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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**

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**



**ST. PAUL'S ORATORY**  
**WEDNESDAYS 7.30-8.30PM**  
**Spend an hour in quiet**  
**reflection before Jesus present**  
**in the Blessed Sacrament.**

## **NEWSLETTER**

Articles for the Newsletter must be  
received by 12 noon on Thursdays.

### **PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**Wed, Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm**  
**Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm**  
**& 1.30pm - 2.30pm**

## **CONFIRMATION**

Saturday 5th April St. Joseph's Church,  
**FIRST CONFESSION**  
Baltinglass/Bigstone: Tuesday 25th March  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
Stratford: Saturday 10th May  
Baltinglass/Bigstone: Saturday 17th May

## **SUNDAY MASSES**

	<b><u>GRANGECON</u></b>	<b><u>STRATFORD</u></b>
<b>MARCH</b>	16/30	23
<b>APRIL</b>	13/27	6/20

## **WE REMEMBER**

### **MONTHS MIND**

Felix Heffernan, Eadestown Lodge, Stratford

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Maureen Molloy, Celbridge  
Dr Patrick Lord, Baltinglass  
Nancy Hughes, Parkmore  
Christy Donohoe, Tinoran & England  
John Gorman, Holdentown  
Noel Sleator, Barronstown  
Peter Doyle, Tinoran  
Anthony Leigh, Bawnogues  
Anthony Graham, Stratford  
Billy Fitzgerald & his son Liam, Bawnogues  
Tom Murphy, Bawnogues  
Ned Swayne, Hughestown  
Joe & Bridget Doody, Tuckmill  
Kevin Kearney, Tinoran  
Eoin Kearney, Tinoran  
Ann (Nan) O'Brien, Irongrange  
Georgie Phelan, Rathmoon

### **GRANGECON: (Sun) 9.30AM**

Maura Coleman, Grangecon  
Margaret Cronin, Springfield  
Mary Harney, Colbinstown  
Daniel & Bridget Coughlan, Dunlavin

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY (MON)**

#### **BALTINGLASS: 11AM**

Jim Murphy, Irongrange  
Patrick Lennon, Parkmore

#### **STRATFORD: (MON) 9.30AM**

Bernard & Julia Tivenan, Stratford

## **PLEASE NOTE**

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



**BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD**

# **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**16TH MARCH 2025**

## **There is something about a Mountain ...**

A mountain is a place where we can see more clearly. When we stand on a mountain, we can see the sky and the horizon, which makes our world feel bigger. From the top, we can see the bigger picture and understand how things fit together. Being on a mountain can refresh and renew us, yet it also makes us aware of how small and unimportant we are in the grand scheme of things. It both uplifts and humbles us at the same time.

The Gospel this week features 'The Transfiguration', where Jesus takes Peter, John, and James up a mountain. As he prays, Jesus' face shines and his clothes become dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear beside him, and a cloud covers them, from which the Father's voice is heard saying, "This is my Son, The Chosen One, Listen to him." Peter wants to stay on the mountain.

Lent can be our time to climb an imaginary mountain and spend time with Jesus. On this mountaintop, we can widen our vision and see the vastness of God's love for us. We can hear the Father calling us to be His beloved children: "you are my beloved Son" or "you are my beloved Daughter." Like Jesus, we too can be transformed.

This weekend, we also get ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Heights played a significant role in St. Patrick's stories. For example, Croagh Patrick is where he fasted for 40 days during Lent in 441 AD, and it remains a popular pilgrimage site today. Another key location is The Hill of Sláine, where legend says he lit Ireland's first Paschal Fire, symbolizing Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Let this weekend be a time to reach out in faith and envision ourselves on a mountaintop, expanding our understanding of who we are, and celebrating God calling us his sons and daughters.

***HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVERYONE***

## **ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS TIMES**

### **MONDAY 17TH MARCH**

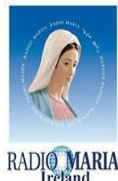
Stratford: 9.30am

Baltinglass: 11am



### 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"



### BALTINGLASS WOMEN'S GROUP

are delighted to welcome Denise Pender (ZoMe Menopause Coaching) for a talk on menopause coaching Saturday 5th April in the Old School House Church Lane W91KX75 @7pm Pre-book with Wendy on 087 6548689 Entry Fee €15



### DAFFODIL DAY 2025

In aid of the Irish Cancer Society will be held in Baltinglass and surrounding areas on Friday 28th March from 8am. Merchandise will be on sale at different locations in the town. Anyone wishing to help with sales are very welcome. Please come to the main stall at McAllister Monument or leave your name and number in Pattersons Butchers, Main Street. Donations of fresh daffodils would be very much appreciated. You can leave them at the Maint Street Stall or in Pattersons on Thursday 27th March. Thank you! Emma

### TOP TEN WAYS TO HELP POLLINATORS

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. By reducing mowing even to once a month, you will help them to slowly return, one pocket at a time.  
Where? Everywhere! Even tiny biodiversity margins are valuable.  
[pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

12th April - 19th April. For details contact Duffy Coach Hire on 087 254 3235 or 059 64 71 681.



