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MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory
Mon. - 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.



ALTAR SERVERS

If you would like to be an Altar
Server please contact the
Parish Office

NEWSLETTER

Articles for the Newsletter must be
received by 12 noon on Thursdays.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

John (Sean) Kinsella, Tankardstown
Pat Rogers, Edward Street
Lorcan Cogan, Kilmurry, Baltinglass
John O'Neill, Rathvilly
Kitty Patterson, Oldcounty Road
Dermot O'Neill & Seanie O'Neill,
Netown, Baltinglass
Margaret Nolan, Bownogues,
Baltinglass
Frank & Nan Glinn, Millstreet
Patsy & Bridget Fennel, Clough
James Nolan Rathoe & Decease
Members of the Nolan Family
Mary Hanlon, Broadstown & her Daughter
Mary Hanlon, Broadstown & San Francisco
Jack & Ciss Kelly, Carrigeen
Mary Farrell, Rathmoon

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

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.

Advent Penitential Service:

St. Joseph's Church Baltinglass on
Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm.



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

7th DECEMBER 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and focus on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. What has your journey toward Christmas been like so far?

Advent wreath, which holds four/five candles is very symbolic for us. The first advent candle ("The Prophet's Candle") we lit last week is purple and represents **hope**. The second advent candle ("The Bethlehem Candle") which was lit today is also purple and represents **peace**. The lighting of each candle, symbolizes the increasing light of Christ coming into the world.

Peace is a central theme of the Advent season but the main focus of (today) the second week of Advent. One of the prophecies about Jesus calls him "the Prince of Peace. We believe his coming, birth brings peace into the whole world.

Jesus is the light of the world...and he calls us to bring his light to the world. During Advent, the coldest and darkest time of the year, we use a special Advent wreath with four candles to represent the light of Jesus in our hearts and homes. As Francis of Assisi said, "*All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.*"

So, as we prepare the way for the birth of our Lord, let us prepare our hearts too that they may become source of light and peace to the world.



Mass for the Solemnity of

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Vigil Mass: St. Joseph's Baltinglass on Sunday 7th December at 7.30pm.
Solemnity Mass: St. Joseph's Baltinglass on Monday 8th December at 11am.

FAMILY MASS

This Sunday 7th December—
Grangecon 9.30am
14th December— Stratford 9.30am
& Baltinglass 11am

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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

SICK CALLS

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €670
Development: €1540.
Many thanks to all who contributed.

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SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

DECEMBER: 07/21 14/28

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

12, 16, 20, 25

No Jackpot Winner

9 Match 3 Winners - €25 each

Billy Mangan, Mary Lennon,
Mick Moore, Fabian Dunne,
Colin Byrne, Michelle Butler,
Pauline Faulkner, Frances H O'Neill,
James Moore

Seller's Prize: Maurice Mangan

This week's Jackpot: €20,000.

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

Nicki O'Neill, Keran Mangan,
Audrey Grace, Nicola Barrett

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

01, 02, 13, 15

No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3 Winner - €45 each

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**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

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!

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

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/primaryschoolssurvey
Bishop Denis Nulty

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

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

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.



Irish Conversation

Group meets every Tuesday in Tach Bríd, Tullow at 11am