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MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory
Tues.—Fri. 10am
St. Joseph's Church
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
Available on webcam & radio 100.2fm
Grangecon\Stratford
Alternate Sundays 9.30am

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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For Weekly Newsletter, Information,
to make a donation etc.
www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Jan:	21	28
Feb:	4/18	11/25

MORNING MASSES THIS WEEK

PLEASE NOTE

Mass on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
No Mass on Thursday or Friday.

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

Johnny Byrne, Tuckmill
Nick Carty, Deerpark & Wamfler
Kathleen Wall, Bawnogues
Seán & Bríd O'Toole, Weaver Square
Brendan Doyle, Main Street & deceased
members of the Doyle Family
Anne McDaid, Old County Road, Baltinglass
Dan Campion, Parkmore
John O'Sullivan, Carrigeen
Anthony Howard, Barronstown
John & Charlotte Keogh, Barronstown,
Grangecon
Paul O'Brien, Edward Street
Breda Patterson, Belan Street
Pat O'Keefe, 1 Parkmore
Joe O'Toole, Main Street
Deirdre O'Connor, Carlow & Baltinglass
Patrick Sinnott, Enniscorthy
Phil Mahon, Bunclody & her Sister
Lil McHugh, Naas



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14TH JANUARY 2024

'The Body is for the Lord and the Lord for the Body'.

(Today's second reading.)

Many of us know what it's like to have eaten too much or drank too much,
or to have over done something such as training in sports
or being a workaholic.

Well today St. Paul gives us a very direct message - to respect our bodies.

He tells us 'the body is for the Lord and the Lord for the body.'

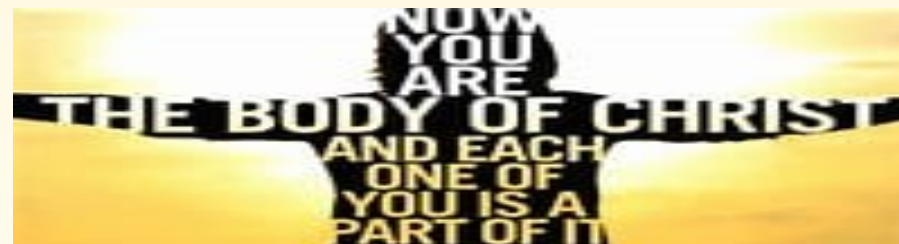
We are asked to keep our bodies for the Lord. While in a partnership
each one of us is asked to respect the other deeply in every way
- in thought, word and deeds as our way of demonstrating total love to the other.

Every person wants to love and be loved and often times we can just
settle for less. St. Paul tells us 'your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit',
the Temple being a place of Worship.

We also need to pay heed to messages from our bodies
as there is such a thing as body wisdom. St. Paul also tells us
'to use your body for the glory of God' as you belong to God.

So just ask myself now, 'How do I treat my body?
Do I treat it well one day and badly the next?'

Do I realise that me body is a member of the Body of Christ? [A.S.]



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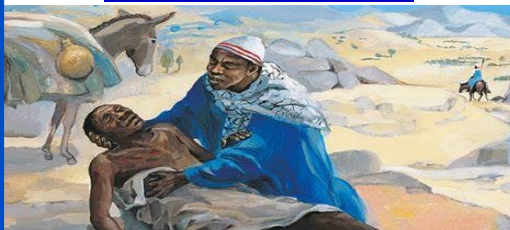
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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18TH—25TH JANUARY 2024



*'You shall love the Lord your God.....
and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27)*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CONFIRMATION

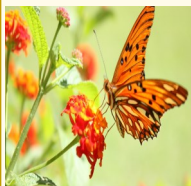
Saturday 20th April
St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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



**Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan
Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**
Sunday 2nd June 2024



*'When we are in the
midst of nature
we are wrapped in
a blanket of seamless*

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

03, 13, 18, 20

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each
Tracy Winder, Peter Pender, Brigid Bollard

Sellers Prize: Pamela Mann

This week's Jackpot: €7,300

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

06, 16, 23, 26

No Jackpot Winner



6 Match 3 Winners - share €300
Joe Hanly, Derek Patterson, Kitty Bookle,
Marie O'Shea, Fintan Doyle, Joan Hallahan

This week's Jackpot: €9500



JACKPOT €1000

Mondays at 8pm in Fatima Hall

Thanks to everyone for their support.



CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY ARE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Following a very successful 2023 season, Carlow Choral Society has returned to rehearsals. An open evening will be held in the Cathedral Parish Centre, R93 XV10 on Mon. 15th Jan. from 7:30 pm. We are seeking new members for the coming season and welcome all voice parts, especially tenors and basses. An ability to read music is an advantage but not a prerequisite, as support is provided. For info visit: www.carlowchoralsociety.net or email: carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com



CELEBRATING ST BRIGID

1500

Annual Féile Bríde Solas Bríde Centre Kildare

Féile Bríde (Brigid's Festival) is a week-long series of events commencing on the eve of St. Brigid's Day (31st January). This year, over the course of 10 days, the festival will mark the 1500th anniversary of St Brigid's death and details of the events planned are available locally and on <https://solasbhríde.ie/feile-bride-2024/>

Cathedral Evening Prayer for St Brigid

February 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on February 1st at 7:30 pm. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.



DANCE CLASSES

Beginning Wed. 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.



DANNY'S CORNER

It is great to see the stretch in the evenings starting. Hopefully it will be a bit of encouragement for us all to start the new year with a bit of exercise in the evening. Well done to all the participants who are taking part in the "Couch to 5k" each Monday evening starting from the square in Baltinglass and well done to the organisers "Mothers and others".

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Open Evening Thursday 25th Jan. 7 to 8pm.
Prospective parents & their children are invited to come along to visit our school and meet students and teachers. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the school but cannot attend on the 25th please contact us on 059 9161171 or 085-2120952 or by email at office@bigstonens.ie for an application form. Further information and application forms may also be found on our website: www.bigstonens.ie.

SCOIL NAOMH IÓSAF NATIONAL SCHOOL BALTINGLASS

Welcomes you to enrol for the 2024/2025 school year. Application forms for admission are available on our school website www.snibaltinglass.ie or on request from the Principal at principal@snibaltinglass.ie.

GRANGECON NATIONAL SCHOOL

Admissions for Grangecon National School are now open. If you wish to enroll your child in Grangecon N.S. for September 2024 For enrolment forms: Phone 045/403111 or email grangeconns1965@gmail.com
School webpage:
<http://grangeconns.scoilnet.ie/blog>

S.N.MHUIRE NATIONAL SCHOOL STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY

Applications for enrolment in Junior Infants in S.N.Mhuire are now available.
For application form:
Email: stratfordns@gmail.com
or **call** in to the School Office.



Catholic Schools Week

Sun 21 to Sat 27 January 2024
Theme: Catholic Schools as
Communities of Service