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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



#### **EUCHARISTIC 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 19 NOVEMBER: 09/23 02/16/30 DECEMBER 07/21 14/28

#### **WE REMEMBER**

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Katriona Deevy, Carlow
Josephine & Patrick Doody, Parkmore
Myles & Harriett McDonnell, Coolnarrig
Peter Doyle, Clough
Johnny Keogh, 8 Parkmore
Willy Cullen, Newtown Saunders
Catherine & Joseph Maher, Baltinglass &
Dublin

#### **GRANGECON**

Mary & Rose Dunne, Griffinstown Jim Fenlon, Barronstown Michael & Margaret Kehoe, Grangecon Hill



#### **CARLOW MEDITATION GROUP**

meet Monday evenings from 7 pm to 7:45 pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow, excluding bank **holidays**. Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. All are welcome - no experience needed. No need to book.

#### **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS**

Offertory: €580.

Development: €1665.

Many thanks to all who contributed.



**BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD** 

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2TH OCTOBER 2025

As we celebrate this mass, we invite you to think of the time you were not feeling well; maybe you were sick or feeling bad because of some unpleasant experience in your life. In such moments, each of us longs for a kind of 'healing'. When we are healed, do we take some time and give thanks for the recovery or we forget and move on as if nothing significant happened

In the 1st reading, we heard of Naaman, the commander of the army of Syria, who was cured of his leprosy when he immersed himself seven times in the river Jordan. Certainly he was overjoyed and he returned to see Elisha to thank him and to present him a gift. But Elisha refused to accept the gift.

Naaman asked Elisha for permission to be given as much earth as two mules may carry. One reason could be that the earth reminded him of his mortality. Naaman came to the land of Israel as a leper looking for a cure, and it was in the land of Israel that he found hope and was cured.

That would make us think about the pilgrimages that we have made to the Holy Land or to the holy sites like Knock, Lourdes, Medjugorje and Fatima. We may have brought back souvenirs like religious objects made of olive wood, or Rosaries, statues of Our Lady of Fatima or Lourdes water etc. Are these objects just reminders of our trips to these places, or are they objects of experiences which continue to live in our lives and deepen our faith in God?

In the gospel, we heard of the ten lepers who came to Jesus. Jesus asked them to see the priest, after which they were healed. Only one of them came back to Jesus and thanked Him. Where are the other nine? For them, Jesus was an encounter (and a souvenir) and it probably stopped there.

Let us give thanks and be grateful so that like Naaman and the Samaritan, our faith will lead us and others to salvation.

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#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **FAMILY MASS - SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER**

at the 9.30am Mass in Stratford and the 11am Mass in Baltinglass. At these Masses we will have the Enrolment Ceremony for the First Holy Communion and the Confirmation Children of Stratford, Baltinglass & Bigstone National Schools.

#### **RADIO MARIA IRELAND**

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#### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers 03, 08, 09, 23 No Jackpot Winner



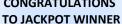
2 Match 3 Winners - €100 each Ellen Quinn & Treasa Kearney

Seller's Prize: Dean Valentine This week's Jackpot: €20,000

#### **BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO**



Winning Numbers 09, 19, 20, 26 CONGRATULATIONS



Ken Quirke - €15,200.

7 Match 3 Winners - Share €300 Brian Lord, Fiona Keogh, Marnie Doyle, Julia Nolan, Austin Kealy, Ann Sammon, Ann Sleator

This week's Jackpot: €5,000

#### **BALTINGLASS LIBRARY**

Tuesday 14th October 6.30pm - 8pm.

Conversational English - New volunteers and learners welcome, to chat with adult English learners in a friendly, informal setting. Contact the Library at baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie or 059 648 2300.

#### **HOSPITALITY MORNING**



Join us for a Cuppa in The Parish Centre **Every** 

**Tuesday morning after 10am Mass** in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

#### **VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE**

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



#### WE'RE BACK!!!!

But its future depends on your support.

EVERY MONDAY IN

**FATIMA HALL 8PM** 

### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Some tickets are still available for the National Concert Hall for Saturday afternoon 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm to see the musical My Fair Lady, performed by the Rathmines & Rathgar Music Society. Tickets €42. Coach Fee extra. For details Ph. Mary on 087-299-9571.

COFFEE MORNINGS: for October will be held in the Golf Club each Friday at 11am.

ACTIVITIES: Bowling in Fatima Hall on Tuesdays from 3pm. New bowlers welcome.

BRIDGE: meet on Wednesdays 10.30am - 12md in the Parish Centre.

The next monthly members meeting will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October in Germaines. New members welcome.

#### BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

Need Help Using Your Smartphone or Going Online? Free Digital Skills Tutorial – Friendly & Supportive! Do you want help with:
Booking hospital appointments online?
Accessing government websites like welfare.ie or ROS? Join us at Baltinglass Library on Wednesdays, 2PM – 4PM for 5 weeks. Free tutorial with a friendly tutor Contct 086 8462 771. No experience needed – just bring your phone and your questions! Let us help you get confident online. Everyone is welcome.

# 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 towards 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 Congregations 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 journey 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-andsent-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.

#### **MARCH FOR PALESTINE**

A silent March for Palestine takes place on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October (Day 743/Week 107). The March will begin at Linear Park, Newbridge (assemble at 12.30 pm) moving onwards to junction at Dunnes/Tesco and proceeding through the town back to Linecar Park.