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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

OCTOBER:	12/26	05/19
NOVEMBER:	09/23	02/16/30
DECEMBER	07/21	14/28

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia Duffy, Parkmore
Ned & Mary Hanlon, Tuckmill
Joey Fagan, Parkmore
Peter Smyth, Ballyraggan
Brendan Pearson, Parkmore

STRATFORD (Sun) 9.30A.M.

MONTHS MIND

Dick Whittle, Rathbran

ANNIVERSARIES

William Moore, Manger
Robert Barrett, Ballinatone
William & Mary Brady
Pat, Una & Brian Brady, Stratford
Peter Byrne, Goldenfort



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Tuesday : Dick Whittle
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €735.00
Development: €1,460.00
Many thanks to all who contributed.



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH OCTOBER 2025

Reflection for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

I still remember what I was taught about faith during my days of catechism classes before first holy communion. I was taught that "faith is a supernatural gift of God, which enables us to believe, without doubting, whatever God has revealed". As I understood it then, faith for me was something for the head, an idea that I just had to memorize; it has nothing to do with my lived reality. As an adult, I now know that the opposite is true. Faith is an existential attitude rather than an idea in the head. Faith has to do with how I live my life as a Christian. The central message from today's liturgy is about faith.

Faith's primary role in the life of every Christian is to provide power and motivation to get us through our daily life in line with our Christian commitments. Thus, whenever we are tempted to abandon hope, and to despair of God's presence in our life, faith leads us to stand firm in our belief. Whenever we are tempted to do something that goes against Jesus' teaching, our faith provides the strength to resist this temptation and make the right choice. Whenever we pass by a person in need and do not want to show any concern, faith makes us extend a helping hand. Whenever we are in conflict with a person who does not like us, our faith expresses itself in not acting against that person, but in making steps towards reconciliation, or, at least, not acting with vengeance. These are the kinds of miracles that Jesus was referring to when he spoke of moving mountains.

Life with all its challenges and insecurity often feels like a mountain upon our shoulders, a burden that threatens to crush us. It is then that we need true faith. Jesus does not expect us to exorcise demons, heal the sick, or raise the dead. These are the kind of miracles that initially impress but are soon forgotten. Let us remember that the same people who saw Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, some days later cried to Pilate, "crucify him". Paraphrasing what Jesus said in today's Gospel, we could say that Jesus wants us to move the mountain of life by the everyday small acts of faith.

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IN THE BOX!

PLEASE NOTE - PRICE INCREASE

FROM OCTOBER 2ND THE COST OF THE
IRISH CATHOLIC IS €3.50.

SICK CALLS

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



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.

FAMILY MASS IN GRANGECON

next Sunday October 12th at 9.30am.

In this Mass we will have the
Enrolment Ceremony for the
Confirmation Children of
Grangecon National School.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

16, 19, 26, 29

No Jackpot Winner



2 Match 3 Winners - €100 each

Linda Armstrong, Peter Doyle

Seller's Prize: Colette Bollard

This week's Jackpot: €20,000

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

02, 24, 25, 28

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winners - €300

Dermot Lennon



This week's Jackpot: €15,200.

THE BEST OF LUCK

to Baltinglass GAA Teams,
the Intermediate Ladies and
the Senior Men in their
championship finals
this weekend.



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

A trip to the National Concert Hall, Dublin,
to see the Rathmines & Rathgar Musical
Society production of My Fair Lady is
planned for the **Afternoon Show at 2.30pm**
on Saturday 15th November. Tickets
€40/45, available from Mary on
087 299 9571. The Coach fee is extra.

HOSPITALITY MORNING

Join us for a Cuppa in
The Parish Centre **Every**
Tuesday morning after 10am Mass in the
Parish Centre. All are welcome.



BINGO



WE'RE BACK!!!!

But its future depends on your support.

**MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER
FATIMA HALL 8PM**

IMMEDIATE START ON THE WICKLOW MIDWEST CE SCHEME

Catering Assistant: Based in Donard Communi-
ty cafe. 19.5 hours per week. Working week,
Thursday, Friday & Saturday. For further de-
tails, please contact Marty Drumm on
086 059 9106.

Environmental Expert: Based in Stratford on
Slaney, 19.5 hours per week. For further de-
tails, please contact Marty Drumm on
086 059 9106.

For both roles, full training will be provided.

JIVE & LINEDANCE CLASS

Join our fun and friendly Jive and
Linedance class! Learn waltz, Jive,
Quickstep, Slosh, Electric Slide
etc. Get fit in a fun way with a Qualified Dance
Teacher (DFI ACCREDITED). €50 for 5 weeks.
Starting 29th October to 26th November in
Bigstone Community Hall, from 7.30pm -
9.30pm Phone Noeleen on 086 869 0332 to
book. **Booking is essential.**



**JUBILEE
YEAR 2025**
'A call to action!'



PRAYERS FOR THE PRE-SYNODAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND

All Catholics are invited to pray for a special
gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on
18 October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of
the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly
is an important juncture on the journey to-
wards a National Synodal Assembly to be
held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in
attendance and these are drawn from each
diocese on the island, Religious Congrega-
tions and Church movements. A preparatory
document, entitled Baptised and Sent - the
fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last
spring - will be the basis for discussion at this
gathering, and for the next stage of the jour-
ney of renewal. Central to the document is a
renewed focus on baptism as the foundation
of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission
and how baptism infuses the life and mission
of the Church in Ireland today and into the
future. You are invited to read this document
by visiting [www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-
preparatory-document-available-now/](http://www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/)
Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the
conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing
from it, as we walk together as sisters and
brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and
filled with hope.

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.

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

Conversational English: Tuesday October
7th, from 6.30pm - 8pm. New volunteers
and learners welcome, to chat with adult
English learners in a friendly, informal-
setting. Contact Library on 059 648 2300
or baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie