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MASSES
St. Paul's Oratory
Tues.—Fri. 10am
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
Available on Webcam
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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am—1.00pm
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

NEWSLETTER

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

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SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

Nov: 26
Dec: 10/24 3/17



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.

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Kathleen Byrne, Raheen

ANNIVERSARIES

Billy & Anne Lee, Bawnogues

Stephen Byrne, Tuckmill

David Hallahan, 'Sliabh gCua', Baltinglass

Mick Twyford, Rathmoon

Sarah Lennon, Parkmore

Betty Quirke, Parkmore

Terence (Terry) Kinsella, Rampere

Patrick & Elizabeth Rooney, Parkmore and
their son Colm

STRATFORD: 9.30AM

Hugh & Maureen O'Keeffe, Gibraltar

John Barrett, Manger & his Dad Bill

Pat & Allice Keogh, Glen of Imaal

Jack Barrett, Ballyhook

Annie Kinsella

Margaret Bergin

Rita Fluskey, Stratford

*Rest in
Peace*

November
the month of the Holy Souls



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

World Day of the Poor message: Don't look away!

"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor". (Tobit 4:7)



"May our concern for the poor always be marked by Gospel realism. Our sharing should meet the concrete needs of the other, rather than being just a means of ridding ourselves of superfluous goods. Here too, Spirit-led discernment is demanded, in order to recognize the genuine needs of our brothers and sisters and not our own personal hopes and aspirations. What the poor need is certainly our humanity, our hearts open to love. Let us never forget that "we are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 198). Faith teaches us that every poor person is a son or daughter of God and that Christ is present in them. "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. In a page of her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, she tells us: "I have come to realize that perfect charity means putting up with other people's faults, not being at all taken aback by their faults, being edified by the smallest acts of virtue that we see practised. But above all, I have come to realize that charity must not remain locked in the depths of one's heart: 'No one', Jesus says, 'lights a candle to put it under a bushel basket, but puts it on a candle-stand, so that it can give light to everyone in the house'. For me, that candle represents the charity that must give light and bring joy not only to those dearest to me, but to everyone in the house, with the exception of none".

In this house of ours, which is the world, everyone has a right to experience the light of charity; no one must be deprived of that light. May the steadfast love of Saint Therese stir our hearts on this World Day of the Poor, and help us not to "turn our face away from anyone who is poor", but to keep it always focused on the human and divine face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(From Pope Francis' message for World Day of the Poor, 19th Nov 2023)

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STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

08, 09, 14, 25

No Jackpot Winner



2 Match 3 Winners- €100 each

Paul Bollard, Seán Kelly

Sellers Prize: Joss Murphy

This week's Jackpot: €5,400

BALINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

03, 05, 08, 10

No Jackpot Winner



8 Match 3 Winners - €40

George Finlay, Alex Connor, Con Murphy,

Peadar Osborne, Laura Cullen,

Teresa Doogue, Tom Coleman,

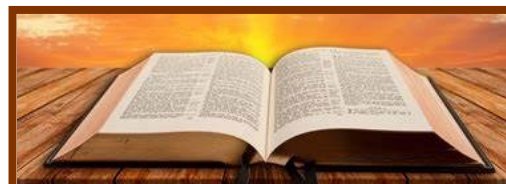
Arnie McDonald

This week's Jackpot: €7,900



SYNOD NEWS

Bishop Brendan Leahy will give an account of his experience as a delegate at the recent synod assembly in Rome. Bishop Brendan will join us on Saturday morning, 25 November from 11-12.30 in Mount St Anne's, Killenard, County Laois. Anyone who would like to hear from Bishop Brendan is very welcome to join us for this free event, hosted by the diocese.



SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

The Catholic Communications Office edits and publishes a five-story weekly ezine Sharing the Good News. The ezine is an accessible news report on the work of bishops' subscribe to this resource by visiting <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

REMEMBRANCE MASS

Our Annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church **THIS WEDNESDAY 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.

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.



BALINGLASS 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

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Sat\Sun. 2nd\3rd DECEMBER



Mondays at 8pm in Fatima Hall

Your support will be much appreciated.

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.



BALINGLASS MEN'S SHED AGM

will be held on Wednesday 29th November at 10.30am in the Men's Shed. All are welcome.



BALINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

REMINDER: This month's Members' Meeting will be held earlier than expected on **Wednesday 22nd November at 3pm** in Germaine's.

Collection of warm clothing and donations are invited for the Homeless Charity, please.

BALINGLASS GC ARE HOSTING A DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING COURSE

in the clubhouse **Tuesday November 28th** at 7.30pm. This free event is open to everyone to attend.



God who calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and strength, needed to continue on our way. (#245)

DANNY'S CORNER

A HUGE 'Thank you' to the Gaelic 4Mothers and Others Baltinglass GAA Club for their very generous donation raised from their recent fundraiser in aid of us here in the Lalor Centre. We were thrilled to accept a voucher for Germaines, which will cover the cost of our Christmas Party in December. They also presented us with a voucher for the Superstore which we will definitely enjoy spending.