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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

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office is **CLOSED** Monday 21st
July and will re-open on Monday 28th July.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S NEWSLETTER
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WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Byrne, Tuckmill
Josephine (Josie) Byrne, Tuckmill
Lorcan O'Brien, Carrigeen
David Deans, Carrigeen
Betty Shortt, Chapel Hill
Annie Byrne, Main Street
Mary Kehoe, Clough
Alice Burke, Rathmoon
Kathleen Lennon
John Paul & Bridget Flood

*Rest in
Peace*

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Tuesday: Ceceilia O'Connor
Wednesday: Denis O'Rourke
Thursday: Paddy Moore
Friday: Donors Intention

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For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to make a
donation etc. www.baltinglassparish.ie

SUNDAY MASSES

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
JULY	20	13/27
AUGUST	03/17/31	10/24
SEPTEMBER	14/28	07/21

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS - 5TH & 6TH JULY

Offertory: € 550.00

Development: €1,510.00

Many thanks to all who contributed.



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH JULY 2025

Reflection for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

The liturgy of today reminds us that God cares for our well-being and prosperity in the material and spiritual sense. He does not leave us alone to search and pursue prosperity blindly but provides a guide for us through the teaching contained in the Scriptures.

In the first reading from the book of Deuteronomy, Moses tells us that the law of God is not too abstract or written in such a way that it cannot be accessed. This law is near to us, and accessible. It is the Word of God that we read and hear frequently. We are called to make the word of God come alive in us so that we can prosper in all that we do.

Today's liturgy also tells us about the central role of Jesus Christ. He is the one who sustains everything that there is because, through his passion, death, and resurrection, Jesus has reconciled everything to God. As Christians in search of lasting prosperity, we must never forget that the person of Jesus stands at the center of our lives. All our pursuits, material and spiritual, must be related to him. In him, we find that spiritual connection to God that eventually gives us the greatest prosperity imaginable – eternal life.

The liturgy also teaches us that the quest for spiritual and material prosperity involves our relationship with our neighbors whom we encounter in our day-to-day activities. Jesus tells us that the neighbor is not necessarily the one who lives next door to us. Rather we are called to make neighbors through our acts of compassion, mercy, and inclusion. In our context, this is a call to go beyond tribalism, racism, and nationalism. Especially in our African society, tribalism is an issue that brings about the exclusion of people, putting them in boxes and labeling them as either evil or wicked. All human beings face the temptation to practice exclusion based on race and economic status. The practice of such exclusion is often seen as a way to protect one's prosperity. However, we are reminded today that exclusion intended to protect prosperity ironically makes true prosperity impossible.

MASS CARDS AND WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Now available in the Parish Office are individual Mass Cards covering various occasions such as, With Deepest Sympathy, Mass Bouquet, Get Well Mass Bouquet, May God's Love Comfort, In Loving Memory, With Sympathy, In Loving Memory, A Mass for Your Intentions, these cards are on sale for €1 or €2 depending on the quality of the card. The offerings for each Mass Intention are for a minimum of €10. These cards are signed by one of our local priests and will be offered at our weekday masses in St. Paul's Oratory at 10am and each Mass Intention will be published in our Newsletter the previous weekend.

St. Patrick's Missionary Society Cards for your intentions to be included in their Masses and prayers for one year for €5 will continue to be available in the Parish Office.



STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

02, 12, 14, 29

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €200

Sinead & Foxy

Seller's Prize: Frances H. O'Neill

This week's Jackpot: €17,600



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 03, 10, 11

No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 Winners - Share €300

Ruth Murphy, Bill Tyrell, William Hanlon,

Conor Hayes, Denis Murray

This week's Jackpot: €12,800



GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO



Tuesday 15th July

St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers € 2390

Double number € 530

Lotto € 1450.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE



Celebrating the World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. Theme "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (cf. Sor 14,2)

On Sunday 27th July 2025 in Knock.

Plenary Indulgence granted for the occasion.

Those unable to join us in person can take part online at www.knockshrine.ie

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YEAR 2025**

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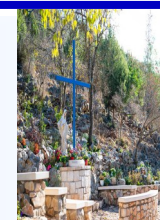
PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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.



MEN'S RITES OF PASSAGE

Awaken your spirit of adventure as you fully embrace life, manhood and your place in the world. 23rd to 27th July 2024 in Kiltegan - a five day/four night experience for men. Share in a brotherhood of men. Experience ritual, storytelling, ancient wisdom, and encounters with the natural world. Leave with a greater sense of purpose, deeper self understanding, and a clearer vision for your role in life. Learn more and apply at www.malesireland.ie

WE WELCOME THE FRANCISCAN BROTHERS TO THE PARISH FOR A MISSION APPEAL

They will speak at Masses in the Parish this weekend, the 12th and 13th July. Your generosity would be gratefully appreciated.

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.

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.

SICK CALLS

If you have anyone that's sick or housebound and you would like a priest to visit please contact the Parish Office.

COLUMBAN DAY CELEBRATIONS

This weekend the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin will celebrate St Columbanus at various events in Myshall and Carlow town. While most events are now fully booked all are very welcome to the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 10.30am on Sunday 13th, Bishop Nulty will be the chief celebrant and will be joined by fellow Bishops from Ireland and Europe.

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY'S TRANSPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

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. Full training provided. There are essential post-drive administration tasks that 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 information contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

24 HOUR SILENT VIGIL FOR GAZA

From 12 noon Saturday 19th July to 12 noon Sunday 20th July at Clane Church Plaza space. Prayer, silence and reflection in solidarity with the people of Gaza. More details from our Suaimhneas Centre, Clane.

CEMETERY MASSES 2025



Baltinglass Cemetery

Sunday 3rd August 3pm

Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery

Friday 15th August 11am

UPKEEP OF CEMETERY

People are encouraged to tend to their graves in preparation for these Masses. We appreciate the work of CE participants. It is important that everyone makes an effort at having the cemetery looking good and respectful of our deceased.

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.