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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
April:	21	28
May:	5/19	12/26



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

### WE REMEMBER

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Godfrey Timmins, Weaver Square  
Nuala Rogers, Edward Street  
Josie Kearney, Barronstown  
Esther Cullen, Parkmore  
Joan Kinsella, Rampere  
Paul & Dan Kehoe, Weaver Square & Peter  
Kehoe, Lathaleer  
Joe Doyle, Carrigeen  
Denis & Kathleen Byrne, Parkmore  
Luke Kinsella, Hughestown  
William & Molly Whyte  
Catherine Fitzgerald, 47 Parkmore  
Peter Sutton, Baltinglass & Birmingham

#### Grangecon: 9.30am

Mary Fenlon, Barronstown, Grangecon  
Vincent Parke, Fryanstown

*Rest in  
Peace*

### The Irish Catholic

Ireland's biggest and best-selling  
religious newspaper!

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in St. Joseph's Church each weekend.

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Highly recommended reading for all!

**IF YOU TAKE ONE PLEASE PUT MONEY IN BOX!**

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14TH APRIL 2024



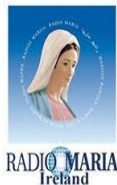
*'They recognised  
Jesus at the  
breaking of  
bread'*

Do I recognise Jesus at the breaking of bread? Do I realise that this is what is happening at Mass? - Jesus the WORD being shared with each of us, Jesus the BREAD - His body being broken as it was broken and as it is being broken.

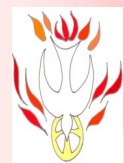
Sharing of the WORD and sharing of the BREAD. 'Why are you so agitated, why are these doubts rising in your hearts?' This is what the resurrected Jesus said to His disciples. But He is also saying it to each of us. We are His disciples of today. What can I do as His disciple? Each person will have a different answer as each of us lives this gift of faith & discipleship uniquely in life.

## RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Saorview - Channel 210  
Stream on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)  
By phone (01) 437 3277  
(no extra charges apply) FREE  
APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Bishop Nulty will celebrate this sacrament with 42 candidates next Saturday at 11am. Please keep them in your prayers in their final days of preparation.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Grangecon:** Saturday 27th April  
**Stratford:** Saturday 11th May  
**Baltinglass/Bigstone:** Saturday 18th May

## CARLOW MEDITATION GROUP

Monday from 7 to 7:45 pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow. Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. After a short reflection on an aspect of meditation, Marian Gaynor's singing bowls lead us into silence. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening! (Noel Keating, 087 2251183)

## SeniorLine

### Would you like someone to talk to?

SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open every day of the year 10am to 10pm, & can be contacted on Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options & refer the caller to other helpful services available if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help, phone SeniorLine.

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
03, 04, 15, 17  
**No Jackpot Winner**



**3 Match 3 Winner** - €70 each  
Rory, Margaret Metcalfe, Michaela & Colm  
**Sellers Prize:** Ann Marie Murphy

**This week's Jackpot:** €12,000.

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
09, 23, 24, 30  
**No Jackpot Winner**



**2 Match 3 Winners** €150 each  
Declan & Bob Barrett & Niall Sammon

**This week's Jackpot:** €12,400



**Mondays at 8pm in Fatima Hall**

*Thanks to everyone for their support.*

## ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN



This is an island-wide attempt to reverse declines in pollinating insects. One third of our bee species are threatened with extinction in Ireland. The good news is that you can help by making your garden pollinator friendly. Every garden, no matter its size, can be a haven for hungry pollinators. See link below for information: [pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-)

## MCGREALS PHARMACY BALTINGLASS

are now accepting new patients!  
If you would like to register with us you can give us a call on (059) 645 1103 or email [baltinglasspharmacy@mcgreal.ie](mailto:baltinglasspharmacy@mcgreal.ie)



## TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Boxes may be returned by putting them through the letter box at the Parish Centre. It would be a great help if coin was converted into notes if at all possible. However, in whatever form it comes it will be appreciated.



## BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

are looking for volunteers to help with weekly clean ups every Thursday at 6:30 PM, meeting at the lock up (beside the Credit Union).

Helping out with our clean ups is a great way to socialize, exercise and give something back to your community!

We hope you can help out some evenings over the coming months as every pair of hands means so much!

## MARCH FOR LIFE IRELAND 2024

Shining a spotlight on Ireland's abortion law and calling for positive supports for mothers. Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May 2pm Marching in Dublin from St. Stephen's Green to Leinster House. Join us in advocating for change, unity, and empowerment for mothers and their babies. Be a part of something bigger – Let's Make A Difference Together.



## KEEP THE DATE FREE VARIETY CONCERT

with a host of artists in St. Joseph's Church on Friday 24th May at 8pm. in aid of Church restoration and the Lalor Centre.

## LENTEN AND EASTER PRIESTS COLLECTION

Thanks to those who have already returned their envelopes. If you haven't done so you may bring it to Mass or drop it into the Parish Office. If you do not have a parish envelope you may use one of your own and put your name on it. **Your support is much appreciated.**

## EPILEPSY IRELAND

wish to thank those who contributed to their recent collection. The amount raised was €607.10. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## CONGLAIS CRAFTERS

Are taking a break over the Easter season. Activities will resume on Tuesday 23rd April.

## BALTINGLASS STAY & PLAY GROUP

for Babies & Toddlers meet every Thursday 10am - 11.30am in the Old School, Church Lane. New Babies, Toddlers, Parents, Grandparents, Childminders welcome. Find us on Facebook Baltinglass Stay & Play Group.

## ART + CRAFTS WITH OLHA AT BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

**Friday 19th April:** Origami at 3pm  
**Saturday 20th April:** Quilling 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)

## BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Bowling:** Tuesdays Fatima Hall 3 – 4pm.  
**Bridge:** Parish Centre on Weds. 10.30 – 12  
**Yoga:** Classes will resume in May.  
**Coffee Mornings:** 'Hug a Mug', on Fridays of April at 11am.