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**MASSES**  
St. Paul's Oratory  
Tues.—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

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,  
to make a donation etc.  
[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

### SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Dec:	10/24	3/17/31
Jan:	7/21	14/28



### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATH

James (Jimmy) Whelan, Santry & Grangecon

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Mena, Nora & Jim Gethings, Parkmore  
John Kelly, Carrigeen  
James Bourke, Irongrange & Rahill  
Nan Kavanagh, Carrigeen  
Paddy, Maura, Oliver & Anna O'Brien Holohan  
Billy Doody, Weaver Square  
Tom & Christina Byrne, Shroughaun  
Anthony & Mary Farrell & deceased members  
of the Farrell Family, Rathmoon  
Dermot O'Neill, Newtown  
Seanie O'Neill, Newtown

#### GRANGECON: 9.30AM

#### Months Mind

Carl Rice, Griffinstown, Grangecon

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Whelan, Holdenstown & Carlow

*Rest in  
Peace*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### CONFIRMATION

Saturday 20th April  
St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

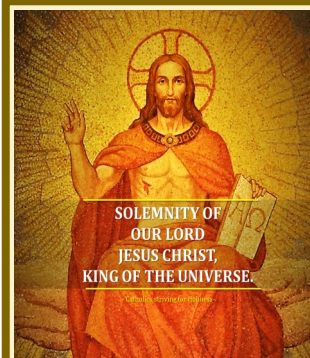
Grangecon: Saturday 27th April  
Stratford: Saturday 11th May  
Baltinglass/Bigstone: Saturday 18th May

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

26TH NOVEMBER 2023



Of all the titles we could bestow on Jesus, that of “King” would seem one of the most inappropriate. It smacks of the kind of things he rejected. When we think of a King we think of a crown, a palace, great wealth, power, prestige and of course an army.

When we look at Jesus what do we see?

There is no throne, no crown, no army. We see Him walking the dusty Roads of Palestine with a little band of disciples. He is surrounded by the poor and the sick, sinners and outcasts. And yet the title “King” is appropriate and it stands for something true and real in Jesus. He was the greatest source of goodness, light and hope in a dark world. His presence could change beyond recognition the lives of those around Him.

There is a so called great person who can make everybody feel small. But the really great person makes everyone feel great. In that sense Jesus was really a King.

## ADVENT 2023

Come, Lord Jesus  
Lord of Hope

Resources to help us through our journey towards Christmas are available on [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie)

### SUGGESTION FOR THE HOME

Why not create a prayer space in your home for Advent? You might like to make your own Advent wreath or have a special Advent candle to use in the prayer space, including perhaps purple coloured cloth/ribbons and evergreens. You'll find a short video on creating an Advent prayer space on [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie)

### Family Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Loving God, on this Advent day we turn to you in prayer.

As we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us.

Free us from any worry or distress that we may have and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of hope. May your hope fill our heart, our mind and our home.

### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We wish to thank our members for contributing donations and warm clothing for the **Homeless Charity** at the November meeting. We are organising a **Christmas Party** for Senior Citizens in the area, patients from the Local Hospital and Active Retired members in Germaines on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. **Some tickets still available**, at €25 (after subsidisation) from Active Retired Committee, or from Mary on 087 299 9571. **Coffee Mornings for December:** Golf Club on Fridays at 11am, with the later start on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> for **Christmas Lunch** at 12md (in the Golf Club).

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

02, 07, 25, 28

No Jackpot Winner

**3 Match 3 Winners** - €70 each

Evelyn Ryan, Tina Bollard, James Barrett, Goldenfort

**Sellers Prize:** Maurice Mangan

**This week's Jackpot:** €5,700



### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

07, 16, 25, 28

No Jackpot Winner

**5 Match 3 Winners** - share €300

Billy Timmins, John Timmins, Billy Kenny, Clara Timmins, Mag Wybrant

**This week's Jackpot:** €8,200



## JACKPOT €5000

**Mondays at 8pm in Fatima Hall**

*Thanks to everyone for their support.*



## CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

The annual Christmas collection will take place in the parish at all Masses next weekend 2nd/3rd December.

**Help make the holiday season brighter!**

More and more people are reaching out to SVdP for assistance.

We ask that you consider donating to SVdP to help those in need this Christmas season.



**CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING IN AID OF S.V.P.**

on Saturday 2nd December.

Meet at 3pm at McAllister Monument. Please join us and wear a Santa Hat and Christmas Jumper.



### RATHVILLY & CASTLEDERMOT GARDEN & FLOWER CLUB

host Diane Gallagher in Teach Diarmada, Castledermot on Thursday 30th November at 7.30pm Diane will do some Festive Flower arrangements, all of which will be raffled on the night. There will be tea, cakes and a chat afterwards. Entry €5 & Raffle also €5.

### HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SESSION AT ATHY FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTRE

Drop in for information about our full and part-time Healthcare courses on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm-7pm. For details contact Rachel Doyle on 059 863 2044 at Further Education and Training Centre, Carlow Road, Athy. [www.athyfetc.ie](http://www.athyfetc.ie) or email [bteiatthy@kwetb.ie](mailto:bteiatthy@kwetb.ie)

## Creative Places Baltinglass

### ARTIST COACHING & MENTORING

Creative Places Baltinglass invites applications by Baltinglass and West Wicklow artists to participate in a unique development programme, which combines coaching and mentoring methods. The selected artists will participate in group and one-to-one sessions with facilitators Paula Phelan and Katherine Zesserson. Application deadline is Thursday 30th November 2023 at 4pm. For details visit: [www.creativeplacesbaltinglass.ie](http://www.creativeplacesbaltinglass.ie)

### FUNDING CLINIC

Creative Places Baltinglass invites artists and creatives based in the Baltinglass area to join us for a Funding Clinic on Friday, 1st December 2023, from 10am to 12:30pm in Horan's in Baltinglass.

The session will provide a practical guide to making funding applications and what supporting material to include, as well as providing an overview of the funding opportunities offered by Wicklow Arts Office. Participation in the session is free, but registration is required. For details visit: [www.creativeplacesbaltinglass.ie](http://www.creativeplacesbaltinglass.ie)



**"The emptier a person's heart is the more he or she needs to buy, own and consume." (#204)**

### Rathvilly/Baltinglass Parish Cluster CANDLELIGHT PRAYER FOR PEACE

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of the 'Prince of Peace' while we live in a world that is far from peaceful.

This Advent the parishes of Rathvilly and Baltinglass will come together to pray for peace especially in the Middle East and Ukraine at 7.30pm as follows.

**Baltinglass:** Wednesday 6th & 20th Dec.  
**Rathvilly:** Wednesday 13th & Friday 22nd.  
**More details next week.**



mary's meals

a simple solution to world hunger

### Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign

With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need.

Visit [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/089-4339592.



### BALTINGLASS GC DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING COURSE

Clubhouse on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm. This free event is open to everyone.

### BALTINGLASS MEN'S SHED AGM

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

