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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

#### 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.

#### SUNDAY MASSES

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

#### WE REMEMBER

##### MONTHS MIND

Nuala O'Connell, Chapel Hill

##### ANNIVERSARIES

Mary & Michael Coogan, Knockfield  
John Connolly & his daughter Margaret,  
Carrigeen

Mary Doyle, Chapel Hill

Joan O'Neill, Tuckmill

Johnny & Julia Dunne, Tinoran

Jimmy Dunne, Hughestown

Sheila Ward, Prosperous

Catherine & John Rogers, Edward Street

Mary O'Keeffe, 1 Parkmore

Paddy O'Reilly, Carrigeen

Annie Groves, Parkmore

Jim Keogh, Parkmore

Bridget & Dan O'Neill, The Wood

Anthony Healy, UK

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

Bill & Bridget Byrne, Doctor's Road, Manger

Martin & Mary (Moll) Kane, London & Stratford

Pat Bollard, Winetavern

*Rest in  
Peace*

#### 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18TH MAY 2025

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The phrase, "I love you" is a saying that is misused very often in our society today. People have said these words to us and we have said it to others as well. Yet, if we think critically about our use of the word, "I love you" we will admit that, in many cases, it is only for self-interest; I love because of what I hope to get in return. Love, in its true meaning implies, not self-interest but rather, a giving of oneself. This is what the readings of today's liturgy invite us to.

In the gospel reading, Jesus commands us to love one another he has loved us. It is significant to note that Jesus gave this commandment while he was eating the last supper with his disciples. Jesus gave a practical example of what it means to love by going to the cross to die. He loves us so much that he gave up his own life for us to live. By going to the cross, Jesus fulfils his mission, a mission which is primarily to give life to the world through his own death. In this way, Jesus acts in complete accordance with the will and purpose of God the Father and that is why he says in the gospel reading that "now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified". Love meant that Jesus participated in the saving work of the Father.

True love then, is a participation in the saving mission of God which was begun in Christ. As heard in the second reading of today, Paul and Barnabas preached and laboured extensively in the establishment of the Christian communities in gentile territories. By this, Paul and Barnabas also participated in the salvific mission of mission of God. This mission of God is for the salvation of everyone.

Next time when I say to someone "I love you", I should ask myself whether I am ready to give myself wholly so that the other person may come to know and love God better or whether it is because I hope to get something in return.

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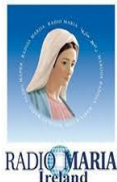
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### GRAIGUECULLEN PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Our Annual Parish Solemn Novena in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen continues each Monday night until 23rd 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:**

Niall Quinn - Former professional footballer, businessman and sports pundit.

### 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.

### THE IRISH CATHOLIC Ireland's biggest and best-selling religious newspaper!

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### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### **Winning Numbers**

06, 08, 09, 15

**No Jackpot Winner**



**3 Match 3 Winners - Share €200.**

Declan Wall, Ciara O' Neill & Adrian Graham

**Seller's Prize:** Colette Bollard

**This week's Jackpot:** €15,000.

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### **Winning Numbers**

10, 11, 15, 20

**No Jackpot Winner**



**9 Match 3 Winners - Share €300.**

Seamie Leigh, Aimee Porter, Claudia Matassa, Billy Bradley, Bridie Doyle, David Carton, Jack Tobin, Colette Mulally, Pat Tracey.

**This week's Jackpot:** €11,200.

### IRISH CANCER SOCIETY'S TRANSPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most. Full training will be provided. There are a number of essential post-drive administration tasks that will require either existing knowledge of basic computer or IT skills, or the willingness to acquire such skills (such as scanning and uploading documents or attending virtual meetings). For more information and to become a volunteer driver, contact Monica at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.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.**



### 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/)

### BIGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

A Recycling Clothes Collection is taking place in Bigstone Hall R93 KP89 over the month of May. Bags of clean unwanted clothes can be dropped at the doorway of Bigstone Hall whenever suits and we will take them in for the collection. We take Clean Clothes, Towels, Sheets, Curtains, Shoes that are in pairs, Handbags & Belts. (We cannot take in Duvets, Pillows or Bric a Brac). If you need help with Bags at the Hall please contact 086 084 2143. Your continued support to Bigstone Hall is very much appreciated.

### 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.

### 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 17th 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)

### WHAT DID THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SYNOD ACTUALLY SAY?

The School for Synodality in England is hosting a weekly online book club 'Reading the Final Synod Document Together' from 21st May - 25th June 2025 | 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Join them each week as Avril Baigent and invited speakers take sections of the Final Synod Document and unpack it, with time for questions afterwards. These webinars can be joined live or watched in your own time. It's easy to take part – just register for access at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/schoolforsynodality/1592165>



### 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.