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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

**THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER IS A  
DOUBLE ISSUE.**

### THE PARISH OFFICE

**IS CLOSED Monday 25th August  
& WILL RE-OPEN  
Monday 1st September at 9.30a.m.**

### SUNDAY MASSES

**GRANGECON STRATFORD**

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

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATH

Seamie Leigh, Rampere

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Bertie McDermott, Frankstown, Dunshaughlin

Mick Kavanagh, Carrigeen

Agnes Gorman, Holdenstown

Christina Bradley, Edward Street

Mary Murray, Broadstown

John McGeer, Knockrigg, Grangecon

Maggie Murphy, Seskin, Donard

George Phelan, Rathmoon

Gerard Duffy, Parkmore

Frank Foley, Knockfield

**STRATFORD: (Sun) 9.30A.M.**

Jimmy Moore, Randalstown

**BALTINGLASS 30TH & 31ST AUGUST**

#### MONTHS MIND

Ann Farrar (nee Harbourne), Bawnogues

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Brigid Millett, Lathaleere, Baltinglass & the  
deceased members of the Matthews Family,  
Baltray, Co. Louth

Nora Lennon, Parkmore

Liz Doyle (nee O'Brien), Ballyvass, & Carrigeen

**GRANGECON: (Sun) 9.30A.M.**

Emma Kehoe, Barronstown

#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

##### 10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Tuesday 26th: Donors Intentions

Wednesday 27th: Donors Intentions

Thursday 28th: Donors Intentions

Friday 29th: Mary Doyle

#### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2nd: Nora Lennon

Wednesday 3rd: Mary Doyle

Thursday 4th: Donors Intentions

Friday 5th: Donors Intentions



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24TH AUGUST 2025

## Newsletter: Double Weekend Issue – 24th & 31st August 2025

This week's newsletter covers two Sundays: 24th August (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C) and 31st August (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C).

### Week 1 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whenever the Bible says, "the last shall be first and the first last," it means that our place or status in this world doesn't help us get into heaven or find salvation. Jesus always uses this phrase to teach the same lesson: who we are or what we've achieved here on earth isn't what matters most. Eternal life is for anyone who truly trusts in Him, repents, and commits themselves to Him.

Sometimes, we misunderstand what it means to "believe in Jesus." In the original Greek, "believe" also means "to trust," "to have faith," or "to depend on." So, when Jesus asks us to believe in Him, He's really asking us to trust and depend on Him — to commit ourselves to Him, not just know about Him. Having a high status or being "first" in life doesn't guarantee eternal life unless you trust in Christ. On the other hand, those who might seem "last" or less important in this world can gain eternal life simply by faith and may receive great rewards in heaven for their faithful service.

### Week 2 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Was Jesus trying to criticize the Pharisees with the words, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted"? His real message is that we should look at ourselves and recognise our pride. As someone once said, "Pride is about who is right, but humility is about what is right." Jesus taught us what is right — and the humble person will follow His example, while the proud person will make excuses or think they know better.

Jesus is the perfect example of humility. He humbled Himself by becoming human and dying on the cross to save us. There's nothing we can do, now or ever, to repay Him for this incredible act.

This week's Gospel shows how much the Pharisees disliked Jesus. Most of them rejected Him and even helped to have Him killed. Their pride kept them from accepting Christ because they saw themselves as better than Him. It's important to ask ourselves: are we proud or humble? If you're humble, the next step is to become a truly Christian by believing in Jesus and accepting Him as Lord and Savior.

### 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.

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

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**IN THE BOX!**

### EUCCHARISTIC 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 Portarlington, R32 WN59 Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**

01, 03, 11, 29

**No Jackpot Winner**

**No Match 3 Winners**

**Seller's Prize:** Brigid Bollard

**This week's Jackpot:** €19,600.



### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**

02, 20, 25, 30

**No Jackpot Winner**

**3 Match 3 Winners - Share €300.**

Johnny Keogh, Teresa Kilcoyne,  
John McMahon

**This week's Jackpot:** €14,000



### BALTINGLASS MEN'S SHED

A 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. All are welcome.



### WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE COMMITTEE

#### CAR BOOT SALE

**DATE:** Sunday 24th August

**VENUE:** Baltinglass Mart Car Park.

**SELLERS:** From 8am.

**BUYERS:** From 9am - 3pm.

**Cars / Vans €10. Adm. €3. Children Free.**

**Bring Your Own Tables / Gazebos.**

**Raffle on the day.**

**Contact: 086 317 7146.**



### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to make a donation etc. [www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

### BALTINGLASS FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE FREE PART-TIME COURSES THIS AUTUMN

- ◆ Computer Skills for Beginners
- ◆ Improve Your Reading & Writing
- ◆ 1-1 Support in Literacy & IT Literacy
- ◆ Digital Literacy
- ◆ ESOL (English as a Second Language)

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### LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2025

Congratulation to those who received their results on Friday. We wish them all the best for their future.



### GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO



Tuesday 26th August 2025

St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers €3,170.

Double number € 950.

Lotto € 500.

### BALTINGLASS LIBRARY EVENTS

**Tuesday 26th August: 7.45p.m. - 10p.m.**

A 'Baltinglass Film Club' presentation.

Contact the Library for film details.

Booking Essential. Doors close 8pm.

Contact the Library on 059 648 2300 or [baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie)



### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Monthly meetings are resuming after the summer break. Our **next meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August** at 3pm in Germaines.

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

**Offertory:** €550.00

**Development:** €1,465.00

**Many thanks to all who contributed.**

### MESSAGE RE DAY OF PRAYER FOR GAZA SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST

At the opening of the Jubilee of Youth in St Peter's Square, Pope Leo XIV said: "We must cry out for peace in the world", he invited all the young people to join him in saying: "We want peace in the world!" In the words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem: "Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering". The images we are watching on nightly news bulletins and on social media feeds are appalling. Many ask what can we do? We can become numb in our sense of helplessness before scenes that speak of "man's inhumanity to man". We feel bewildered when we see and hear about people crushed by hunger or crushed in the stampede for airdropped food. Most upsetting of all is the horrible violence and death that children are experiencing and witnessing. Archbishop Eamon Martin has called on parishes to set aside **Sunday, 24 August** as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza. I echo his call and ask all our parishes in Kildare & Leighlin to observe this day of prayer. We can light a candle in our family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day "let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of *its people*."  
*XDenis*

### TOP TEN WAYS TO HELP POLLINATORS

Choose nectar and pollen-rich plants for your garden. There are plenty of beautiful plants you can choose for your garden that are rich in nectar and pollen. Outside your garden, the best action for pollinators is to create biodiversity meadows and margins by reducing mowing. **IDEA:** Plant bulbs such as Snowdrop, Crocus, and Grape Hyacinth in the autumn to provide early food for emerging pollinators the following spring. Or plant five fruit trees to create a mini orchard.  
[pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)