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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

#### 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  
Peter 089 4042161  
or Terry 087 8861001.  
All donations greatly appreciated.

#### SUNDAY MASSES

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
MAY	11/ 25	18
JUNE	08/22	01 /15/29

#### WE REMEMBER

##### RECENT DEATHS

Andy Murphy, Lowtown, Grangecon  
Lar Moore, Woodfield  
Nuala O'Connell, Chapel Hill, Baltinglass

##### ANNIVERSARIES

Annie Murphy, Carrigeen  
Robert Moore, Rathcoran House, Baltinglass  
Patrick & Elizabeth Coogan & their son Hugh,  
Irongrange  
Patrick Moore, Tuckmill Lower  
Patricia McDermott, Parkmore

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

Michael Germaine, Bessina

*Rest in  
Peace*

#### CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH

Baptism takes place on the 2nd 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.

#### 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11TH MAY 2025

### Good shepherd Sunday and A day of prayer for vocations

Today is; The Good shepherd Sunday. The readings, invite us to reflect on the profound image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep and lays down his life for them. These readings converge on the powerful image of Christ as the Good Shepherd, a figure of love, protection, and intimate connection with his flock.

What a coincidence! As today's readings invite us to reflect on the image of Christ as a good Shepherd, Christians all over the world, are eagerly awaiting to see what Pope Leo XIV will bring into the Lord's Vineyard. As a Shepherd entrusted with the responsibility of 'leading' the church, will he act as a Good Shepherd? Will he be a light of the nations, so that the salvation of the Lord may reach to the ends of the Earth?

As Christians in Easter season, the church invites us to follow in the example of Christ the Good Shepherd. He who was slain is now our shepherd. He will lead humanity to the springs of living water. Like Christ, are we ready to radiate light and life to many of our brothers in need? Many are searching for the shepherd's voice; am I one of these voices? Can I be one of them?

As we await to see what Pope Leo XIV brings along, let us pray that the Holy spirit will guide and bring about One shepherd, One Church and one voice spreading about Love, Reconciliation and Integrity. May we also pray that the young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and that the church will always have pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.

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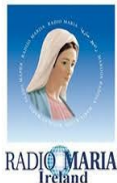
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## GRAIGUECULLEN PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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:

Peadar Tóibín - TD and Founder and Leader of Aontú Political Party.



## BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

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

## MOBILE CONSTRUCTION TRAINING RIG

in St. Laurence O'Toole's (Askea Church Carpark), 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> May, between the hours 9am-5pm. For details contact Darren 085 235 7176 / Marina 086 022 3211.



## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



### Winning Numbers

08, 10, 27, 28

No Jackpot Winner

No Match 3 Winner

Seller's Prize: Nicko

This week's Jackpot: €14,700



## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



### Winning Numbers

12, 16, 23, 27

No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 Winners - Share €300

Joe Hanly, Tom Burke, Belan St.,  
Marita Burke, Ciara & Eoin O'Neill  
& G. Bishop.

This week's Jackpot: €11,000.



## 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 17<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

## TWO HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

for a 12 year old boy - 2nd Year (1st term only) and a 14 year old boy (3rd year - full academic year at Scoil Chonglais. Families must have children living at home. Phone Michelle on 085 253 1377 or (Whatsapp 00 34 628 11 49 38 or Email: [kinsdale.paloma@gmail.com](mailto:kinsdale.paloma@gmail.com)



## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Aug to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



## 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/)

## ATHY FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE

Carlow Road, Athy, Co. Kildare, R14 D272  
Open Day on Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm. Are you interested in upskilling or changing your career? Are you looking for Part time, Full time or Evening courses in Healthcare, Business, Social Studies, Childcare, Art or English? If so come along to our open day on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am.

## BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** 6.30pm - 7.30pm  
Conversational English - New volunteers and learners are very welcome, to chat with adult English learners in a friendly, informal setting.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Stratford children who made their First Holy Communion last week. Looking forward to celebrating Baltinglass and Bigstone First Holy Communion on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

## LOUGH DERG 2025

### PILGRIMAGE SEASON

#### SANCTUARY OF SAINT PATRICK

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese

Jubilee of Hope 2025

One Day Retreat to Lough Derg

Led by Bishop Denis Nulty  
on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

For further information or to book phone

087 130 2587 from Carlow

or 087 246 7594 from Kildare.

Sanctuary of Saint Patrick, Pettigo,

County Donegal. F94 PC60.

[www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

## VOCATION SUNDAY

'The Church needs pastors....capable of saying yes to the Lord with trust and hope.' Pope Francis  
This Vocations Sunday we find ourselves embarking on a new era in the life of the Church. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and that the Church will always have pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.

## 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.

## 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.