WE REMEMBER - ANNIVERSARIES 20TH & 21ST DECEMBER - BALTINGLASS

Patrick & Elizabeth Donegan, Mountneill, & deceased members of the Donegan Family Everett Lord, Bawnogues Michael & Margaret Germaine & deceased

members of the Germaine Family, Bessina Kevin Kennedy, Chapel Hill & his Son Kieran

& his daughter Aileen Kitty & Tom Burke, Weaver Square Pierce & Annie O'Neill, 49 Parkmore Patrick & Mary O'Neill, 47 Parkmore Marie Ryan, Crumlin Jimmy & Maisie Nolan May, Tom, Pat Nolan, Tuckmill Upper

John O'Kane, Edward Street Donal McDonnell, Woodfield Patrick & Roseanne, Woodfield

Marie Cooke (nee McDonnell), Woodfield Jack & Nan Nolan & Molly Murphy, Tinoran

Roisín Murphy, Sruthán.

WE REMEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE - 9PM BALTINGLASS MONTHS MIND

Kevin Fluskey, Ballinacrow

ANNIVERSARIES Brian & Cora Brennan, Mill Street Deceased Members of the Byrne Family, Chapel Hill & Mark Dalton Richard & Emma O'Neill & deceased members of the O'Neill & Hoxey Families Jim & Nina McEntee, Bawnogues Michael & Mary Nolan, Bawnogues Billy Wallshe, Woodfield Mary & Martin Burke, Rathmoon Mary, Edward & Rose Connors, Shroughaun Pat Burke, Belan Street & Stradbally Patsy & Ina Burke, Belan Street James Gahan, Carrigeen Hill Michael & Eddie O'Toole, Tankardstown Billy O'Toole, Main Street Willie Swaine, Hughestown John & Mary Connolly & their Son John & Granddaughter Margaret, Carrigeen Johnny, Sheila, Patrick, Brigid, Ciss, Myles,

Julia, Jim, William & all deceased members of the Farrell Family, Yellow Ford Rose, James, Seán, Michael & Therese

Doherty, Carrigeen & deceased members of the Doherty Family

John & Kathleen Toner, Letterkenny Bill & Margaret Whelan & Brigid Byrne,

Winetavern

Ann Hogan, Lisdoonvarna Billy Whelan, Liverpool Esther Kennedy, Kilkenny Michael O'Neill, The Wood & Glencannon

GRANGECON: 8PM

James & Sheila Norton, Breda Clancy & recently deceased John Norton

CHRISTMAS DAY-BALTINGLASS 11AM

Jim & Lizzie Nolan, The Wood Tess Gormley, Phil Mahon, Liz McHugh & Maureen Molloy, The Wood

Dick, Bill & Jim Nolan, The Wood Ger & Ann O'Reilly, Kildangan Pam Nolan, The Wood

Terry & Ann, Alison & the Cranny Family, Stratford Ann Conlon, Inchicore

Lorcan Cogan, Kilmurry & deceased members of the Cogan Family

John & Brigid Hunt, Belan Street

Laurence & Sheila Murphy, Randalstown

Richard & Julia Dalton & their daughter Margaret, Woodfield

Danny Doyle, Baltinglass

The deceased members of the Lally Family, Main Street

John Furlong, Woodfield & London

STRATFORD: 9.30AM

Dick, Anna & Thomas Whittle, Rathbran All deceased members of the Brady Family, Stratford Jack Barrett, Winetavern Jimmy Moore, & Mary Moore, Randalstown & James Moore, Manger & deceased members of the Moore & Barrett Family Michael Moore, Stratford



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

21ST DECEMBER 2025

Christmas in Baltinglass Parish Dates and Times

Confessions:

Following 10am Morning Mass on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th **December,** a Priest will be available in the Parish Centre.

Masses

Christmas Eve 24th December

10am: St. Paul's Oratory Baltinglass. Children's Christmas Mass 6pm in St. Joseph's Church Baltinglass

8pm: St. Oliver Plunkett's Church Grangecon

9pm: St. Joseph's Church Baltinglass

Christmas Day 25th December

9.30am: St. Mary's Church Stratford 11am: St. Joseph's Church Baltinglass

St. Stephen's Day 26th December

11am: St. Joseph's Church Baltinglass

The collection taken on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day go for the support of the priests in the Parish. (More details inside)



HOSPITALITY MORNING

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



SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

DECEMBER: 21

28

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 7TH & 8TH DECEMBER

Offertory: €705. Development: €1300. Many thanks to all who contributed.

INVITATION TO MASS FOR THE CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

Dioceses across the world will mark the closing of the Jubilee Year on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 28. This day coincides with the closing of Holy Doors in the Roman Basilicas of Saint Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. The Jubilee Year will officially conclude with the closing of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome by Pope Leo on January 6.

Bishop Denis invites all parishioners across the diocese to join him in giving thanks for the graces of the Jubilee Year in the celebration of the Mass, in the Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow, at 10:30 am Mass. Music will be led by the Cathedral Choir .

On behalf of <u>Irish Dogs for the Disabled</u> I would like to thank everyone who supported the session in Horans on Friday 12th December. Thanks to all the musicians & singers who provided the nights entertainment. Thanks to Billy & Jason for the use of Venue & the Food & to Richard Willoughby who provided the sound system and was MC on the night. Thanks to all who donated prizes and supported the fundraiser. A total of €815 was raised.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers 21, 24, 27, 30 No Jackpot Winner



No Match 3 Winners
This week's Jackpot: €20,000.
Christmas Prizes:

Shane & Denise, Laura Bollard, Catherine Nolan, Sarah Fennelly. Sellers Prize: Dymphna Hanley

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers 03, 22. 27, 34



No Jackpot Winner
Match 3 Winners - Share €
This week's Jackpot: €20,000.

Christmas Voucher Winners

Gemma Leavear, Betty Burke, Hughie Fleming Jnr, Mary Patterson, Anne Leigh, Eamonn O'Keeffe

NEW COURSES STARTING JANUARY 2026 BALTINGLASS FETC

Digilit, Art, Climate Justice, Manage Your Finances.

Call in to see us. For further details Email abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie or phone 086 846 2771 to secure your place today!

TAI CHI CLASSES

In Baltinglass Parish Centre

Monday 12th January 7.30pm - 9pm.

Wednesday 14 January

In Stratford Grangecon GAA Clubhouse 11am- 12.30pm. Please phone 086 895 7095 for details.

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

CHRISTMAS WEEK AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

from the 26th December 2025 to the 9th January 2026

26th December - St. Stephen's Day: St. Joseph's Baltinglass 11.00am

27th, 28th December - Weekend Masses

29th, 30th, 31st, December – St. Paul's Oratory 10.00am

1st January – Mary, The Holy Mother of God: St. Joseph's Baltinglass 11.00am

2nd January – St. Paul's Oratory 10.00am

3rd & 4th January - Weekend

5th January – St. Paul's Oratory 10.00am & Vigil for The Epiphany of the Lord: St. Joseph's Baltinglass 6.00pm

6th January – The Epiphany of the Lord: St. Joseph's Baltinglass 11.00am

7th January to 9th January – St. Paul's Oratory 10.00am

Gentle Reminder!

As you are aware, no parish funds are used for the upkeep of the priests of the parish. The priests solely depend on the offerings given by the people of the parish. These offerings include four envelopes in the Yearly Box Set and the collection for Easter and Christmas. This all goes into the clergy fund and goes towards the running costs of the parish house, transport as well as a small monthly allowance to each priest for personal needs. We are always grateful for what we receive. We are very grateful to our neighbouring parish Rathvilly/Kiltegan who make a generous contribution for the upkeep of one of the priests. Unfortunately, this year the contributions made did not meet the needs of the priests, so we are also very grateful to the Diocese who helped. We would like to give this gentle reminder to all, when you are making your offering to the Christmas collection. **Thank You.**