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Bishop Denis' Theme for Confirmations 2026

"Each of us is the result of a thought of God; each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

— Pope Benedict XVI

The theme Loved · Necessary · Chosen affirms the deepest truth of Christian identity. In a world where children face anxiety, comparison, and uncertainty, the Church proclaims a message of hope:

- Loved — each child is personally and unconditionally loved by God.
- Necessary — every life has purpose and value.
- Chosen — each of us is called and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.



These are the themes we are following at our three Tuesday nights meetings with our Confirmation Candidates and their parents at St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass.

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Margaret Doyle, Manger, Stratford on Slaney

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Christopher Foley, Belan Street
 Margaret Foley & her son Michael, Carrigeen
 Mary Kelleher (née Doyle), Ballliver & Irongrange
 James Murray, Main Street
 Seamus Behan, Lifford, Co Donegal



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Monday 2nd:	Paddy Ryan
Tuesday 3rd:	Donor's Intentions
Wednesday 4th:	Donors Intentions
Thursday 5th:	Donors Intentions
Friday 6th:	Donors Intentions

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

1ST MARCH 2026

BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT

REFLECTION PROGRAMME FOR LENT 2026



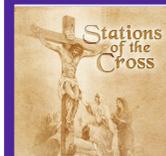
Some suggestions for the week

- † Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God
- † Find out how you can help a local charity
- † Pray the Stations of the Cross (Joins us every Friday at 6pm St. Paul's Oratory)
- † Cut down on screen time and pay attention to the people around you
- † Check that you have a copy of a Catholic edition of the bible in your home and take some time to read it



Gospel Link: Baptised and Sent by the Spirit

In the Transfiguration we see the three disciples with Jesus on a high mountain – often a place in scripture where God makes a special revelation to people. Here they have a moment of real encounter and insight into the reality of who Jesus is. And as Jesus is transformed, they too are transformed. This Gospel reading comes to us near the beginning of Lent. It puts Jesus and our personal encounter with him, at the centre of the Lenten journey. To know Jesus is to know the joy of our faith. Lent is our opportunity to experience the joy of discovering again who Jesus is, to listen to him, to follow him, to be transformed by him. (Julie Kavanagh)
 (For deeper connection with the Gospel come join us on Friday Morning 10.45 St. Paul's Oratory)



Every Friday for Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6pm

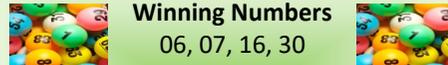
St. Paul's Oratory Baltinglass Parish Centre.

COME AND JOIN US



MASSES
St. Paul's Oratory
Mon. - Fri. 10am
St. Joseph's Church
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
Available on Webcam

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
 06, 07, 16, 30
No Jackpot Winner
3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each
 Leeann Kirwan, Kellyann & Abbie,
 Fiona Phelan
Sellers Prize: The Glen Shop
This week's Jackpot: €20,000.



In preparation for the celebration of Confirmation, the Parents and Confirmation Candidates from all schools will meet together in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass. The meetings will continue over the next few weeks: Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm, and Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm. These meetings are an important part of preparing for Confirmation and will include guidance for both parents and candidates.



Ministers for the 7th & 8th March

SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Seán Horan
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Hayes
 Mary Patterson

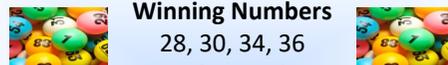
SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: John Paul Kenny
Eucharistic Ministers: Bernie Kilcoyne
 Luke Doogue

STRATFORD: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Noreen Keogh
Eucharistic Minister: Liam Brady

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
 28, 30, 34, 36
No Jackpot Winner
No Match 3 Winners
Next week's Jackpot: €30,000.
 To celebrate the week of our Lip Sync next week's Lotto Jackpot will be **a huge €30,000.**
 Please spread the word.



MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2026

Wednesday 26th August to 2nd September
 Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €895
 Spiritual Director: Fr. Ger Ahern. For more info contact:
 Parish Office 059 6481254 [or 087 629 8881 or 059 9151277]
€50 discount if deposit paid before 31st January

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"I Will Give You Rest: Come"

This year's World Day of Prayer Service is prepared by the WDP Nigeria.

The World day of Prayer will be held in St. Paul's Oratory on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm. Please come along and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served following the Service.

THIS SUNDAY IN BALTINGLASS

We extend a special welcome to our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) candidates, Esther, Oana and Alex who undergo their enrolment ceremony in this Sunday's Mass.

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

At our AGM on 25th February, 7 Officers and 7 Committee Members were elected.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th March will be celebrated at 7.30pm in the Parish Oratory.

A TWO HOUR CPR COURSE is scheduled for last week of March. Further details next week.

Our members are taking part in the **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** again this year. Details to follow.

VISIT TO CROKE PARK: is on Monday 13th April. Fee €23. Transport cost and departure time to be confirmed.

YOGA CLASSES: are due to start after Easter.

Arrangements are being made for an **AFTER-NOON TEA** visit in April, and **BEALTAINE TEA DANCE** in May.

OUR HOLIDAY BREAK: the Connemara Coast Hotel for 4 nights - 25th to 29th May. €550 per person sharing. Single Supplement €35per night. Non-refundable deposit €100 will be collected either at the **Coffee Mornings** in Golf Club in March, or on 25th March at our **next monthly meeting** at 3pm in Germaines

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY FREE EVENTS

Wednesday 3 March: **Mindfulness Session with Fidelma Farley** 11am - 12.noon.
 All Welcome No Booking Required. No Fee.

A COURSE OF DANCING

at Bigstone Community Centre eircode - R93 KP89, Wednesday nights, 7.30pm - 9pm. €10 per class. Classes run for 4 weeks commencing Wednesday 4th March. Come along and learn to Jive, Waltz, Quickstep, Foxtrot and Fun Line Dances. Getting Fit, having Fun and Meeting New People. Phone Noleen: 086 869 0332.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our First Holy Communion children who celebrated their first confession in the past week.

FISH ON FRIDAYS

A short video series from the Diocese exploring baptism. Videos will be released each Friday of Lent. See Kandle Facebook and X accounts to view this exciting new resource and look out for other Lenten posts on Mondays and Wednesdays on Facebook and X.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 21ST & 22ND FEB.

Offertory: €725. **Dev.** €1,525.
Many thanks to all who contributed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

to help steward the St Patrick's Day Parade in Baltinglass! Help us keep the celebration safe and enjoyable for everyone. This is an opportunity for people to get involved in their community and meet new people. Pre-parade Volunteers meeting on Thursday 12th March, 7pm Germaine's. Contact: 086-8567648 or e-mail baltinglassstpatricksparade@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER

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

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon. Wed & Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm

SUNDAY MASSES 2026

	STRATFORD	GRANGECON
March:	08/22	01/15/29
April:	05/19	12/26
May	03/17/31	10/24