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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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

GRANGECON 26TH OCTOBER 2025

Gerry Colgan

John & Mary Kelly, Ballymore Eustace

John & Josephine Tierney, Rathbran

Michael & Mary Wade, Rathbran

Francis Flood, Ballynure

Tommy & Kitty Tutty, Grangecon

Paddy, Mary & Christopher Farrell, York,
England & Grangecon

James Byrne, Mallens Wood

Tommy & Mary Hickey, Castledermot

Michael, Margaret & John Cronin,
Springfield

Rev Tim Cronin, Stroke on Trent & Grangecon

Lorraine Cronin Canty, Grangecon & London

Rest in Peace

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Leon O'Keefe, Stratford on Slaney
Frances Whelan, Grangecon & Wexford

MONTHS MIND

Ken Browne, Bawnogues

ANNIVERSARIES

Maggie Brophy (nee Donohoe), Dunlavin

Stephen Cullen, Raheen

Thomas Cullen, (9 Parkmore & his wife

Margaret & his daughter Kathleen

Kathleen & Michael Curry & their daughter

Joan, "West End", Bawnogues

Seamie & Ita Doyle, Irongrange

Michael & Marie Farrell

Thomas, Joseph & Patrick Donohoe

Elizabeth & James Donohoe

Deceased members of the Donohoe &

Farrell Families

Katherine Walsh & deceased members of
the Walsh Family, Oldtown

Kathleen Curry, Bawnogues

Winnie Byrne, Newtown Saunders

Mary Woods, Hartstown, Grangecon

Thos O'Hara, Rampere

Michael Doherty, Carrigeen

Annie Doyle, Barronstown

Paddy Byrne, Walkinstown & Weaver Sq.

Rita Hennessy, Rathcoran, Baltinglass

Ellen Donegan, Kilmurphy

Patrick Burke, Woodfield

Winifred & John Hughes, 5 Parkmore

Jack & Kate Toomey, The Glen of Imaal

Rest in Peace



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH OCTOBER 2025

REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

The Gospel reading presents the story of a Pharisee and a tax collector which contains a critique of those who "trusted in themselves that they were righteous". Righteousness refers to the right relationship with God and others, and the story served Jesus to show how such a right relationship might be developed.

The Tax collector had no merits. He pleaded for restoration, relying only on God's grace to be accepted into God's presence. Jesus teaches that this is the correct attitude when it comes to building one's relationship with God. No one can force God to show grace and love. It comes to those who, like the tax collector, humbly accept their complete dependence on God. Such attitude makes the bond with God flourish and grow, while the overconfidence and pretentious attitude of the Pharisees disrupts it. We do not know whether the tax collector changed his life. But he certainly made the first and essential step towards conversion, which is the point of the story.

Today's readings teach that it is essential for believers to choose wisely what to rely upon. Sirach showed that economic and social status cannot be used as reliable markers of righteousness, which comes through prayer and works of mercy. Paul made a wise choice in life and completed his long and difficult mission, relying on Jesus rather than on human beings. As he neared the end of his life he rejoiced because he wisely chose who to rely upon. Relying on his merits, the Pharisee felt entitled to stand in God's presence and expected God's favour. But Jesus teaches that the right relationship with God is built not upon one's merits but upon humble reliance on his mercy and grace, which the tax collector exemplified. This teaching is reflected well in the words of the Psalmist, "none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned."

MASS CARDS AND WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Now available in the Parish Office are individual Mass Cards covering various occasions such as, With Deepest Sympathy, Mass Bouquet, Get Well Mass Bouquet, May God's Love Comfort, In Loving Memory, With Sympathy, In Loving Memory, A Mass for Your Intentions, these cards are on sale for €1 or €2 depending on the quality of the card. The offerings for each Mass Intention are for a minimum of €10. These cards are signed by one of our local priests and will be offered at our weekday masses in St. Paul's Oratory at 10am and each Mass Intention will be published in our Newsletter the previous week-end.

St. Patrick's Missionary Society Cards for your intentions to be included in their Masses and prayers for one year for €5 will continue to be available in 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.



ALTAR SERVERS

We are hoping to re-introduce Altar Servers at all Masses in the Parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in participating in this special Ministry.

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

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

14, 15, 22, 30

No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each

Lisa English, Michelle Bermingham,
Jennifer Bolland

Seller's Prize: Kelly Sisters

This week's Jackpot: €20,000



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

03, 10, 17, 25

No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3 Winners - Share €300

Brian Fleming, Ciara Byrne

This week's Jackpot: €5,400.



ALONE

A Little Offering Never Ends - You do not need to be alone, for us to help you. The only criteria is that you must be over 60. We provide many supports within our service, so if you are in need of support or are not sure where to go, who to ask, I may be able to help. Feel free to contact the NSRL Helpline on 0818 222 024 if you have questions or are in need of support and this information will be passed on to Rachael directly. The Local Support Coordinator for ALONE in the area is Rachael Hardiman.

QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF

SOPHIA COUNSELLING CENTRE KILTEGAN

which offers affordable counselling. The quiz takes place in Horan's, Baltinglass on Friday November 7th at 8.30 pm. Tables of four people at €40 per table. For queries phone 087 937 4549.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €705.00

Development: €1,245.00

Many thanks to all who contributed.



EVERY MONDAY IN FATIMA HALL 8PM

ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

On Friday October 31st from 6pm at the weir in Baltinglass. Followed by a kiddies disco with D.J Paul in Inisfail. All donations will be donated to Temple Street Hospital.

WEST WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next lecture is on Tuesday, November 4th in The Lalor Centre, Baltinglass (W91 XW57). 'The Wicklow Chief: Captain Michael Dwyer of Imaal' is the title of the lecture and will be delivered by Chris Lawlor, an award-winning historian and author from Dunlavin. 2025 marks the bi-centenary of the death of the famous Wicklow rebel and post-1798 leader Michael Dwyer (1772-1825). Dwyer's guerilla campaign in the Wicklow mountains made him almost legendary. Adm: €5 for Members and €8 for non-Members. To join log on to westwicklowhistoricalsociety.ie.

JOIN OUR TEAM

ST. CONLETH'S PARISH MANAGER

Newbridge Parish, Co Kildare is seeking a skilled and dedicated Parish Manager to oversee the day-to-day operations of our Parish. If you have excellent administrative and leadership skills we'd love to hear from you.

If you're interested in this rewarding role email parishmanager@newbridgeparish.net for details. Closing date Friday 14th Nov.



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

next monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th October at 3pm in Germaines. New members are welcome.

HOLY SOULS NOVENA

We are planning to have a Novena for the Holy Souls in St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass from Sunday 2nd November (Feast of the Holy souls) to Monday 10th November inclusive.

Sunday 2nd November: 11am Mass

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th: 10am Mass

Saturday 8th: 6pm

Sunday 9th: 11am Mass

Monday 10th: 10am Mass

A REMEMBRANCE MASS

will take place in St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass on Saturday 8th November at the 6pm Mass. In this Mass we will remember all those who died in the last year especially those whose funerals took place in our parish.

SICK CALLS

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

SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

OCTOBER: 26

NOVEMBER: 09/23

DECEMBER 07/21

02/16/30

14/28

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.

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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