**NO BINGO ON MONDAY 17TH MARCH IN FATIMA HALL.**  
**BINGO WILL RESUME ON MONDAY 24TH MARCH AT 8PM.**

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
16, 21, 26, 29  
**No Jackpot Winner**  
**No Match 3 Winners**  
**Seller's Prize:** Tony Kearney  
**This week's Jackpot:** €12,100



### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
03, 04, 08, 27  
**No Jackpot Winner**  
**5 Match 3 Winners - Share €300**  
Mary Wall, DR & J Prendergast,  
Bridie Kehoe, Ann Coats, Anne Coats  
**This week's Jackpot:** €9,400



### BALTINGLASS PARISH FUNDRAISING DANCE

Bigstone Community Centre (R93 E956) **Saturday April 26th**  
**Music:** Tommy B from 8.30pm - 9.30pm.  
**Music:** Limelite from 9.30pm - 12am.  
**Tickets:** €15 including raffle entry.  
**1st Prize:** Weekend break for two in Woodford Dolmen Hotel.  
**Full Bar & large Dancefloor**  
Tickets available from the Parish Office, Pattersons, P.J. O'Reillys and Fishers Centra.



### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to make a donation etc.  
[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)



### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

**Wednesday 27th Aug to 3rd Sept. 2025**  
**Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €865**  
**For information contact: Parish Office 059 64 81 254, Fr. Ger 087 629 8881, Andy Murphy 087 09 00 819**



### STRATFORD FORUM &

#### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA CLUB

Present a Comedy/Drama play about the life of a Irish builder's Labourer called **"From the Shoulders Down"**  
On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm at the Stratford/Grangecon G.A.A. Clubhouse.  
Tickets €20. Includes light supper. Available at The Glen Shop, Barbara 085 125 8295.

### GENERAL OPERATIVES REQUIRED

at Modeco Ltd. for our Timber Frame Factory, outside Baltinglass. We are looking for hard working individuals to join our growing team. Training provided. Immediate Start. Please Email [jobs@modeco.ie](mailto:jobs@modeco.ie)



### BALTINGLASS MEN'S SHED

Warm welcome for any man wanting to join the group. Gatherings take place in the building beside the Tearmann Gardens on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12noon.

### SALE OF ST BRIGID'S CROSSES FUNDRAISER



in aid of Baltinglass Hospital Patients Comfort Fund. The total collected was €1,320.00. Grateful thanks to all who contributed and those who helped collect rushes and sell Crosses in various locations.

### ANNUAL EPILEPSY IRELAND COLLECTION

On the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd March Your support would be appreciated.

### JUBILEE 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD CARLOW

Takes place in the Cathedral Assumption on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Opening Mass:** 7pm

**Stations of the Cross:** 9pm

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**10am:** Morning Mass

**12 noon:** Directed Prayer -Sorrowful Mysteries

**3pm:** Directed Prayer - Divine Mercy

**6.15pm:** Evening Mass/Closing Liturgy

Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the 24 hours except during Mass and hours of Directed Prayer.

### PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN LENT

follow and like the Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Facebook and X accounts for daily posts on hope in Lent.

### BALTINGLASS LIBRARY - FREE EVENTS

**Tuesday 18th March:** 3.30 - 5pm. Crafting with Olha Ages 9 - 13. (B.E.)

**Tuesday 18th March:** 6.30 - 8pm.

Conversational English - New volunteers welcome - to chat with adult English learners in a friendly, informal setting.

**Friday 21st March:** 3pm - 5pm Crafting with Olha (Adults) - Felting. All donations to be donated to Baltinglass Nursing Home. B.E.

**Saturday 22nd March:** 11am -12.30pm.

Crafting with Olha (Adults) Quilling.

Embroidery. (B.E.)

B.E. = **Booking Essential**

Please book at the Library on 059 648 2300

or [baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie)