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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11TH FEBRUARY 2024



## 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.

**PLEASE NOTE - PARISH OFFICE**

**IS CLOSED**

from Monday 12th February  
and will re-open  
Monday 19th February at 9.30am.

## SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
Feb:	18	25
March:	3/17/31	10/24

## VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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 REMEMBER

### MONTHS MIND

Tony Duffy, Deerpark

### ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Nolan, St Joseph's Road, Blessington  
Jim Nolan, the Wood  
Thomas Duffy, Parkmore  
Marita Kavanagh, Graigue & Bawnogues  
Maura Whelan, Ridgeway, Knockananna  
Rita Kehoe, Clough  
Kate Toomey & deceased members of the  
Toomey family, Glen of Imaal  
Bridie Dwyer, Gibraltar  
Pat Sinnott, 1 Parkmore  
Anthony Kearney, Tuckmill  
Brigid Doyle, Clough  
Eileen Lynch "St. Anne's", Bawnogues  
Seán Bookle, Irongrange & deceased members  
of the Bookle Family  
Patrick Walsh, Mill Street  
John Groves, Parkmore  
Jack Gorman, Clough  
Elizabeth (Lil) Kinsella, Rampere  
Seán Doyle, Graney

### STRATFORD: 9.30AM

### MONTHS MIND

Betty Keane, Ballinatone

### ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Burke, Stratford  
Noel Brady, Manger  
Catherine Moore, Main Street, Stratford  
John & Christina Staunton, Stratford

Rest in  
Peace



If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds. The miracle of inner change is possible. History and literature are full of examples: Paul on the road to Damascus, Charles Dickens' miser Scrooge, Matt Talbot the alcoholic. Something happened inside each of these, and they became new people. Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self discipline. You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer. 'Lord, each spring you renew the face of the earth. May you also renew each of us, so that we may be able to celebrate Easter in newness of mind and heart.



14TH FEBRUARY

Mass at 10am & 7.30pm in  
Baltinglass Church

*Ash Wednesday is a day of fast  
& abstinence.*

Loving Jesus,

as I receive on my forehead the  
sign of your saving cross You say to me,  
'repent and believe in the gospel'.

Walking into Lent my heart is set on you.  
May my fasting fill me with hunger for you.  
May my prayer draw you deeper into your  
presence.

May my acts of charity bring your love to my  
home and community.

Lord of life, grant that by turning back  
to you in these 40 days I will re-awaken  
the joy of my Easter faith;

For you raise me up from fear and despair  
and call me to hope and trust  
in God who is with me always.

With you I will; arise again. Amen.

## RADIO MARIA IRELAND

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## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**

08, 15, 18, 28

**No Jackpot Winner**



**4 Match 3 Winners** - €50 each

Paul Moore, John Bollard,  
Julie Dunne, Sharon Heap

**Sellers Prize:** Paul Moore

**This week's Jackpot:** €8,900

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**

14, 23, 29, 30

**No Jackpot Winner**



**No Match 3 Winners**

**This week's Jackpot:** €10,600



**JACKPOT €1000**

**Mondays at 8pm in Fatima Hall**

*Thanks to everyone for their support.*



## BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

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

**Yoga Classes:** Commencing Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb  
2.30 - 4pm.

**Bridge:** Weds. 10.30am - 12 noon

**Art Classes:** Commencing Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb  
10.30am - 12 noon.

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

**Coffee** 11am Fridays of February

**Mornings:** in Bia Blasta

**AGM:** Next meeting at end of Feb

**Summer Holiday** Killarney 27<sup>th</sup> May for 4  
nights at Castlerosse Hotel.

## World Day of Prayer

### for Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse

16 February, the first Friday of Lent

The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017. Blessed candles will be lit in parishes across the country as a reminder to the faithful of the need for atonement and to symbolise repentance; light in the darkness and hope. The lighting of the 'Candle of Atonement', and the following prayer, are based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the 9th World Meeting of Families on 26 August 2018 at Phoenix Park, Dublin, when the Holy Father implored the Lord's mercy for the crimes of abuse and asked for forgiveness.

*Lord, forgive us our many sins.*

*We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.*

*We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.*

*Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.*

*May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.*



*Celebrate God's  
love this  
St. Valentine's Day*

## WWHS Lecture 'The Elmes Letters: Protestant Networks in 1798 Wexford'

West Wicklow Historical Society will host a lecture on Thursday, February 15 at 8 p.m. in the Lalor Centre. The speaker, Ida Milne will deliver a talk on 'The Elmes Letters: Protestant Networks in 1798 Wexford'. It will be based on the family letters recovered from Robinstown House in Co. Wexford dating back to the period of the 1798 rebellion. The letters reflect the life at the time including events such as the Battle of Ross and the infamous Scullabogue burning. The impact of the rebellion on Protestant families in Wexford would no doubt have been similar for families in West Wicklow. Dr. Milne is a native of Ferns. She is a history lecturer at Carlow College.

Admission: members €5; non-members €8

## FILL A BAG WEEKEND

In aid of West Wicklow Day Care Centre on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Feb.

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

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

## TRÓCAIRE BOXES

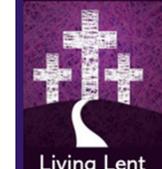
available in all Churches and at the Parish Centre.

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)**



Digging Deeper



**LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING**

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

## 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 (11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> February)

Presented By Martina & The Ruah Team

<https://www.ruahrest.com/>

Further enquiries & bookings

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## DANNY'S CORNER

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to one of our longest serving horses "Bobby". He has been with us for many years and gave many of us the opportunity to enjoy horse riding lessons each week. He was the most gentle and loyal horse and we hope his retirement will be happy. Danny!