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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)

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### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATH

Molly Dempsey, 5 Whitehall Park, Baltinglass

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Annie Murphy, Carrigeen  
Patrick Moore, Tuckmill & his Grandson  
Robert Moore, Rathcoran  
Jim Keogh, Parkmore  
Patrick & Elizabeth Coogan & their son Hugh,  
Irongrange  
John Connolly & his daughter Margaret,  
Carrigeen  
Marie Dunne, Belan Street  
Willie Twyford, Rathmoon  
Eileen & Seán Kearney, Tinoran & England

#### Grangecon : 9.30am

Michael Germaine, Bessina, Grangecon

Rest in  
Peace

### SUNDAY MASSES

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
May:	12/26	19
June:	9/23	2/16/30

### CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH



Baptism takes place on the second  
Sunday of every month.

All arrangements should be made  
through the Parish Office at least three weeks  
prior to date of baptism. Members of our Bap-  
tism Preparation Team will host a meeting of  
parents to prepare for the ceremony.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Ascension of the Lord

12TH MAY 2024

The way, truth and life.....

Risen Lord,

Be the way that guides my steps.

Be the truth that enlightens my mind.

Be the life that gives love to my heart.

Be the way:

the sure path on ground even or uneven,  
on the straight or turning road,  
the narrow or the wide.

The path of life bears your footprints.

Share it with me.

You are the way to truth, to life, to heaven.

Be the truth:

the golden string in uncertainty,  
glimpsed or fully known.

The meaning of life bears your word.

Share it with us.

You are the truth on the way,  
of life, about heaven.

Be the life:

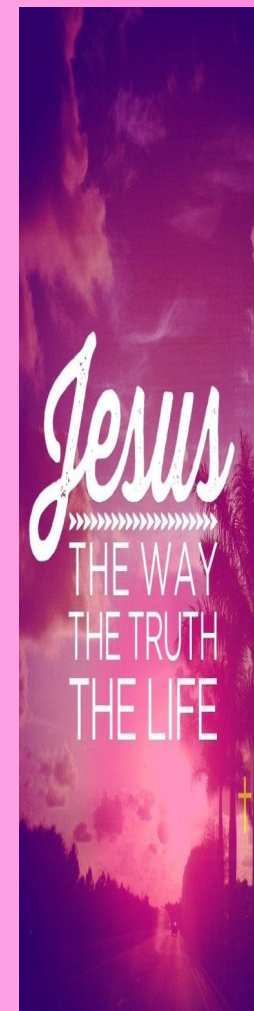
the hope and optimism in love,

The third in every friendship.

All love bears your life.

Share it, Lord Jesus.

You are the life, on our way, in the truth, forever in heaven.



[Donal Neary SJ]

### RADIO MARIA IRELAND

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 Stream on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)  
 By phone (01) 437 3277  
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### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
 05, 08, 20, 23  
**No Jackpot Winner**



**5 Match 3 Winners** - €40 each  
 Gary Swift, Elaine Byrne, Kelly Keane,  
 Fiadh Keane, Mag Balfe

**Sellers Prize:** Dympna Hanly

**This week's Jackpot:** €13,200

### VARIETY CONCERT



with a host of artists  
**St. Joseph's Church**  
**Friday 24th May at 8pm**  
**In aid of Church refurbishment**  
**and the Lalor Centre.**  
**Tickets €10**

Available from:  
 Parish Office, Lalor Centre, O'Reilly's,  
 Patterson's, Veronica's or phone Mary  
 on 087 691 3257

### 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)

### FLOWER ARRANGING



Volunteers welcome to help with  
 flower arranging in St. Joseph's  
 Church. At present we rely on a few  
 people for this. A few extra helpers  
 would make it easier for everyone.

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
 01, 03, 14, 21  
**No Jackpot Winner**



**4 Match 3 Winners** €175 each  
 Julia O'Neill, Robert McHugh,  
 John Timmins, Dan Fitzpatrick

**This week's Jackpot:** €13,200

### SCOIL CHONGLAIS FUNDRAISING GOLF CLASSIC

**Venue:** Baltinglass Golf Club  
**Date:** Friday 24th May  
**Team of Four:** €160  
**Student Team:** €100  
**Sponsor A Tee:** €100  
**Sponsor a Green:** €50



**Team Registration and Tee Times:**  
 Phone Joe Sweeney 087 973 5931  
**Team Sponsorship:**  
 Phone Elma Nolan 087 355 8523

### Understanding Our Natural Environment - Training Opportunity

Carlow Climate Action Team is organising  
 Citizen Science training in conjunction with  
 Wild Works Training Organisation on May  
 14th and June 11<sup>th</sup> in Myshall Community  
 Centre and surrounding countryside.

At the training, attendees will learn to  
 recognise wildflowers, songbirds, recording  
 pollinators; to identify significant tree  
 species, and how to do a kick sample to  
 identify aquatic invertebrates. We will also  
 learn how to share these skills with other  
 people in our community. Contact Áine Byrne  
 on [byrnea@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:byrnea@carlowcoco.ie)

### COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SUPERVISOR REQUIRED FOR WICKLOW MID WEST CE CLG

Full Time Position (based in Stratford on  
 Slaney and covering surrounding areas).

Full Driver's licence is required.

The successful candidate will start  
 on Pt 1 of the supervisory scale.

Applications including CV and Cover Letter  
 posted to Blessington CE Scheme, Unit 8,  
 Newtown Square, Blessington or by email to  
[blessanddistce@gmail.com](mailto:blessanddistce@gmail.com)

For full job specification email  
[blessanddistce@gmail.com](mailto:blessanddistce@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications: 29th May.  
 Shortlisting may apply.

### SCOIL CHONGLAIS PARENTS COUNCIL BAKE SALE & RAFFLE



**Sat 25th May 9 - 2 at McAllister Statue**  
 If anyone would like to donate baked  
 goods we would be very grateful  
 and can take them on the day.  
 All proceeds in aid of supporting students.

### First Communion

**Baltinglass/Bigstone:**  
 St. Joseph's Church Sat. 18th May at 11am.

### ART & CRAFT WORKSHOP

for adults, children, families and all  
 lovers of nature and art.

**Tearmann Community Garden 1pm May 12th**  
 Workshop is free, all materials included.  
 Event is 3 hours with a break for tea & sweets.  
 Registration is required. Message facebook or  
 Email: [odekhtiarchuk@gmail.com](mailto:odekhtiarchuk@gmail.com)

### HOST FAMILY NEEDED

For a 14 year old spanish girl  
 attending Third Year next September.  
 Pay: €235 per week  
 Wattasapp : 0034628114938  
 E mail: [kinsdale.paloma@gmail.com](mailto:kinsdale.paloma@gmail.com)

### Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

**SUNDAY 2ND JUNE**

**Bus from Baltinglass: Contact Duffy Coach Hire**

**0872543235 / 059 6471681 FARE: €30**

**Information from Parish Office.**



### DANNY'S CORNER

Hello all. A few of us in the Lalor Centre are  
 participating in the Darkness into Light walk on  
 the 11<sup>th</sup> May. This is a fantastic fundraiser and  
 deserves your support. Hope everyone is  
 enjoying the beautiful weather!