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MASSES
St. Paul's Oratory
Mon.- 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

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
March:	3/17/31	10/24
April:	7/21	14/28
May:	5/19	12/26

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



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

WE REMEMEBER

RECENT DEATHS

Kevin Browne, Gorey & formerly Bawnogues
Thomas (Tommy) Malone, 11 Parkmore
Eileen Cramer (née Phelan), Rathmoon & Holland

MONTHS MIND MASS

Stephen Begley, Baltinglass, Kerry & Dublin
Catherine Walsh, Carrigeen

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Duffy, Parkmore & deceased members
of the Duffy Family
Patrick (Patsy) Doody & his son Paul, Clough
Kathleen Nolan, Castledermot Road
Bill Byrne, Woodside, Hacketstown
Mary & Johnny Shaughnessy, Ballytore
Brigid Plant, Parkmore
Patrick Foster, 1 Parkmore
Christopher Foley, Belan Street
George Abbott, Parkmore
Tom Kavanagh, Carrigeen & all deceased
members of the Kavanagh Family
Maureen Byrne, Hacketstown & Tinoran
Brigid Hayden, Raheen & her Son Pat &
deceased members of the Hayden Family
Kathleen Fitzgerald, 47 Parkmore
Dora Phelan, Chapel Hill
Cecil Moore, Deerpark
STRATFORD: 9.30AM
William & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyhook
Julia & Bernard Tivenan, Stratford
All deceased members of the Kehoe
Family, Chapel Street, Stratford
Peter & Rita Fluskey, Church Street, Stratford

*Rest in
Peace*

PLEASE NOTE

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

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

25TH FEBRUARY 2024

'In their presence he was transfigured'.

I know a man called Bill who is 93 years of age.

He jogs three miles most days and he occupies his time
sketching old houses from memory. His work is wonderful.

Now, today's Gospel tells us about the Transfiguration of Jesus.
Peter, James and John were up on the mountain with Jesus.
There in their presence he was transfigured, his clothes became
dazzling white. A cloud came covering them in shadow
and from this cloud the Father's voice was heard.
'This is my Son the Beloved. Listen to him!'

This event was a preview of the Resurrection of Jesus. The disciples
wanted to stay on the mountain - to stay with the experience but
they had to come down. Often we want to hold on to the precious
moments of our lives but they become memories. We can sit and
reflect on those precious moments, dwell on those wonderful
experiences so they can uplift us when times are difficult.

So just as Bill relies on his memory to sketch old houses, so can we
also rely on our memories to recall moments of Resurrection,
glimpses of the full new life awaiting each of us. A.S.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY **SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY**

What is Safeguarding Sunday?

Safeguarding Sunday is a time for the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin to remind our communities & parish personnel that protecting children and vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. It is an opportunity for all the parishes to pray together as one and acknowledge the dedication of all Church personnel and volunteers who serve in the ministry of Safeguarding across the Diocese. During the celebration of the Safeguarding Sunday liturgy, we will also renew our commitment to the pastoral care of victims and survivors of abuse, as well as their families.

Message from Bishop Nulty

I warmly welcome the holding of 'Safeguarding Sunday' once again in our diocese. The fact that 'Safeguarding Sunday' has become such a regular part of our Diocesan and Parish life, demonstrates how safeguarding has been so well embedded into every area of our diocese and its fifty-six parishes. Since Safeguarding Sunday last year, we have undergone a robust review conducted by the NBSCCI which commended the diocese for our safeguarding practices. I thank all involved in this review and particularly priests and local safeguarding representatives at parish level who ensure best practice in safeguarding is adhered to in all parishes.

I welcome the appointment of our new Director of Safeguarding, Ailish Higgins.

'Safeguarding Sunday' allows safeguarding to rest at the heart of every parish activity, it is part of the culture that prevails across the diocese. This Sunday I thank all who ensure safeguarding is so well embedded, our Director of Safeguarding, the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee, the Designated Liaison People, our Parish Safeguarding Representatives and very much our priests and people. Our parishes are safe places for young people to be part of, I pray that more will engage in the life of our fifty-six parishes over the coming year.

Safeguarding Sunday Newsletter

Available in all church porches
and on www.kandle.ie

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STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

06, 17, 18, 27

No Jackpot Winner



No Match 3 Winners

Sellers Prize: Sheila Graham

This week's Jackpot: €9,900

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

07, 12, 17, 25

No Jackpot Winner



4 Match 3 Winners - €75 each

Caitriona Howard, Michael Osborne,
David Kinsella, Jennifer Bollard

This week's Jackpot: €11,000



LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING

Weekly reflections on the
Sunday Mass readings are
available on 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/

PEACE MASS

Carlow Cathedral on Thursday, 29th Feb starting
at 7 pm with Rosary, Divine Mercy, followed by
Mass and Benediction. All are welcome.

VOCATIONS WEBINAR

'The Last Priest in Ireland? It Depends on You'

It is a follow up of a RTE documentary broadcast
in January entitled 'The Last Priest in Ireland'. The
keynote speaker will be Breda O'Brien. There will
be a panel of responders.

Tuesday 5th March 8-9pm

Hosted by 'The Hook of Faith' platform
(www.thehookoffaith.com)
and organised in collaboration
with the National Vocations Office.

The webinar is a Church response to the
programme and an opportunity for dialogue
about the future of vocations to the priesthood
in Ireland. The provocative title aims to promote
a desire to create a culture of vocations for which
we are all responsible. The initiative is part of the
year of prayer and promotion to the diocesan
priesthood 'Take the Risk for Christ'.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

The next meeting will take place on
Wednesday 28th February at 3pm in Inis Fail,
Germaines. This will be our AGM
(Annual General Meeting).

SYNOD NEWS

A number of people from across the diocese will
undergo residential training in facilitative
leadership in the next couple of months. This
training is sponsored by the Irish Synodal
Pathway and those undertaking the training will
contribute to synod and related work in the
diocese in the future. Every diocese has been
asked to provide a synod response to the national
office by March 25 in preparation for the October
Synod in Rome. A listening exercise will be led by
members of the diocesan synod team and will
take place on the evening of March 6 with a cross
section of people from across the diocese
working towards this response.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

That time of year again - 'Darkness into Light
Walk' is on Sat 11th May at 4.15am
We will hold a meeting in the frontroom/lobby of
Germaine's Inisfáil on Tues 27th Feb at 7.30pm.
All are invited and welcome as we
need new members to ensure we retain
this annual event in our locality.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St. Paul's Oratory

Friday 1st March at 7.30pm.

We hope you will be able to come and bring a
friend along. Refreshments will be served
following the Service. It's a great opportunity to
have a chat and catch up. *Áine and Lily*

"I Beg You...Bear with one another in Love" Eph4:1-7
This year's World Day of Prayer Service is written



Art + Crafts with Olha **at Baltinglass Library**

Friday 1st March at 3pm - Acrylic Painting
Saturday 2nd March at 11am - Embroidery

This is a free event and for adults.
Please book at the library 059 648 2300
or baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie

BALTINGLASS STAY & PLAY GROUP

for Babies & Toddlers meets every
Thursday 10am - 11.30am in the Old School,
Church Lane. New Babies, Toddlers, Parents,
Grandparents, Childminders welcome.

BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS **ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN**

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