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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

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

#### CONFIRMATION

Saturday 5th April  
St. Joseph's Church, at 12 noon

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Stratford: Saturday 10th May at 11am  
Baltinglass/Bigstone: Saturday 17th May  
at 12 noon.

#### SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
MARCH	30	
APRIL	13/27	6/20

#### WE REMEMBER

##### RECENT DEATHS

Malachy Phelan, Clondalkin & Stratford  
Geraldine Kiely, Tipperary

##### ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Harte, Mill Street  
Patricia Burke, Woodfield  
Thomas, Michael & Gerry Curry, Bawnogues  
Bridget Clynh, Kilalesh & deceased members  
of the Doyle Family, Kiltegan  
Frank & Mollie Westlake & their son Frankie,  
Carrigeen  
Murtagh & Bridget Hayden, Raheen & all the  
deceased members of the Hayden Family  
Patrick O'Reilly, Woodfield

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

Johnny Quinn, Tallaght  
Jim & Bridget Byrne, The Rocks



#### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

#### PLEASE NOTE

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



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

30TH MARCH 2025

The Lord who welcomes Everyone!

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday. We are all invited to reflect on the themes of joy, reconciliation, and renewal. The readings emphasize God's mercy and transformative power of repentance. As we all journey through Lent, let's remember that today serves as a reminder of joy that comes from reconciling with God and our brothers and sisters. We need to rejoice in the reality that today highlights our journey from 'disgrace' to 'grace', a call to live a new life in Christ, and the joy of reconciliation.

In the course of last week, we had our children receive the sacrament of reconciliation as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. We also had retreat and confessions for those preparing for confirmation. These are clear indications that our children are on their journey to being witnesses to Christian life. Being Lenten season, these young Christians are opening their hearts to God's mercy, hence moving closer to Him. Following in their footsteps, we are all invited to take a time for prayer and reflection, seek out the sacrament of reconciliation, and embrace the new life that Christ offers. This is the opportune time to deepen one's relationship with God and to extend grace to others.

In this week, let us pray for our children preparing for the First Holy Communion and those for Confirmation, that their faith will grow abundantly. As followers of Christ, we also should focus on seeking reconciliation - whether it's reaching out to someone wronged or forgiving someone who caused hurt to you. Furthermore, practicing gratitude for the blessings in life can help in recognizing how God has transformed past struggles into sources of strength for us. Engaging in acts of kindness or service can also reinforce.

Finally, I would like to let you know that the parish has now introduced confessions on every Saturday morning from 10am to 10:30am in St. Paul's Oratory. You are welcome!

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!



### CONFESSIONS

Will take place every Saturday morning in St. Paul's Oratory in the Parish Centre from 10am - 10.30am.

OR by appointment by phoning the Priest on duty. at 085 831 4793.

### DO YOU THINK THAT GOD MAY BE CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

Would you like to meet with others who are exploring a call? Would you like to discover how to discover God's will for your life? Then the Samuel Circle is for you! The Circle is a group of guys who meet regularly to try and discern God's plan for them in life.

If you are interested contact Fr. Ruairi [ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com](mailto:ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com)

### CARLOW MEDIATION GROUP

Monday evenings 7 to 7:45 pm

Cathedral Parish Centre, College St, Carlow - *excluding bank holidays.*

Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. All are welcome - no experience needed. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening! (Noel Keating, 087 225 1183.

Your prayers would be appreciated for our Confirmation **candidates** who will make their Confirmation on Saturday April 5th.

### PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN LENT

Pilgrims of Hope in Lent...follow and like the Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Facebook and X (@KANDLEI) accounts for daily posts on hope in Lent.

**There will be two parishioners attending the Synod listening session on behalf of the parish this week.**



**BINGO MONDAYS 8PM FATIMA HALL**

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**

04, 08, 26, 27



**No Jackpot Winner**

**2 Match 3 Winners - €100 each**

Annemarie Murphy & Eamonn Dunne

**Seller's Prize:** Pattersons

**This week's Jackpot:** €12,700

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**

11, 15, 19, 23



**No Jackpot Winner**

**4 Match 3 Winners - Share €300**

Paudge Doody, Brian Foley,

Bernard Bowes & Ann Faulkner

**This week's Jackpot:** €9,800

### BALTINGLASS LIBRARY - FREE EVENTS

**Tuesday 1st April:** 3.30 - 5pm. Crafting with Olha Ages 9 - 12. (B.E.)

**Tuesday 1st April** 6.30 - 8pm.  
Conversational English - All welcome.

**Friday 4th April:** 3pm - 5pm Crotchet class with Olha.

**Saturday 5th April:** 11am - 12.30pm. Crafting with Olha (Adults) (B.E.).

**B.E. = Booking Essential**

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

### FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.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



### 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.



### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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

### 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/)

### 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.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Priests House of Baltinglass Parish are seeking to employ any interested and responsible person for cooking and some light housework at the parish house. The work time would be 20 hours a week, 4 hours per day from Monday to Friday. Interested persons should send their CV to the Parish Office: Parkmore, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow, W91 V4P9. The deadline for submission is Friday, 4th April 2025.

### REMINDER



Don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hour this weekend.



### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

At our recent AGM, Officers and a Management Committee were elected.

**Coffee Mornings in April:** Fridays at 11am in the Golf Club.

**Bookings for the Summer Break** are doing well. **Venue:** Allingham Hotel, Bundoran.

**Dates:** Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May (4 nights). Cost: €495 per person sharing. Single supplement €30 per night per person. Further details from Mary on 087-299-9571  
**Activities:** Yoga classes will resume after Easter.

**Bridge:** Wednesdays 10.30am – 12 noon in the Parish Centre.

**Bowling:** Tuesdays 3pm – 4pm in Fatima Hall.  
**New members are very welcome.**