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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

**SUNDAY MASSES**

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Feb:		25
March:	3/17/31	10/24
April:	7/21	14/28

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



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

## WE REMEMEBER

### ANNIVERSARIES

Christina Lennon, Parkmore  
Richard O'Beirne, Cuckoo Lane  
Una Timmins, Weaver Square  
James Simpson Snr, Killalesh,  
& his parents John & Elizabeth Simpson  
Agnes Nolan, Parkmore  
John Byrne, Shroughaun & his son William  
Larry O'Toole, Rathsallagh & Hartstown  
Johnny Doody, Hartstown & Dublin  
Kathy Moran, Tinoran  
Anne Kehoe, Newtown Saunders  
Norah Murray, Rathoole & Broadstown  
Eileen Donegan, Holdenstown  
Eric Whelan, Raheen

### GRANGECON: 9.30AM

Ciara Hosey, Bessina  
Claire O'Toole Burke, Grangecon  
Pat and Dora O'Toole, Grangecon  
Margaret Nolan, Grangecon

*Rest in  
Peace*

### PLEASE NOTE

During Lent there will be Mass  
on Monday mornings at 10am.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

18TH FEBRUARY 2024

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis:*

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

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## Digging Deeper



## LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING

Weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass readings are available on [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie).

## LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

### DAILY MASS

10am Mon – Fri St. Paul's Oratory

### FAMILY PRAYER

Take some time to pray as a family, perhaps around the table after the evening meal.

### SACRED SPACE

Create a space in your home with some Lenten symbols eg. stones, cross, ashes, bible, candle, Trócaire box, and use it for prayer time. Add a new symbol each week.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Pray the Way of the Cross in the church. You can also find the stations on the diocesan website.

[www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/](http://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/)

## TRÓCAIRE BOXES

available in all Churches and at the Parish Centre. We encourage each family to give it a central place in their home during Lent, as we ensure others have a decent quality of life.

(€3,155 donated in 2023)



## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



### Winning Numbers

01, 10, 23, 27

No Jackpot Winner



### No Match 3 Winners

Sellers Prize: Brigid Barrett

This week's Jackpot: €9,400

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



### Winning Numbers

02, 06, 07, 16

No Jackpot Winner



### 2 Match 3 Winners—€150 each

Daisy Coleman, Martina Clarke

This week's Jackpot: €10,800



## JACKPOT €1000

Mondays at 8pm in Fatima Hall

Thanks to everyone for their support.

## BALTINGLASS FETC

Full and part time, day time and evening education courses are available. We are here to help you get back into education, learn at your own pace, reach your potential, have some fun, meet other people and gain confidence.

We offer 1 to 1 support in English, Maths and IT. Courses are free, flexible and fun. (eligibility criteria will apply).

If you are interested in upskilling or learning new skills in: Gardening, Art, Sewing, Beginners Hairdressing, IT – laptop, notebooks, smart phones in 2024 contact us or drop into the Blessington FETC. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Contact us on 059 6482642 or 086 8462771.

## ANNUAL TRÓCAIRE LECTURE

Theme: Climate Justice and Catholic Social Teaching: 'Everything is connected' and 'No one is saved alone' (Laudate Deum 19)

Registration for this free event is required.

Please register to attend:

In person: <https://forms.gle/3gAuyM4orvtT1mtL8>

Online: <https://bit.ly/3ShyKlv>

Rev. Agbonkhanmeghe Orobator SJ, former president of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar & current Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, California is the speaker.

The event will take place in Renehan Hall at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tuesday, 5th of March, at 7 pm. It will also be live-streamed. Further info from Frances Harnan at [frances.harnan@trocaire.org](mailto:frances.harnan@trocaire.org)

## FILL A BAG WEEKEND

In aid of West Wicklow Day Care Centre on Friday 23rd & Saturday 25th Feb.

Drop off your bags at the old ambulance depot at Baltinglass Hospital.

Fri. 9-11am, 3-5.30pm. Sat 10am-2pm



## SCOIL NAOMH ÍÓSAF PARENTS ASSOCIATION

### CAKE SALE

Wednesday 21st Feb

9.30am-12.30pm in the school hall.

Tea and Coffee available.

## FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

## Art + Crafts with Olha at Baltinglass Library

Fri 23rd Feb 3pm - Embroidery

Sat 24th Feb 11am - Painting with Acrylics

This is a free event and for adults.

Please book at the library 059 648 2300

or [baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie)

## CARLOW INSTITUTE

## OF FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING

### OPEN DAY

Thursday 29th February 10am—2.30pm

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## BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The following Activities are up and running in the Parish Centre.

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| <b>Bridge:</b>          | Weds. 10.30am - 12 noon  |
| <b>Art Classes:</b>     | Commencing Tues 20th Feb 10.30am - 12 noon.                      |
| <b>Bowling:</b>         | Will resume in a few weeks time in Fatima Hall.                  |
| <b>Coffee Mornings:</b> | 11am Fridays of February in Bia Blasta                           |
| <b>AGM:</b>             | Next meeting at end of Feb                                       |
| <b>Summer Holiday</b>   | Killarney 27 <sup>th</sup> May for 4 nights at Castlerosse Hotel |



## BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

Big spring clean up around the town and in the estates on **SATURDAY 9th MARCH.**

Meet up at Mc Allister or estates can arrange their own clean up on the day. It would be great to see a good crowd out working between 10:30 -13:30. We really need and appreciate your help! Thank you!