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MASSSES

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

SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

JUNE		29
JULY	06/20	13/27
AUGUST	03/17/31	10/24

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS - 21ST 22ND JUNE

Offertory: €460.00

Development €1,365.00

Many thanks to all who contributed.

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

George Kerslake 2 Allendale & Dublin

MONTHS MIND

Mick O'Neill, Lathaleer & Tuckmill

ANNIVERSARIES

William Quinn, Main Street
Teresa Quinn (Sr Camilla), Main Street
Johnny Donohoe, Tinoran
Cora Brennan, Mill Street
Edward Humphries, Dunlavin
Ann Kinsella, Tankardstown
Noel Phelan, Rathmoon
Pat O'Reilly, Castledermot & Offaly
Maggie & Martin Sutton, Belan Street
Thomas & Parkie Bookle, Irongrange & London
James & Alice O'Neill, Downings, Kiltegan
Julia O'Neill, Lathaleer & Mount Kelly
Joseph & Elizabeth Byrne, Carrigeen
Josie Byrne, Main Street
Patsy & Ina Burke, Belan Street & deceased
members of the Burke Family
Clare Malone, Kilbride



STRATFORD (Sun) 9.30AM

Maureen & Hugh O'Keeffe, Gibraltar
Christina & John Staunton, Stratford

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Tuesday: Donor's Intentions

Wednesday: Donor's Intentions

Thursday: Donor's Intentions

Friday:



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

29TH JUNE 2025

SUMMER MONTHS - SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Over the past week the Parish Office sent out a letter to the Parents of our First Holy Communion Children and our Confirmation Candidates for 2026, through the kindness of the schools before they closed for the Summer Holidays. In this letter each family was invited to start thinking about weather they wish to have their children receive their next initiation sacrament; First Holy Communion (2nd Class) or Confirmation (6th class Baltinglass & Bigstone or 5th & 6th class Stratford & Grangecon) respectively.

Parents were reminded of the responsibility they undertook at their child's Baptism, to share their faith with their child. They were asked to reflect on how they have done this and how important it is for them to remain connected with our wider faith community by coming together with their children to our liturgical services and masses and taking an active participation. Sharing our faith publicly is a reflection and an integral part of our own personal relationship with Jesus, responding to his call for us to go into the world and be "Jesus" for everyone we encounter.

Celebrating the Sacraments of Confession / First Holy Communion and Confirmation, once again gives us all an opportunity to recommit ourselves to be active members of our Parish. In Baptism we are all God's children, in Confession / First Holy Communion we know that we are loved and always forgiven of our sins, and we can participate fully in the mass, receiving the food of life, Jesus's body and blood. Then in Confirmation we are all filled with the grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit giving each of us the courage and strength to fulfil the mission we have as follower of Christ in the Spirit of Synodality.

The same mission that we celebrate today in the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles. Peter, a fisherman who became leader and the rock on which the Church is built. Paul, who became the 'Apostle of the Gentiles'. Both proclaimed with their lives that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Pope Leo is committed to synodality (walking together as one people)

In his recent homily for the Vigil of Pentecost, Pope Leo renewed his heartfelt commitment to synodality, our call to walk together as one people, guided by the Holy Spirit. Pope Leo said, *"We are a people on the move. This does not set us apart but unites us to humanity like the yeast in a mass of dough, which causes it to rise. The year of the Lord's grace, reflected in the current Jubilee, has this fermentation within it. In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice, and peace will return, once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves but walking alongside one another."*

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
07, 08, 10, 17
No Jackpot Winner



5 Match 3 Winners - €40 Each
Oliver Keogh, Ken Byrne, C. Gahan,
Sandra Greene & John Darcy
Seller's Prize: Pattersons

This week's Jackpot: €17,000

BALTINGLASS GAA

LOTTO



Winning Numbers
04, 08, 13, 15
No Jackpot Winner



9 Match 3 Winners - Share €300
Joan Sheerin, Gillian Farrell, Mikey Keogh,
Ciaran, Grainne, Adam & Emma Fleming,
Renee Wall, Mary Wall, Mary Hayes,
Billy Bradley, Veronica Winder

This week's Jackpot: €12,400

WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE COMMITTEE

A most sincere thank you to all the voluntary collectors and to all who donated so generously to the recent collections.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025



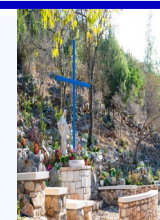
'A call to action!'



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.



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.

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

HEALTH EXPO (Life at it's best)

Discover the path to a healthier, happier you! Join us at the Health Expo—a vibrant wellness event for all ages. From fitness to nutrition, mental wellbeing to natural therapies - explore everything you need to live life at its best! What to expect! Nutrition & Wellness Talks; Natural & Holistic Health Products; Prayer life; Fitness Demos & Workshops; Giveaways, Samples & More. **Date:** Sunday 29th June from 2pm to 6pm. **Venue:** The Avon Resort, Burgage, Blessington, W91 HFX3. All are welcome. Phone 086 120 4019 or 085 824 6653. All are welcome!

SICK CALLS

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

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

VENUE: Scoil Naomh Iosaf, Baltinglass

DATE: Sunday 6th July 2025

TIME: 12noon to 3.30pm.

Check your eligibility & book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 222 111

Your support would be gratefully appreciated! giveblood.ie

ST. BRIGID'S THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Friday 4th July – Sunday 6th July and Wed 13th Aug – Fri 15th Aug. Bus pick ups at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride. For information and bookings: Tel Joe 0872467594 or email

TOP TEN WAYS TO HELP POLLINATORS

Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and herbicides. These potent chemical cocktails are designed to kill various organisms. One of the best things you can do for pollinators is avoid using them. **Why:** Insecticides have been found to kill, harm, and disorientate pollinators. Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with important food. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

CEMETERY MASSES 2025

Knockpatrick Cemetery

Friday 4th July 7.30pm

Baltinglass Cemetery

Sunday 3rd August 3pm

Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery

Friday 15th August 11am



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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.