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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

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

### SUNDAY MASSES

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
Feb:	18	11/25
March:	3/17/31	10/24



**Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan  
Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Sunday 2nd June 2024

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATHS

Stephen Begley, Baltinglass & Dublin

#### MONTHS MIND

Anne Conlon, Dublin & Stratford

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Imelda Whelan, Oldtown, Tinoran  
Jack & Lil Germaine, Knockpatrick  
Pat Coffey, Carrigeen House & all deceased  
members of the family  
Mary & Michael Nolan, Lowtown  
Brigid Salmon, Lowtown  
Philip Kavanagh, Broughillstown  
Seán Heenan, Borrisokane  
John Swayne, Hughestown & Rathvilly  
John O'Neill, Tuckmill  
John Kehoe, Clough  
Margaret Byrne, Main Street  
Matt & Phyllis Farrell, Tankardstown &  
deceased members of the Ryan &  
Farrell families  
Paddy & Betty McDermott & their daughter  
Sharon Stanley, Chapel Hill

#### GRANGECON: 9.30AM

Mary & Michael Nolan, Lowtown  
Bridget & John Salmon, Lowtown  
Michael Kealy, Ballycore  
Mary Murphy, Lowtown  
Ned Doyle, Mallens Wood

*Rest in  
Peace*

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

Have you ever compared yourself to others?  
Well, I have often been busy doing just that.

Times that I am searching,  
times I am dwelling too much on the past,  
times I am afraid, times I am insecure,  
times I am discontent.

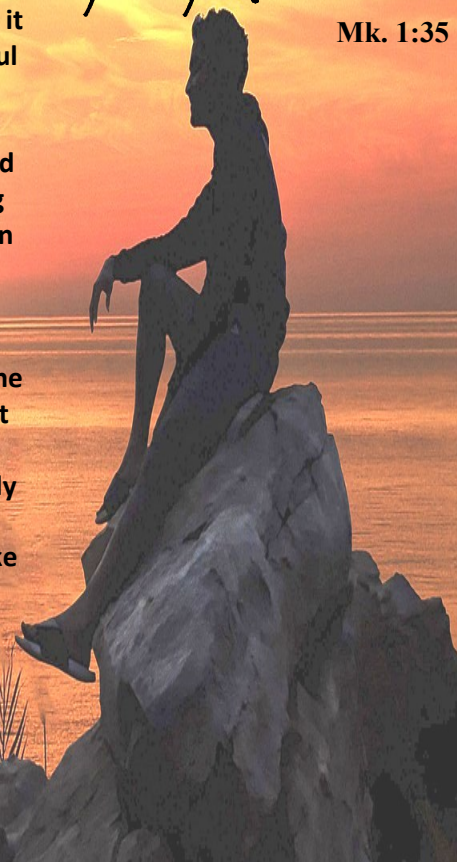
There are times also when I am feeling  
happy, feeling contented with who I am,  
times I feel secure, times I am at peace.  
The more I recognise the positive the more it  
will grow. I need to savour these wonderful  
moments of peace and contentment.

'Jesus went off to a lonely place and prayed  
there' - but he had to return to be among  
the people. He found the balance between  
being alone and being with others.  
Each of us is invited to do the same.

I am content with the little things of life - the  
simple things - and it's in this contentment  
that I meet God. Relationships are most  
important to me, everything and everybody  
in relationship - also relationship with  
myself. I need to work on all of this, to take  
time alone as Jesus did so that I am more  
able to go out mixing and meeting  
without comparing myself to others.

*Jesus went to a  
lonely place &  
prayed there.*

Mk. 1:35





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## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**

19, 20, 24, 25

**No Jackpot Winner**



**No Match 3 Winners**

**Sellers Prize:** Shay Barrett

**This week's Jackpot:** €8,600



## FAMILY MASS

We invite families to join with the children preparing for Confirmation & First Holy Communion for the 9.30am Mass on next Sunday (11th Feb) in Stratford or the 11am Mass in Baltinglass.



## BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The following Activities are up and running again for the New Year in the Parish Centre.

**Yoga Classes:** Commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 2.30pm - 4pm.

**Bridge:** Wednesdays from 10.30am - 12 noon

**Art Classes:** Commencing Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30am - 12 noon.

**Bowling:** will resume in a few weeks time in Fatima Hall.

**Coffee Mornings:** for the month of February are in Bia Blasta on Fridays at 11am.

The **AGM** will take place at our next meeting the end of February.

**Summer Holiday** plans are afoot for a short break in Killarney from 27<sup>th</sup> May for 4 nights at the Castlerosse Hotel. Further details to follow.

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**

01, 06, 16, 19

**No Jackpot Winner**



**3 Match 3 Winners - Share €300**  
Caroline Kelly, Kevin O' Neill, Betty Conway

**This week's Jackpot:** €10,100



**JACKPOT €1000**

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY  
3PM IN FATIMA HALL**

## ART & CRAFTS WITH OLHA

Baltinglass Library

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 11am

*This is a free event and for adults.*

*Please book at the library 059 648 2300  
or [baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie)*

## DANNY'S CORNER

We would like to wish everyone a very happy St Brigid's day and hope everyone enjoys the Bank Holiday. We are all enjoying the Community Garden at the moment and We love to see the snowdrops and daffodils appearing after the long winter.

## NOURISHING OUR COMMUNITIES

You are invited to an evening on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February about growing food in our communities, for our communities. The event kicks off with a screening of "Together We Grow" (40 mins), the true story of a community enriched by growing food for their neighbours.

A panel discussion, refreshments and chat will follow. Organised by the Co. Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN), please contact [info@ccen.ie](mailto:info@ccen.ie) for information.

Venue: Presentation de la Salle School, Bagenalstown, R21 X096 at 7:15 - 9:30pm  
FREE admission, book a seat on the CCEN Eventbrite page through our website:  
[www.ccen.ie/together-we-grow/](http://www.ccen.ie/together-we-grow/)



## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

*The Marriage Enrichment program that has been transforming marriages in Ireland for over 50 years and in 94 countries around the world. The programme involves a Weekend experience that transforms the way spouses communicate to deepen their love for each other. The experience allows you to create a dialogue with each other and with God, to create a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married. Takes place in Prosperous, Co Kildare 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024.*

## Free Online Reflection & Meditation

Join us for 40 minutes to find healing and hope through the Sunday Gospel. We will do this through input, music, guided prayer etc...to help nourish the soul for the week ahead. Sunday Evenings 6.45pm. Online via Zoom (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> February) Presented By Martina & The Ruah Team  
<https://www.ruahrest.com/>  
Further enquiries & bookings to [info@ruahrest.com](mailto:info@ruahrest.com)

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

February 11<sup>th</sup> is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.

The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

## A Prayer for the Sick

Father of goodness and love,  
hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds,  
cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.  
Amen.

## 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.