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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

SUNDAY MASSES

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

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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 DEATH

Barbara Bradley (née Mc Crea) England ,
Main Street, Baltinglass & Parkmore

ANNIVERSARIES

Chris Callinan, Main Street, Baltinglass &
Doonbeg, Co Clare.

John & Christina Staunton, Stratford

Charlie & Mary Doyle, Parkmore & their Sons
Charlie & Jim

P.J. Fox, Parkmore & his son John &
Grandsons' Killian & Roy

Philomena O'Connor, Baltinglass & Beara, Cork

Annie Kingston, Bantry, Cork

Elizabeth McLoughlin, Edward Street

James Murray, Main Street

Patrick Coffey & James O'Shea & deceased
members of the Coffey &
O'Shea Families, Baltinglass & Kerry

Jim Halloran & his son Gay, Tinoran

Teresa & Joseph Gethings, Parkmore

Jules & Kathleen Logan, Grangecon

GRANGECON: 9.30AM

Bridget & Daniel Coughlan, Dunlavin

*Rest in
Peace*

PLEASE NOTE

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

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

3RD MARCH 2024

Today, on this third Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading we
hear tells the story of Jesus cleansing the Jerusalem Temple.

As we enter the third week of Lent, we are reminded to make

room for God in our lives. We are invited to reflect:

Do I make room for God each day?

Am I bold enough to invite Jesus to cleanse my heart

that I may be a temple, an indwelling of the Holy Spirit,

fit for the living God?

Let us continue our Lenten journey; let us open our hearts to

Jesus and ask him to cleanse us as he did the temple in

Jerusalem, removing all that must be cleared and cleaned;

not only that we may have room for God in our lives,

but that God truly becomes the centre of my life,

where all else moves in relation to the centre .



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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 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!

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 09, 20, 26

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each
Martha O'Reilly, Danielle, Chilli Nolan

Sellers Prize: The Glen Shop
This week's Jackpot: €10,200

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

02, 17, 18, 30

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match 3 Winners - €100 each
Pat Nolan, Viktoria, Dara Patterson

This week's Jackpot: €11,200



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/



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Coffee Mornings for March:

Fridays at 11am in Germaines.

As we participate in the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** this year, we are commemorating also our *20th year of the Active Retirement Association in Baltinglass*. Meeting place to join the Parade: The Parish Centre Car Park, at 12.30pm.

Outing to Tramore to visit the Lafacedio Hearn Japanese Gardens is being planned for Thursday 18th April.

There has been a change to the dates for our **short Holiday break**. Venue unchanged: the Castlerosse Hotel, Killarney. **New dates:** Sunday 23rd June, for **three** nights. Price €400. Single supplement €30 per night.

Weekly Activities:

Bridge: Wednesdays in the Parish Centre from 10.30am - 12md.

Yoga: Mondays in the Parish Centre. from 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Art Classes: with Maura O'Halloran are fully booked for this term.

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 & hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.



DAFFODIL DAY IN AID OF THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

Will be held in Baltinglass and surrounding areas on Friday 22nd March from 8am. Merchandise will be on sale at different locations in the town. Anyone wishing to help are welcome. Please come to the Main Stall at McAlister Monument or leave your name and number in Patterson's Butchers, Main Street. Donations of fresh daffodils would be very much appreciated. You can leave them at the Main Street Stall or in Patterson's on Thursday 21st March.

**Emma Hayden, Area Organiser
for the Irish Cancer Society.**

MILLIONS FACING STARTAVION IN ETHIOPIA

All are encouraged to please pray for the people of Tigray in Ethiopia, where drought and civil war have left many in crisis and in danger of starvation. Mary's Meals feed tens of thousands of children one meal in school each day in the region. If you feel called to support our mission, and to help us reach more children, please visit marysmeals.ie or contact 01 853 5163. Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works. The charity provides hungry children with one daily meal in a place of education in areas where hunger and poverty often stand in the way of education. Mary's Meals feeds more than 2.4 million children in 18 countries. The average cost to feed a child with Mary's Meals for a whole school year is just €22. Mary's Meals Ireland is a Registered charity: 20061920 CHY 16897. Thank you.

ART & CRAFTS WITH OLHA AT BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

Friday 8th March: Flower Making at 3pm.
Saturday 9th March: Acrylic Painting at 11am
This is a free event and for adults.
Please book at the library 059 648 2300
or baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie