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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

Friday 9.30am - 1.00pm

### PLEASE NOTE

**The Parish Office is closed  
& will re-open Friday 21st June at  
9.30am.**

Anniversaries etc. can be left into the  
Sacristy before or after any Mass  
during this time or else left into the  
Parish Centre Post Box up until 3pm  
on Friday.

### SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

JUNE:	23	30
JULY:	7/21	14/28

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATHS

John Bollard, Randalstown

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas F. Millett, Lathaleere, Baltinglass &  
deceased members of the Matthews  
Family, Baltray, Co. Louth

Winnie Breen, Weaver Square, Baltinglass &  
deceased members of the Breen Family  
Eileen (née Lawlor) & Owen Dempsey  
& their son Frank

Seamus O'Reilly, Woodfield

John Whelan, Holdenstown

Therese Doherty, Carrigeen & deceased  
members of the Doherty Family

Con Hayes, Bawnogues

Mary Furlong, Woodfield

James Doyle, Clough & all deceased members  
of the Doyle Family, Tinoran

Kevin & Moira & Colm Browne, Weaver Square

#### Stratford : 9.30am

Jack Byrne, Ballyhook

Maureen O'Keefe, Gibraltar, Stratford

Willie Humphreys, Whitestown

Charles Cunningham, Killmainham Wood &  
late of Whitestown

*Rest in  
Peace*

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,  
to make a donation etc.

[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16TH JUNE 2024

### 'Day for Life'

**A dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life!**



### Respect Life

Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every

condition. Today the Church marks Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.

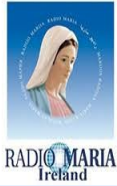
This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

This message also includes a brief human-interest story about a young man named Matt, and the experience of a priest who ministered to Matt and his loved ones in his final months and days. This grace-filled time proved to be a period of intense compassion and profound dignity, as well as faith enriching experience of love and generosity for all concerned.

The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>

### 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"



### BIGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Bigstone Community Centre is officially opened 40 years in 2024. We are inviting all the community to join with us at the Community Centre on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 2pm to 5pm. An opportunity to meet up, have a chat, reminisce over a cuppa and take a step back in time looking over photographs & memorabilia. Also sports and activities for the younger folk and song and dance. We hope to be joined by some of the original Bigstone Community Centre Committee who had the vision and the drive to give us the Community building which is of such a benefit to us all these decades later.

### All-Ireland Pollinator Plan For June

Local communities can lead the way in creating an Ireland where pollinators can thrive. Our bees and other pollinating insects are in trouble. 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. Download the set of pollinator friendly garden guidelines [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie)



### BALTINGLASS BRANCH

If you wish to donate to St. Vincent de Paul (Baltinglass) to support families in our community who are in need, please use the following:

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 8447 8860

**SORT CODE:** 90 65 07

**IBAN:** IE24 BOFI 9065 0784 4788 60

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
**16, 19, 20, 24**



**No Jackpot Winner**

**2 Match 3 Winners €100 each**  
 Pam Nicholson, Theresa Halpin

**Seller's Prize: Maurice Mangan**

**This week's Jackpot: €14,600**

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
**3, 8, 22, 25**



**No Jackpot Winner**

**2 Match 3 Winners €150 each**  
 Niamh Farrell, Sheila Fagan

**This week's Jackpot: €14,200**



### CEMETERY MASSES 2024

**Rathbran Cemetery**

Friday 28th June 7.30pm

**Knockpatrick Cemetery**

Friday 5th July 7.30pm

**Baltinglass Cemetery**

Sunday 4th August 3pm

**Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery**

Thursday 15th August 11am

### RALLY FOR LIFE 2024

Ireland's largest annual pro-life march takes place Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 1.30pm, Parnell Square, Dublin. Contact 01 8730465 to book a seat on a rally bus from your area. For more info see [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net) and [www.thelifeinstitute.net/rally2024](http://www.thelifeinstitute.net/rally2024)



### MASS READERS

We would like to add to our current list of readers for all weekend Masses.

As a Minister of the Word you are called on to proclaim God's Word to His people. Please take time to give this invitation some thought. If you decide to volunteer please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Ger.

### WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE CENTRE

Annual Flag Day Collection  
 Friday 21st—Sunday 23rd June  
 Please give generously!

### BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

#### Crafting with Olha

**Tuesday 18th June:** Papercraft 3.30-4.30pm  
*(Booking essential. Parent/Carer must remain in the Library)*

**Friday 21st June:** Quilling 3-5pm  
*(Adults only. Booking essential)*

**Saturday 22nd June:** Embroidery 11am-1pm  
*(Adults only. Booking essential)*

**These are free events.**

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

### THANK YOU

Once again to all who supported our recent Variety Concert. Both the Lalor Centre and St. Joseph's Church benefited by the amount of €2,600 each.

### 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 Baptism Preparation Team will host a meeting of parents to prepare for the ceremony.



### BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

**are looking for volunteers to help  
 on Thursdays at 6:30 pm**

Great work has been done by a small group of people. Judging for this year's competition can happen at any time from now on. So please do what you can to help our environment.

### MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA

#### (White Fathers)

Fr. Sheehan, who spoke at Masses on 1/2 June would like to thank all who contributed so generously to his appeal. **"Little drops do make a mighty ocean!"**

### Keep up to date with happenings in the Church in Ireland

Catholic News is the news service of the Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference. You can follow their articles on [www.catholicnews.ie](http://www.catholicnews.ie) where you can also subscribe to a weekly ezine straight to your email inbox.

To keep up to date with what's happening on the Irish Synodal Pathway follow its Facebook page and X account – just type into the search box of each - 'synodal pathway'. This will keep you in touch with what is happening in the Universal Synod also. Don't forget to check out the diocesan website, [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie), as well as our Facebook and X account to stay in touch locally!

