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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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

PLEASE NOTE

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

SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

APRIL	13/27	6/20
MAY	11/25	4/18

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATHS

Patricia Spencer (nee Clynych), Lathaleere & UK

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill McDermott, Parkmore
Harriet McDonnell, Coolnarrig
Dan, Bridie & Paul Kehoe, Weaver Square &
Peter & Lizzie Kehoe, Lathaleere
Austin Lalor, Griffinstown
Mary Salmon, Lowtown
Dennis & Kathleen Byrne, 6 Parkmore
Bridget Dawson, Tuckmill
Jack Byrne, Main Street & his Father Murt,
Carrigeen & his Sister Rose Dempsey
(nee Byrne), Carrigeen & Leeds
Michael Patterson, Carrigeen
Kevin O'Neill, Newtown
Sr Breda Wall (Presentation Sister) Portlaoise
Joan Kinsella, Rampere
Luk e Kinsella, Hughestown

STRATFORD : (Sun) 9.30AM

RECENT DEATH:

Bridget (Dolly) McCaul (Née Nolan), Doctor's
Road & Birmingham



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

www.baltinglassparish.ie



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

6TH APRIL 2025



Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

This weekend, our Parish celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, with 41 children being confirmed in their faith. Among them, 35 were from Baltinglass N.S., 5 were from Stratford N.S., and 1 young man was from Scoil Chonglais. This faith journey began when the parents presented their children for baptism. They continued to guide them through First Holy Communion and now have passed on the responsibility to their children as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We extend our congratulations to the parents for their dedication and commitment in guiding their children to this significant milestone in their faith journey. We also congratulate the children for their active participation in the preparation for Confirmation and their public commitment to continue their faith journey, bearing witness to their faith through words and actions, while continuing to learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus today. We express our gratitude to their teachers and schools for their support in helping the children achieve this joyful day.

As a faith community, we are always delighted to share these meaningful and significant moments with our children and families. We continue to offer our prayers, asking God to bless and watch over the children who have made their confirmation, and to support their parents as they continue to provide for their children's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs in the future.

JOYFUL CONFIRMATION DAY!

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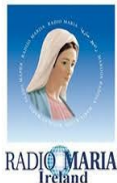
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BALTINGLASS LIBRARY - FREE EVENTS

Tuesday 8th April: 3.30 - 4.30pm. Crafting with Olha Ages 5 - 8. Craft & Story Event. (B.E.)

Tuesday 8th April : 6.30 - 8pm. Conversational English in a friendly setting. - All welcome.

Friday 11th April: 3pm - 5pm Crafting with Olha. Adults. Watercolours. B.E.

Saturday 12th April: 11am -12.30pm. Crafting with Olha (Adults) Clay Work. (B.E).

B.E. = Booking Essential

Please book at the Library on 059 648 2300 or baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie

RESPOND RATHCORAN ESTATE HEALTH PROMOTION DAY

On Thursday April 10th Respond and residents of Rathcoran are delighted to welcome The Irish heart foundation mobile unit and the Alzheimer's society of Ireland's information bus to Rathcoran estate, Baltinglass from 10:30am to 2:30pm. All local residents are welcome to come along where staff from the Irish heart foundation will be conducting free blood pressure and pulse checks. Staff from the Alzheimer's society of Ireland mobile information service will provide information and support to people living with dementia and their families as well as people concerned about their or a family members cognitive health. Kildare/West Wicklow Dementia Advisor, Rosalyn Groarke and Homecare Manager Kildare/West Wicklow Anne-marie Kett will be available to meet with the public onsite at Rathcoran Estate beside the Baltinglass Primary Care Centre. No appointment is necessary. Visitors to the estate must park in designated visitor parking. Space are limited.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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



STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 05, 10, 17



No Jackpot Winner

4 Match 3 Winners - €50 each

David Walsh, C Gahan, David Walsh & Seamus Sinnott

Seller's Prize: McGreal's

This week's Jackpot: €13,000

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 18, 23, 25



No Jackpot Winner

Match 3 Winners - Share €300

John O'Keeffe & Jim Byrne

This week's Jackpot: €10,000

RATHDANGAN TEENAGE DISCO

On Friday April 11th from 8pm - 10.30pm.
From 1st Year to 3rd Year. Strict supervision.
Adm. €10 (Drinks €1).

No vapes, no bags, no cans/bottles.

Ring or WhatsApp Tess on 087 617 3879 or Angela on 087 644 0751.

WEST WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our April 2025 lecture is entitled 'Tom Kehoe of Knockananna: the Man from Two Counties' and will take place Wednesday, April 9 in the Court-house Arts Centre, Tinahely, Y14 X099 at 7.30pm. The Speaker will be Christopher Power. Adm. is €8 (€5 for WWHS members). You can renew or join online at any of the lectures at www.westwicklowhistoricalsociety.ie
Tom Kehoe was prominent in the War of Independence and the Civil War. He was killed in action in Cork in September 1922, weeks before his 24th birthday. Christopher Power, a native of north county Wexford, has written a number of local histories on a variety of subjects.



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 the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. **Full Bar & large Dance-floor** Tickets available from the Parish Office, Pattersons, P.J. O'Reillys and Fishers Centra.



BALTINGLASS FILM CLUB

A new film club showed its first film on Tuesday this week in Baltinglass. The club will have monthly showings of a diverse range of films for adults (18+). People who join to become a member will get updates by email on up-and-coming films. Licence restrictions do not allow for film titles to be promoted to the wider public. To join the film club please follow and message the Instagram page, Baltinglass Film Club. To book for the next viewing (April 29) contact the library (you do not have to be a member to come along to a film viewing, but you must book with the library). Admission is free. Check out the group's Instagram page for updates and to read the rules.

BIGSTONE N.S. PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

annual sponsored walk/run is on April 6th at 12 noon. The 6km loop starts outside Bigstone hall. Please come along and support the school as all proceeds go into activity, transport and supplies for the kids. Refreshments will be provided after. Thank you for the support from Bigstone Parents Association.

CHRISM MASS

You are invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, 14 April at 7:30 pm. Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St Patrick's. Music led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

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.

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

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.

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.