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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



#### 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

We will be celebrating First Holy  
Communion for our children from  
Stratford on Saturday May 10th at 11am  
and Baltinglass/Bigstone/Stratford lodge  
N.S. on Saturday May 17th at 12 noon.

#### SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

	11/25	04/18
MAY		
JUNE	08/22	01/15/29

#### WE REMEMBER

##### ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia McDermott, Parkmore  
Margaret Cullen, 9 Parkmore & her husband  
Thomas & daughter Kathleen  
Willie Twyford, Rathmoon  
Killian Dempsey & his sister Molly Dempsey,  
5 Whitehall Park  
Eugene & Rita Dunne, Belan Street  
Thomas Furlong, Woodfield

##### STRATFORD: (Sun) 9.30AM

Thomas & Anna Bollard, Randlestown & their  
daughter Margaret shiel & her husband Frank,  
Randelstown & London



#### LALOR CENTRE MOTORBIKE RUN

Sunday 11th May. Meeting in Baltinglass.  
Registration at 12pm. Move out at 1pm. In aid  
of the Lalor Centre, Baltinglass. All Bikes  
Welcome. For details phone Johnny on  
0876843091 or Peter 089 4042161  
or Terry 087 8861001.  
All donations greatly appreciated.

#### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4TH MAY 2025

"Do you love me?" is the question Jesus asked of Peter and now asks of the one who will be Pope.

Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" as recorded in the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter. This happened while Jesus was having breakfast with His disciples after His resurrection. Jesus used this moment to encourage Peter about his future responsibilities and even to prophesy how Peter would die. By repeating the question, "Do you love me?" three times, Jesus was stressing the importance of Peter's love and unwavering obedience as crucial for his future ministry.

Each time Peter answered, "Yes," Jesus told him to feed His sheep. This meant that if Peter truly loved Jesus, he was to care for and lead the people who belonged to Him. Jesus' words highlighted Peter's role as the leader of the new Church in Jerusalem, responsible for spreading the gospel throughout the world.

On Wednesday, May 7th, the conclave to elect the 267th Pope will begin following the nine days of Masses to pray for the eternal repose of the Late Pope Francis. During the conclave, through prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a new Pope will be elected. So, we pray...

Father Most Holy,  
Our God and King,  
Protect Your Church in this time of  
transition.  
Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty.  
Grant them Wisdom and Courage,  
Hope and Charity,  
And the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will.

Creator of all that was, is, and to come –  
You alone know the heart of the one You  
have chosen as the next successor to Saint  
Peter.  
Reveal Your will to the College of Cardinals.  
Open their hearts to Your inspirations.  
Open our hearts to receive, with faith and  
obedience, the one whom You will raise up  
to sit on the Chair of Saint Peter.

May he be a man of deepest  
compassion,  
A man of profound faith and hope,  
A man whose charity shines forth,  
Permeating the darkness of this world  
with the light of Christ.

You are God Most High,  
The God of the living and the dead,  
The Great I AM,  
The Alpha and the Omega,  
Eternal Being and Source of all that is.

May Your holy will be done,  
Now and forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Source: My Catholic. Life

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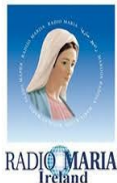
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### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

16, 23, 24, 29

#### No Jackpot Winner

**1 Match 3 Winner - €200**

Kieran & Carmel Doyle

**Seller's Prize: Fishers**

**This week's Jackpot: €14,200**

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

12, 14, 22, 28

#### No Jackpot Winner

**3 Match 3 Winners - Share €300**

Peadar Osborne, Michael Casey, Liam Irwin

**This week's Jackpot: €10,800**

### Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Manage and plant native hedgerows for biodiversity

The more blossom your hedgerow has in Spring, the better it is for biodiversity. Allow hedges to grow into a natural A-shape profile rather than a neat box shape.

Why: Native hedgerow plants such as Hawthorn (also called Whitethorn), and Blackthorn flower early in Spring, providing vital food for wild bees when they emerge from hibernation. Birds and mammals eat their berries later in autumn.

[pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

### BALTINGLASS PARISH FUNDRAISING DANCE

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent fundraising dance. It was a great success!



### 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



### GRAIGUECULLEN PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen commencing on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights until 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's Church or send them by email to [gkparish@gmail.com](mailto:gkparish@gmail.com). Through the prayers of our faith community and the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry. The rosary will be recited at 7.10pm and Mass begins at 7.30pm.

#### Our next Guest Speaker will be:

Fr. Shaun Doherty - Irish Catholic Priest and former presenter with Highland Radio.



### BALTINGLASS MEN'S SHED

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

### LENTEN/EASTER COLLECTION FOR SUPPORT OF THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent collection for the Priests of the Parish.

### 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 & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

**Coffee Mornings:** for May will be held in The Golf Club each Friday at 11am.

**Outing:** to Kilmacurragh Gardens on Friday 9th May, leaving at 10.30am from Weavers Square. Some places still available. Contact Mary on 087 299 9571.

**Afternoon Tea Dance:** on Tuesday 13th May at 3pm in Germaine's. This free event, hosted by Active Retired, is funded by Wicklow Creative Places for Seniors in the Community and Active Retired members alike. Music by Black Knights Band. Finger food served.

**Activities:** Bowling continues in Fatima Hall on Tuesdays at 3pm.

### WEST WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Topic:** Patrick Pearse— the Face of the Rising.

**Speaker:** Brian Crowley.

**Date and time:** Tuesday, 6 May 2025 at 8pm.

**Venue:** Lalor Centre, Baltinglass, W91 XW57.

**Admission:** Member €5, non-Member €8

WWHS Membership 2025, click on this link: <https://westwicklowhistoricalsociety.ie/membership/>

### BALTINGLASS WOMEN'S GROUP

next evening is Clinical Nurse Specialist Mary Donohoe "Nurturing the Mind - Mental Health Talk" Free event Saturday 10th May in the Old School House Church Lane W91KX75. @7pm.

### THE ROSARY

Will be recited at the Grotto in Grangecon on Saturday May 10th at 4pm.



### PIETA—DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Pieta House Annual Fundraiser - the 5k Darkness Into Light Walk 2025. **Starting at 4.15am on Saturday morning 10th May.** Register now on-line as your support helps Pieta provide free, life-saving services to those in crisis. Our route starts at Scoil Chonglais, out towards the GAA pitch and the Hospital, then Turing right onto Green Lane then right again back into Baltinglass to finish again at Scoil Chonglais.

#### Registration Fees:

Adult: €22; Teen (13-17): €5

Child (Under 13): FREE

T-shirt: +€8 (optional)

Register now

<https://www.darknessintolight.ie/dil-register-set-walk>

**Your support would be appreciated!**

### O'TOOLE MEMORIAL HALL RATHDANGAN

**Saturday 10 May:** Come along to O Toole Memorial from 9pm and dance the night away to Lar Kenny and Jim Hogan.

**Friday May 17th:** Ramblers music and storytelling night. Join us for an evening of entertainment and community connection. Share your talents if you wish but no pressure, sing a song, tell a joke, play some music or share a story or just simply sit back, relax and soak in the atmosphere. New ramblers welcome.