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### MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory  
Tues.—Fri. 10am  
St. Joseph's Church  
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am  
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& 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

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
Jan:	21	14/28
Feb:	4/18	11/25



### CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH

Baptism takes place on the 2nd Sunday of every month.  
All arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least three weeks prior to date of baptism. Members of our Baptism Preparation Team will host a meeting of parents to prepare for the ceremony.

### WE REMEMBER

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Bridget Kerley, Graney  
Alice Farrell, Weaver Square  
Tom Smyth, Ballyraggan  
Brian & Alice Ferguson & Brian Ferguson Jnr.,  
Philip Hughes & Philip Jnr., Parkmore  
Jane, Michael, John & Margaret Clynh,  
Lathaleere  
Martha Shortt, Tuckmill  
Charlie Shortt, Chapel Hill  
Mary Malone, Parkmore  
John Molloy, Raheen  
Sarah Leigh, Rathbran  
Teresa & Mick Kenny, Kiltegan, Clough & London  
Jim & Tom Rooney, Ballymaconey & deceased  
members of the Rooney Family  
Patrick & Tom Kelly, Castlesallagh, Donard  
Michael Condron, Rathdangan

#### GRANGECON: 9.30AM

Elizabeth & Peter Cullen, Bessina  
Niall Moore, Ballinure  
John Salmon, Lowtown

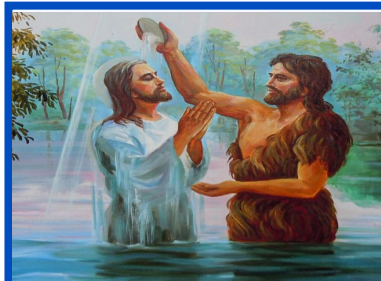
Rest in  
Peace

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7TH JANUARY 2024



*"As soon as Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan, the heavens were opened & the Holy Spirit alighted on him like a dove, as a voice from heaven said: **'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased'**" (Mt 3:17).*

We rediscover our own Baptism in the Feast of the Baptism. Just as Jesus is the Beloved Son of the Father, we too, reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, know we are loved children — the Father loves us all! We are the object of God's satisfaction, brothers and sisters of many brothers and sisters, assigned with a great mission to bear witness and proclaim the Father's boundless love to all mankind.

This Feast of the Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own Baptism. We too were reborn in Baptism. In Baptism the Holy Spirit came down to remain within us. This is why it is important to know the date of our Baptism. We know our date of birth, but we do not always know the date of our Baptism. Certainly some of you do not know it....

Homework to do: Check out when were you baptized? And celebrate the date of your Baptism in your heart, every year. Do it. This also does justice to the Lord who was so kind to us.

May Mary Most Holy help us to increasingly understand the gift of Baptism and to live it consistently in everyday situations."

*(Pope Francis)*

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### SYNOD NEWS

Work is beginning towards the next phase of the Synod and the Second General Assembly in Rome next October. There is a dedicated page on the diocesan website: [www.kandle/synod](http://www.kandle/synod) where you can keep up to date. You can also find plenty of information at [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie) and on the Vatican website, [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va).

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## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

### Winning Numbers

01, 06, 07, 16

No Jackpot Winner

### 5 Match 3 Winners - share €300

Sinéad, Paul, Amy, Jim;  
Hugh Fleming Jnr; Dick Barrett  
Tadhg, Oisín, Con; Joann Glynn;

**This week's Jackpot: €9300**



### JACKPOT €1000

### Mondays at 8pm in Fatima Hall

*Thanks to everyone for their support.*



### DANCE CLASSES

Beginning

Wednesday 17th Jan.

at 7.30 in Fatima Hall.

Learn how to Jive, Waltz

and line-dance the fun and easy way  
with Noeleen.

No partner required.

€10 pay as you go.

Text 086 8690332 to book your place.



## CELEBRATING ST BRIGID

# 1500

### Welcoming the Relic of St Brigid

As we prepare to celebrate the life of St Brigid on February 1<sup>st</sup> and on this, the 1500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death, the Brigidine Sisters from their convent in Tullow are very generously loaning their relic of St Brigid to Kildare Parish for the year. The relic will be housed in a specially designed shrine in St Brigid's Church, Kildare. The shrine will be unveiled and Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Brigid and the generosity of the Brigidine Sisters on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. This is seen very much as a home-coming for St Brigid and all are most welcome to attend.

### St Brigid's Camino Walk

Takes place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice at 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the new canal Blueway and finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm. For more details please contact Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346.



Society of St Vincent de Paul

### BALTINGLASS BRANCH

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Bishop Denis will lead a diocesan celebration of Evening Prayer for the Feast of St Brigid in Carlow Cathedral on 1 Feb. at 7:30 pm.

### Two Lives of Saint Brigid by Philip Freeman

St. Brigid is the earliest & best-known of the female saints of Ireland. In the generation after St. Patrick, she established a monastery for men and women at Kildare which became one of the most powerful and influential centres of the Church in early Ireland. The stories of Brigid's life and deeds survive in several early sources, but the most important are two Latin lives written a century or more after her death. The first was composed by a churchman named Cogitosus and tells of her many miracles of healing and helping the poor. The second source, known as the Vita Prima, continues the tradition with more tales of marvellous deeds and journeys throughout the island. Both Latin sources are a treasure house of information not just about the legends of Brigid but also daily life, the role of women, & the spread of Christianity in Ireland. This book for the first time presents together an English translation of both the Life of Brigid by Cogitosus & the Vita Prima, along with the Latin text of both carefully edited from the best medieval manuscripts. Also included are an introduction, notes, & commentary to help general readers, students, & scholars in reading these fascinating stories of St. Brigid. Book available on: [www.fourcourtspress.ie/books/2024/two-lives-of-saint-brigid/](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie/books/2024/two-lives-of-saint-brigid/)

### DANNY'S CORNER

We would like to congratulate our own Karuna Whelan who during the Christmas holidays got an amazing 16" cut off her beautiful hair. She donated this to the Rapunzel Foundation. This is the second time Karuna has been so generous and donated her hair. Well Done!

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY

Thanks to those who continue to contribute to the Weekly Envelope collection.  
Your support is very much appreciated.

### You can contribute by:

**Envelope:** Leave your envelope into the Parish Office during opening hours.

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