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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.

PLEASE NOTE

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

Monday 1st December

& will re-open on

Monday 8th December at 9.30am.

Anniversaries etc can be left into the
Sacristy before or after any of the
Masses during this time or else left
into the Parish Centre Post Box up
until 1pm on Friday.

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Joseph (Joe) Kinsella, Weaver Sq. Baltinglass

MONTHS MIND

Gerard Curry, Parkmore

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

John Kelly, Carrigeen

Rosie Nolan Shortall, Pine Grove, Baltinglass

Billy Doody, Weaver Square

Seán McLoughlin, Newtown Saunders

Justin Wall, Bawnogues

Paddy, Maura, Oliver & Anna O'Brien Holohan

Sheila Fitzmaurice, Tuckmill



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Monday 1st: Donors Intentions

Tuesday 2nd: Donors Intentions

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 - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

30TH NOVEMBER 2025

What is Advent?

Advent is a special four-week time in the Christian calendar that helps people get ready for Christmas, the day Jesus Christ was born. It also looks forward to the promise that Jesus will come again. Each Sunday during Advent has its own theme, such as hope, peace, joy, or love, which encourages people to think, pray, and celebrate with excitement.

The Meaning and Importance of Advent

Many people think of Advent as a countdown to Christmas—a joyful time to celebrate. The word “advent” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming” or “arrival.” This season is about getting ready for Jesus’ birth and remembering that he will return in the future.

During Advent, people often pray, they give to those who need help, and they come together as a community in worship. It’s a time to remember that we live between Jesus’ first coming and his promised return. While we may face challenges in the world, Advent teaches us to wait with hope for a better, renewed world.

Celebrating Advent also means showing kindness and love to others. By doing this, we help spread peace and work alongside Jesus to make the world a better place.

Introducing

Monday Morning Mass

From the beginning of Advent 2025, we are introducing Monday Morning Mass in St. Paul's Oratory at 10am.

Morning Mass Monday to Friday at 10am.

Also



Starting also this weekend, we will provide a new children's activity sheet, “LOOK”. You will find it alongside the parish newsletter. “LOOK” features fun Gospel-based activities that kids can complete during Mass, or you can take home for later.

Why not bring one home for your children or grandchildren!

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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



The Irish Catholic

Ireland's biggest and best-selling religious newspaper!

ON SALE in St. Joseph's Church each weekend.

IF YOU TAKE ONE PLEASE PUT MONEY

IN THE BOX! PRICE: €3.50.

SICK CALLS

The Priests of the parish will bring holy communion to the housebound this Friday.

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

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €605.

Development: €1,435.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

OVER NIGHT VIGIL IN KNOCK.

Anyone interested in attending the Vigil in Knock on Sunday 7th December please contact Duffy Coach Hire on 059 647 1681 or 087 254 3235.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

07, 09, 18, 20

No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3 Winners - €35 each

Freddie Keogh, Bernie Donegan, Olivia Cooney, William Fields, Declan Alcock, Eamon McEvoy

Seller's Prize: Glen Shop

This week's Jackpot: €20,000.

4 extra prizes every week of €50 each in the run up to Christmas.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

04, 28, 32, 34

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €300

Breda Keogh

This week's Jackpot: €20,000.

BALTINGLASS SINGS CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

In memory of Phyllis Flanagan

Friday 12th December at 8pm

in St. Joseph Church, Baltinglass.

Tickets €10 (children U 12 free).

A limited number of tickets are available from Baltinglass Parish Office.

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

are looking forward to putting on their Christmas play 'Lights, Camel, Action!' in Bigstone Community hall on Tuesday 9th December at 7 pm. There will be calendars for sale that the students have produced themselves and a raffle on the night. We are also expecting a visit from Santa himself! Everyone is welcome to come join us for a wonderful evening of music and song!



**EVERY MONDAY IN
FATIMA HALL 8PM**

50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT - DECEMBER

This year marks the **50th anniversary of the establishment of the CPSMA**. To honour this milestone, a **special Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated in **Portlaoise Parish Church on Monday, December 8th at 7:30pm.**

We warmly invite **all who are currently serving, and all who have served, on Boards of Management** in our Catholic primary schools across the diocese to join us for this celebration. Together, we will give thanks for the generosity, dedication, and quiet service that have supported our school communities for five decades. All are most welcome



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

As we approach Christmas, our December **Coffee Mornings** will be held in Bia Blasta on Fridays at 11am.

Our **Christmas Dinner for Seniors** in the local community and **Active Retired Members** is scheduled for Thursday 4th December at 1pm in Germaines. Musical entertainment will be provided. Tickets are €27 and available from Mary on 087 299 9571.

As there will not be any meeting in December, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very enjoyable and peaceful Christmas. Hoping to see you all at end of January.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN YOUR SCHOOL

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary schools will determine what schools will divest. As this survey is school specific and it relates directly to your school, this is an opportunity for all members of the school communities to 'have their say' and help shape the direction of your school for the next generation. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voices heard. It is equally important that those who are already satisfied with the current patronage model and who wish for a Catholic Education for their children, including sacramental preparation within school, would have their voices heard also. For these reasons, and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, you are invited to participate in this survey if you are a parent, guardian or a prospective parent of a primary school student. Decisions on what schools will retain or lose their Catholic patronage will be influenced by the expressed opinions of those who participate in this survey. Therefore, your opinion and the values you hold dear are important, and your voice needs to be heard about your local school. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. The closing date is 16th December 2025. The survey may be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschools/survey
Bishop Denis Nulty

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Will hold their Annual Collection at all Masses on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December. All proceeds raised go to assist those in need in the area. Any support would be gratefully appreciated.



SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

NOVEMBER:		30
DECEMBER	07/21	14/28