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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

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**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**

**RECENT DEATH**  
 Thomas Whittle, Donard & Stratford

**MONTHS MIND**  
 Margaret Kearney, Mattymount, Baltinglass  
 Eoin Kearney, Tinoran

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
 Dick Nolan, The Wood  
 Michael Lalor, Mill Street & Swords & all  
 deceased members of the Lalor Family  
 Patrick Foley, Carrigeen  
 Mai Kennedy, Chapel Hill  
 Johnny Shortt, Mill Street  
 Larry & Betty Dowdall, Spynans West & Dublin  
 Patrick & Mary Kearney, Tinoran  
 Lily Rooney, Tinoran  
 Elizabeth Byrne, Dunlavin

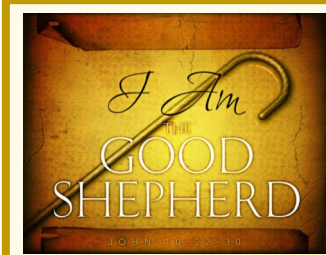
**Stratford: 9.30am**  
 Mary & David Hawtin, Stratford  
 Tom & Anna Bollard, Randelstown & their  
 daughter Margaret Shiel & her husband  
 Frank, London

*Rest in Peace*

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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21ST APRIL 2024

*"Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves."*  
 (Pope Francis—Vocations Sunday 2024)



World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed today, the fourth Sunday of Easter. It is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because the Gospel is always from John chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd.

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction when he asked us: 'Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest.' (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2)

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and that the Church will always have pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.

If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the National Vocations Office:  
 email: [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie) or Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Vocations Director.



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### Prayer for Favourable Weather

God our Father, we turn to you,  
the source of all goodness and grace.  
We come before you with humble hearts,  
seeking your divine intervention  
in the rhythm of the seasons.

Bless us with the favourable weather  
which we so badly need at this time,  
especially for our farming community and  
all others whose livelihoods depend on it.  
Grant them strength and perseverance  
in their work.

In their labour may they find solace  
fulfilment, knowing that their efforts  
contribute to the well-being of  
our communities.

Bless them with resilience in the face of  
Challenges and grant them moments of  
peace amidst the storms of life.

Help us, as faith communities,  
to support and uplift them, recognising the  
vital role they play in sustaining life.  
Guide us, Lord, to be mindful stewards of  
the earth and compassionate neighbours to  
those who cultivate it.  
May your loving presence be a beacon of  
hope and strength for all.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*(Courtesy of Bishop Ger Nash, Ferns Diocese)*



### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
**07, 12, 28, 30**  
**No Jackpot Winner**



**2 Match 3 Winners - €100 each**  
Sarah Moore & Gertie Curran  
**Sellers Prize: Kellyann Bollard**

**This week's Jackpot: €12,300**

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
**12, 13, 23, 30**  
**No Jackpot Winner**



**2 Match 3 Winners €150 each**  
Eileen Dowling & Niamh Faulkner

**This week's Jackpot: €12, 600**



### Mondays at 8pm in Fatima Hall

*Thanks to everyone for their support.  
However, more support is needed  
if the bingo is to continue.*

### BIGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Recycling Clothes Collection is taking place  
at Bigstone Community Centre until the end  
of April. Bags of clean unwanted clothes,  
sheets, curtains, shoes in pairs, belts and  
handbags can be dropped at the door of  
Bigstone Community Centre when it suits.  
(No Duvets, Pillows or Bric a Brac).  
Your support is very much appreciated.

### MCGREALS PHARAMACY 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.

### MONTHLY PEACE MASS IN CARLOW CATHEDRAL

on Thursday 25th. at 7p.m. With  
Rosary, Divine Mercy followed by Mass.  
Celebrant Fr Michael Duffy. OFM. Capuchin.  
All are Welcome.

### BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

**Wednesday 24th April: 11am.**

Film Club 'A Man Called Otto'.

**Friday 26th April: 3.30- 4.30pm.**

Story Time and Crafting for age 5- 7 years.  
(Booking **Essential**)

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



### SCOIL CHONGLAIS PARENT'S COUNCIL CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, 28th April from 9am to 5pm at  
O'Reilly's Service Station, Baltinglass.

*All funds raised go towards supporting the  
needs of the pupils attending Scoil Chonglais.*

### GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESBIN PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

takes place in St. Clare's Church,  
Graiguecullen from the 8<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
(9 Monday nights). The Rosary is recited at  
7.10 pm and the Novena begins at 7.30 pm.



### 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.

### RATHVILLY COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE FUNDRAISING CONCERT STARRING "THE CELTIC BROTHERS"

in St. Patrick's Church Rathvilly on Sunday  
April 28th at 7pm (Doors open 5.30pm).  
Tickets are €25 and are available online or  
from all business premises in Rathvilly, or  
contact Martin Deering on 085 174 1471 or  
any committee member.



### 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!



### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIRED

The next monthly meeting is on  
Wednesday 24th April at 3pm in  
Germaine's.

Schedule for Yoga Classes will be sorted then.