clean up after your dog if the need arises. Think especially of people coming after you who may have poor eye sight.



"Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combatting poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature." (# 139)