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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

### SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

|            |       |          |
|------------|-------|----------|
| SEPTEMBER: | 28    | 21       |
| OCTOBER:   | 12/26 | 05/19    |
| NOVEMBER:  | 09/23 | 02/16/30 |

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATH

Patrick O'Neill, Woodfield & Wales

#### MONTHS MIND

Seamie Leigh, Rampere

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Turlough Quinn, Tuckmill

Jack Byrne, Randalstown

William Dwyer, Gibraltar

Patrick & Phyllis Reddan, Tinoran

Mary & Richard Cully & the Walsh Family,

Edenderry & the Cully Family, Rhode

Michael & Julia Patterson, Main Street

#### STRATFORD (Sun) 9.30A.M.

Jack Byrne, Randalstown

Elizabeth Coleman, Stratford

Richard Wilkie, Manchester

Martin Kane, London & Stratford

#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tuesday 23rd: Donors Intentions

Wednesday 24th: Donors Intention

Thursday 25th: Donors Intentions

Friday 26th: Donors Intentions

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Offeritory: €630.00

Development: €1,340.00

Many thanks to all who contributed.



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

### WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS

In this coming week, next Thursday evening at 7pm to be precise, a group of people from our Parish Pastoral Council and a few others will begin the Alpha experience, which is being held in our parish of Baltinglass for the very first time. Alpha is a 10-week course with 1 day away to help people ask some of the deeper questions in life and to learn more about Christian faith.

We believe that Alpha will help our parish to develop a culture of hospitality and listening, to grow in dependence upon the Holy Spirit and to empower our parishioners in their unique callings and giftings that will allow people to discover what it means to become a disciple of Jesus, and to do so at their own pace.

Over the past number of week two existing groups within our parish have been praying for the success of Alpha in our parish and for the guests who will attend. Our Adoration group who spends one hour in silent prayer every Wednesday night before the Blessed Sacrament in St. Paul's Oratory from 7.30pm to 8.30pm has been praying. The other group who prays the rosary every morning after mass in St. Paul's Oratory have been saying their Friday morning rosary for the success of Alpha too. Today we would like to ask all our parishioners to pray for Alpha in our parish over the next weeks and months in their private prayers, at home with their families and as a parish when we gather each Sunday to celebrate the Lord's Day together.

SO, PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF ALPHA IN OUR PARISH.

### What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of group conversations designed to explore the essentials of the Christian faith in a welcoming and relaxed environment. It's a space where everyone is invited to share their thoughts, ask questions, or simply listen - there's no pressure to speak, and all perspectives are valued. Each session follows three simple steps:

- Connect: Every gathering begins with time to connect, build friendships, and enjoy a light meal together.
- Watch: Participants watch an Alpha video that introduces a key question about faith, designed to spark meaningful conversation.
- Discuss: The group then engages in open, honest, and respectful discussion about the topic in a friendly setting.

Everyone is welcome at Alpha, and the experience is shaped by the participation and curiosity of those who attend.



### 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.

### RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Saorview - Channel 210

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- "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"



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**€3**

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IN THE BOX!**

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,  
to make a donation etc.

**[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)**



### MASS READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We would like to add to our  
current list of readers and  
Eucharistic Ministers in the Parish.

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

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### **Winning Numbers**

07, 10, 13, 18

**No Jackpot Winner**



#### **13 Match 3 Winners - €20 each**

Theresa Loughlin, Katrina Byrne,  
Lillian & Jason Steed, Frances H. O'Neill,  
Bernie Donegan, Lucy & Margaret,  
Bill Keogh, Snead Keogh,  
Margaret Wybrant, Cherish O'Dwyer,  
Mary Kinsella, Sheila Barrett,  
Caoimhe Struijcken.

**Seller's Prize: Colette Bollard**

**This week's Jackpot: €20,000.**

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### **Winning Numbers**

05, 09, 13, 22

**No Jackpot Winner**



#### **6 Match 3 Winners - Share €300.**

Billy Kenny x 2, John Bookle, Pat Byrne,  
Bridget Prendergast, John Fitzgerald

**This week's Jackpot: €14,800.**



### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The next monthly meeting takes place  
on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm  
in Germaines. New membership is  
always welcome.

### BALTINGLASS DAY CARE CENTRE POP UP SHOP

**Date:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Time:** 11am – 3pm

Clothes - Toys - Raffle - Bric a Brac

**Venue:** Day Care Centre, directly behind  
Baltinglass Community Hospital.

**Your support would be gratefully  
appreciated.**

### CATERING ASSISTANT VACANCY

This is a 24 hour permanent position in  
St. Patrick's Missionary Society, whereby the  
person will help out in the various areas of  
the catering department. They will be re-  
quired to undertake duties such as food prepa-  
ration, maintain high hygiene standards, as-  
sist with the storage and deliveries to the de-  
partment. Full training will be provided along  
with an excellent remuneration package for  
the right candidate. To apply for this position  
please submit your cv into Dearbhail McKee,  
HR Manager by email at [hrmanager@spms.ie](mailto:hrmanager@spms.ie).



### MADUNKEYS RESTAURANT HAS MOVED!

We are excited to announce that  
Madunkeys Restaurant is now at the  
Golf Club in Baltinglass. Overlooking the town  
with stunning views. Serving quality food  
made with care. Relax in beautiful, serene  
surroundings. Join us at our new home and  
enjoy a dining experience that's as  
unforgettable as the view. Madunkeys –  
Where great food meets great atmosphere.  
Open Wednesday through to Sunday. For  
enquiries call 085 124 9678.

### SCOIL NAOMH ÍÓSAF

is looking for a temporary cleaner.  
For more information please contact the  
school office on 0586481083  
or [secretarysnibalto@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysnibalto@gmail.com).

### TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN END OF SEASON VEGETABLE SALES

Monday to Saturday from 8am - 11.30am.  
Tomatoes, Kale, Beetroot, Onions, Beans and  
a variety of Herbs. Call to the Garden.



### FOLK GROUP RETURNS

Our Church Folk Group  
is back after the summer  
break. We are looking for new members!  
Singers, musicians, or anyone who just  
loves making music are warmly welcome.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

#### **CONFIRMATION**

Sunday 19th April

St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass  
Baltinglass /Bigstone 12.30pm.  
Stratford /Grangecon 2.30pm.

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**Stratford:** Saturday 16th May  
**Baltinglass/Bigstone:** Saturday 23rd May

### CARLOW MEDITATION GROUP

meet Monday evenings from 7 pm to 7:45  
pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College  
Street, Carlow, excluding bank holi-  
days. Meditation, the universal practice of si-  
lent 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 any

### BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN EVENING AND BOOK FAIR

on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 7 to 8pm.  
Prospective parents and their children are  
welcome to come along. We would love to  
meet you! Further information may be  
found on: [www.bigstonens.ie](http://www.bigstonens.ie). or by pho-  
ning the school on 059 9161171 or 085  
2120952 or by email to office

