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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

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
March:	17/31	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

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Nolan, St. Joseph's Road, Blessington
Kathleen Nolan, Glencannon
Mick Lennon, Parkmore
Madge & Hal Dunne, Shrouhaun
Anne McGrath, Carrigeen
John O'Connor, 7 Parkmore
Mick Duggan, Parkmore
Patrick O'Reilly, Woodfield
Denis Murray, Broadstown
Noel Sleator, Barronstown, Grangecon
Felix O'Neill, Weaver Square
Thomas & Brigid Alcock, Parkmore & deceased
members of the Alcock Family
James & Alice O'Neill, Downings & deceased
members of the O'Neill Family
Jim & Rita O'Brien, Carrigeen
Paul Rowe, Bawnogues & his Parents John &
Mary Rowe
Joe Murray, Dunboyne, Co Meath

STRATFORD: 9.30AM
Christina Loughlin, Ballinacrow, Stratford

Rest in
Peace

PLEASE NOTE

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

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

10th MARCH 2024



The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as 'Laetare Sunday'.

Laetare is the latin for "rejoice". Today the Church expresses
hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances.

It gives us a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter,
just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a "shot in the arm" as we
approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy
Saturday. It's an opportunity to savor and keep in the back of our minds what
awaits us on Easter Sunday — the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead,
and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!



A Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thanks and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen & refresh them in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day

From St Therese Church of the Little Flower, Minot

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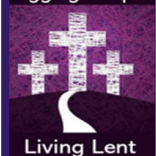
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Digging Deeper



LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING

Weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass readings are available on kandle.ie.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

available in all Churches and at the Parish Centre.



First Reconciliation



FIRST CONFESSION

Children will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance this Monday in Stratford & Grangecon and Tuesday in Baltinglass.



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

PLEASE NOTE

Change of Assembly Point for joining the **St Patrick's Day Parade**: Meeting at **Scoil Conglais** at **12.30pm** on Sunday 17th March.



COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF EIST

Wednesday 13th March
11.30am - 1.30 pm
in Tullow Parish Centre.

A Representative from Eist will be in attendance for emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer in a relaxed environment. Everyone welcome.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 09, 19, 27

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each

Alison Hennessy, Jane O'Keeffe, Lisa Nolan

Sellers Prize: Juanita Nolan

This week's Jackpot: €10,500

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

14, 17, 26, 28

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match 3 Winners - €100 each

Raymond Danne, Collette Bollard,
Peter Irwin

This week's Jackpot: €11,400



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



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
SUNDAY 17TH MARCH**
Masses at the usual times.
Baltinglass: 6pm Sat. and 11am Sun
Grangecon: 9.30pm Sun



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.



WEST WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lecture by John O'Brien

*'The Station Masters and Employees
of the Sallins-Tullow Railway Line'*

Lalor Centre W91 XW57

Tuesday 12 March at 8pm

Adm: Members €5; non-members €8

In the 1880s a railway line was constructed linking the general area of West Wicklow to Kingsbridge (now Heuston) Station in Dublin. It branched off the existing main line at Sallins and had stations at Naas, Harristown, Dunlavin, Colbinstown, Grangecon, Baltinglass, Rathvilly and Tullow. It was a lifeline for the area for many decades but closed permanently in 1959.

CHRISM MASS



Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. It will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow on Monday, 25 March at 7:30 pm. At this diocesan Mass, the holy oils are blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year and the priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises. The diocesan choir will lead us in singing, for the first time, the newly composed Mass of St Brigid by Fr Liam Lawton.

MENTAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT

Cycle Against Suicide is offering the opportunity to avail of online training in Mental Health Peer-Support. The training provided transcends traditional boundaries, breaks down the stigma associated with mental health discussions. The benefits are profound and far-reaching. Trained Peer-Supporters are attuned to subtle shifts in their community's well-being. This heightened awareness fosters a culture of genuine care and concern.

No funding is necessary to do the training. It is offered free to volunteers in a community club, association or who are associated with any part of their community's safety, health and wellbeing in a drive to encourage people to take on this vital role for their own community and help bring Peer-Support to the heart of communities as a critical part of mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Cycle Against Suicide Mental Health Peer Support

(Buddy) Training Course

Details: www.cycleagainsuicide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/

Delivery: Online via ZoomTime:

7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks

Option 1: Mar: Tues 12/19, Thurs 14/21

Option 2: April: Mon 8/15, Wed 10/17

Option 3: May: Mon 13/20, Wed 15/22 To

Register: training@cycleagainsuicide.com or online at www.cycleagainsuicide.com/register-

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.