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ST. PAUL'S ORATORY
WEDNESDAYS 7.30-8.30PM
Spend an hour in quiet
reflection before Jesus present
in the Blessed Sacrament.



Articles for the Newsletter must be received by 12 noon on Thursdays.

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

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.

GRANGECON STRATFORD

MAY	25	
JUNE	08/22	01 /15/29

Ciaran Pearson, Parkmore & England
Tom Kearney, Tinoran & Glen of Imaal

Michael Patterson, Rathmoon
Jim O'Toole, Allendale Avenue
Bill Curry, Parkmore
James Gethings, Parkmore
Brigid Keogh, 8 Parkmore
Bridget Byrne, Shroughaun
Timothy & Jean Connolly, Lathaleere
Joseph, Sheila & Willie Doyle
Charl Kelly, Stratford
Pat Doyle, Graney
Martin Moore, Newtown Saunders
Ann O'Reilly, Woodfield

Nigel Kehoe, Barronstown, Grangecon
Brendan Harte, Barronstown
Kathleen Whelan, Castleknock & Holdenstown

Rest in Peace

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

25TH MAY 2025

In John's Gospel for the 6th Sunday of Easter, which we read today, Sunday, May 25th, Jesus is saying farewell to his disciples as he prepares to meet his Death, Resurrection, and Ascension (which we will celebrate next Sunday) – his passage to the Father. He gives them the gift of Peace. Peace – Shalom (in Hebrew) is the great gift of the Risen Christ.

"Peace, I leave with you; my own peace I give you!"

When Pope Leo XIV was elected, he wished all the people of Rome, who had assembled, the Peace of the Risen Christ.

"Peace be with you all!" the new Pope announced after waving to the huge crowd who came to joyfully greet him. "Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people wherever they may be. ... Peace be with you!

"It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, who loves us all unconditionally."

Let us persevere, despite hardship and difficulty, to be messengers of peace no matter the contrary voices we hear in our world today. Let our peace be the inner peace of Jesus, which comes from what he did, "I love the Father, and I am doing exactly what the Father told me." Jesus' unconditional trust in God the Father is the source of his deep, inner peace...a peace deeper than suffering or any temptation. Let us remember that in God's will is our peace.



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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. 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:

Dermot Dooley- Chaplain of De La Salle College, Waterford

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.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

This collection takes place at all Masses this weekend. The generosity of parishes and parishioners in supporting this collection is deeply appreciated.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

16, 20, 21, 23

No Jackpot Winner



3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each.

P. O'Rourke, Podge Humphries &
Billy Mangan.

Seller's Prize: Fishers

This week's Jackpot: €15,300

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 05, 21, 22

No Jackpot Winner



2 Match 3 Winners Share €300.

Michael Campion & Chris Murphy

This week's Jackpot: €11,400.

FUNDRAISER NIGHT FOR DOGS FOR THE DISABLED

Colette and DFD Jasper are hosting a music session in Lawlors' Pub, Rathvilly on Friday 30th May at 9pm, with a fundraising raffle on the night for Dogs for the Disabled. Your support would be very welcome and appreciated on the night. Thanks in advance, Colette & DFD Jasper!



BALTINGLASS DAY CARE CENTRE POP-UP SHOP

On Saturday May 31st from 11am to 3pm in Baltinglass Day Care Centre directly behind Baltinglass Hospital. Clothes, Shoes, Accessories. All Proceeds go directly to the Day Care Centre.

CRUINNIÚ NA NÓG

On Saturday 7th June from 11am to 5pm. A festival day for children and young people in County Wicklow. Giant chess, Outdoor Games and more! Bring a picnic! All ages are welcome. Assistance dogs only. To find out more, including booking, times and suggested ages, please visit cruinniu.gov.ie/events/location/wicklow



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,



CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

Carlow Choral Society is celebrating 60 years of bringing classical choral music to the people of Carlow. As part of our celebrations during 2025 the Society is putting on an exhibition in Carlow library from Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th May from 10am - 530pm each day, with a late opening on Thursday until 730pm.

Fascinating memorabilia will be on display from the six decades of choral performance history with names and photographs of past members showcased along with programmes from various performances, interesting excerpts from committee minutes and press cuttings of the day. As much a snapshot of social history as that simply of the choir itself, it will give a wonderful insight into life in Carlow over those intervening years since 1965 and should appeal to all, whether they have a connection with the choir or not.

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY.

Tuesday 27th May: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Conversational English - New volunteers and learners welcome, to chat with adult English learners in a friendly, informal setting.

Tuesday 27th May: 7.45pm- 10pm .

'Great Book Great Film' - A Baltinglass Film Club presentation. Contact the Library for details. Booking Essential.

Contact the Library on 059 648 2300 or baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The next monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 28th May at 3pm in Germaine's. New members welcome.

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>

PARISHES ALIVE—MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE!

Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people and clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin and how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish. We are building on the work done previously by the DPC, the Council of Priests, Faith Development Services, and across parishes. The day will comprise inputs from guest speakers, along with prayer, general discussion, and intentional listening. It takes place on Saturday, 21st June 2025 in Carlow College with registration at 9:30am, starting promptly at 10am and concluding at 4 pm. Lunch is included. Booking is essential providing your name and parish to parishdevelopment@kandle.ie



PILGRIMAGES: JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Book a seat on the bus to Knock for Corpus Christi for Sunday 22nd June. Book a seat on the bus to Croagh Patrick for Saturday 12th July, for a one day trip OR for an over-night stay (which will include Bus fare, B&B and Evening meal). PH. Duffy's Coach Hire on 087 2543235 or 059 6471681 for details.