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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 Thursday.

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
AUGUST:	17/31	10/24
SEPTEMBER:	14/28	07/21
OCTOBER:	12/26	05/19

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Anne Lennon, Bawnogues & Dublin

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary T. Quinn, Main Street

Tom Dwyer, Gibraltar

John Kinsella, Tankardstown

Michael Coogan, Knockfield, Rathvilly

STRATFORD: (Sun) 9.30A.M.

Annie Barrett, Ballinatone, Stratford

Sandra Doyle, Mallens Wood

Mary Gadsdon & her brother Tom Coleman
who died in Manchester on July 18th



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Tuesday 12th	Donors Intentions
Wednesday 13th:	Donors Intentions
Thursday 14th:	Donors Intentions
Friday 15th :	Holy Day



**JUBILEE
YEAR 2025**

'A call to action!'



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10TH AUGUST 2025

Being in state of constant preparedness!

In today's gospel, Jesus assures us that as God's people, we have a share in his heritage. This heritage is God's kingdom. Christ alleged our fears by encouraging us not to be afraid and called us "little flock," which means my beloved people. He did not stop at this but went further to bring us the good news from our Father: "...For it has pleased your Father to give you the Kingdom." This is the climax of today's message.

However, as the people of God, Christ warns us to be watchful. This is a necessary condition for us to obtain this kingdom which is our heritage. Therefore, as God's people, we must live lives that bear good testimony to our Father and those we live with.

This life is a life of watchfulness! Watchfulness here simply means being conscious of who we are. It means cherishing and safeguarding our heritage. The mark of this life is our faith! It is only through it that we can be that: "Happy people that the Lord has chosen as his own."

There is a story about a monk who one day was sweeping the monastery floor when one of his students asked him what he would do if told that he would die within the hour. His reply was: I would go on sweeping the floor.' In other words, he would go on attending to the duty of the moment. That's what being prepared means.



MASS READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We would like to add to our current list of readers and Eucharistic Ministers in the Parish, **especially for Stratford Church** as there are very few Ministers on the Rota.

Please take time to give this invitation some thought. If you decide to volunteer please contact the Parish Office or any of the Priests.

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.

SICK CALLS

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

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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



CEMETERY MASS 2025

Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery
Friday 15th August 11am.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Friday 15th August MASSES FOR THE HOLYDAY

**Vigil Mass:
Thursday 7.30pm**

**Mass at 11am on Friday celebrated
at the Presentation Sisters Cemetery.**

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

13, 15, 20, 22

No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each
Cherish O'Dwyer, Shirley O'Neill,
E & G Sleator

Seller's Prize: O'Reillys

This week's Jackpot: €18,800.



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

14, 22, 28, 29

No Jackpot Winner

4 Match 3 Winners - Share €300.

Peadar Osborne, Tom Burke,
Michael Casey, John Kelly

This week's Jackpot: €13,600.



AN TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Would like to thank the staff and service users of the Ialor Centre who organized and participated in a sponsored walk in aid of An Tearmann. A generous donation of €1,070 was presented to an Tearmann last Wednesday. We want to thank the local community for their generous support of this event. We would also like to thank Chonglais Crafters for their generous donation. The money raised will go towards the resurfacing of the pathways in the orchard area of An Tearmann.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - THE KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN ADORATION COMMITTEE

invites you to join them with Most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill and Guests for a day of Prayer and Adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles exhibition - concluding with concelebrated Holy Mass at 3pm. Confessions available. Location: St Anne's Portarlinton, R32 WN59 Saturday August 30th from 9.30am - 4pm, Refreshments and Lunch - €20. **Booking is essential** - Please text or call Barbara on 086 163 7311 stating name and number of companions. All are welcome.



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.**



GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

Tuesday 12th August 2025

St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers € 2910

Double number € 810

Lotto € 1650

FLUID FLOW, A MOBILE KAYAKING AND STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING SERVICE

I'm excited to introduce Paddle Able - a programme designed to get people with disabilities out on the water in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Paddle Able is part of a national campaign run by Sport Ireland and Canoeing Ireland, aimed at making paddle sports more accessible and inclusive across the country. We're delighted to have been chosen as one of the providers to deliver this programme. We're taking bookings for summer 2025, offering two flexible options: A summer camp format, or Five sessions spread out over several weeks. Both formats include 10 hours of on-the-water time. Our fully qualified instructors and adaptive equipment ensure that every participant can experience the freedom and joy of kayaking, regardless of ability. We travel to suitable local waterways, making access as convenient as possible. If you're interested in learning more or would like to discuss arranging sessions for your students or service users, I'd love to chat further. Looking forward to the possibility of working together to make paddle sports more inclusive and accessible.

Brianna O'Loan, Fluid Flow. Phone
083 423 5769 www.fluidflow.ie

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Offertory: € 435.00

Development: €1170.00

Many thanks to all who contributed.

ST. BRIGID'S THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Wednesday 13th August to Friday 15th August.

Bus pick ups at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride. For details and bookings: Phone Joe 087-3815887 or email deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK, 23rd AUGUST 2025

For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Join us for a day of faith, challenge and community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on **23rd August**. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise. This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and connection with fellow young Catholics. Whether you're seeking personal renewal, physical challenge or simply to experience this sacred tradition, all are welcome. Spaces are limited. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Naas and Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: kandle.ie.

BALTINGLASS WOMEN'S GROUP THE GREAT RE-WIRING OF CHILDHOOD

Why mobile phones and social media are destroying children's lives. A talk by Brenda Murray aka Emerald Nanny & Graham Murray. All are welcome to attend. Saturday August 23rd at 7pm in the Rural Revival Hub, Baltinglass, W91 H5RR. Fee €15. Prebook your spot with Wendy on 087 654 8689.