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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

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon. Wed & Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Jack & Lil Germaine, Graney
Bridget Salmon, Lowtown
Mary Nolan, Lowtown
Peter Nolan, Blessington
Bridie Dwyer, Gibraltar
Pat Coffey, Carrigeen House and all deceased
members of the family
Maura Whelan, Ridgeway, Knockananna
Marita Kavanagh, Graigue & Bawnogues
Kathy Collins (née Moran), Tinoran & UK
Seán Bookle, Irongrange & deceased mem-
bers of the Bookle Family
Richard & Elizabeth Barrett, Ballinatone
John Byrne, Shroughaun & his Son William
Imelda Whelan, Oldtown, Tinoran
Mary Ann Clynch, Kilalesh
Elizabeth Fleming, Shroughaun
Seán Heenan, Borrisokane
Anthony Kearney, Tuckmill
STRATFORD : SUNDAY 9.30AM.
Joseph Burke, Stratford

Rest in
Peace

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

ST. PAUL'S ORATORY 10AM

Monday 9th Feb: Breda Lennon
Tuesday 10th: Donor's Intentions

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

8TH FEBRUARY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, we continue listening to the words of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus tells us, "You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world." In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that our light shines brightest when we share what we have with those in need. When we do this, our wounds will be healed, our honesty will lead us, God will be with us, and He will hear our prayers. As we gather this Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist, let us bring this light into our lives, our homes, and our community. By doing so, we give glory to God.

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking takes place on 8 February. This day is also the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was once a victim of human trafficking and is now a symbol of hope and strength for those affected by this crime.

Did you Know? A Report by the U.S. Department of State evaluating countries' efforts to combat human trafficking under U.S. law. Countries are ranked in four tiers—Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 2 Watchlist, and Tier 3—based on their actions in prevention, protection, prosecution, and partnerships.

Ireland's Position - In the 2025 TIP Report, Ireland remains at **Tier 2**, indicating it has not fully met minimum anti-trafficking standards but is making progress. The government has increased investigations, convictions, victim support, and awareness, as well as introduced new laws for victim referral and job changes for foreign workers. However, Ireland still lacks convictions for labour trafficking under its main law, the new referral system is not yet implemented, support for victims needs improvement, and no compensation has been awarded. While advances have been made, key challenges remain.

World Day of the Sick – Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

For the 34th World Day of the Sick, celebrated on 11 February 2026, Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme: **"The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain"**. This theme draws inspiration from the Gospel story of the Samaritan, who showed love and mercy by caring for a man who had suffered at the hands of thieves.

The focus this year is on the Samaritan's example of neighbourly love, emphasising that true love is expressed through tangible acts of closeness and care. Entering the suffering of others—especially those who are ill, experiencing poverty, isolation, or loneliness—demonstrates compassion as a lived reality. These gestures embody the call to be present and supportive to those who are most vulnerable.

Established by St. John Paul II in 1992, the World Day of the Sick is a special occasion for prayer, spiritual closeness, and reflection. This day challenges all of us to deepen our commitment to caring for our brothers and sisters, acknowledging their dignity and value through compassionate presence.

On Wednesday next at the 10am Mass in St. Paul's Oratory the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered to all.

FAMILY MASS

Next Sunday 15th February
in Grangecon at 9.30am
&
Sunday 22nd February
Stratford 9.30am & Baltinglass 11am

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Ministers for the 14th & 15th February



SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Mary Hayes
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Patterson
Michael Lennon

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Elaine Byrne
Eucharistic Ministers: Soley Augustine
Maureen Plant

GRANGECON: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Ann Whelan
Eucharistic Minister: Mick Kehoe

SICK CALLS

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

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donation etc. www.baltinglassparish.ie

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

05, 11, 20, 24



No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 Winners - €40 each
Sharon Heap, Michelle Keogh,
Juainta Nolan, Brigid Barrett,
Sarah Ashton

Sellers Prize: Tracy Norton

This week's Jackpot: €20,000.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

19, 23, 34, 36



No Jackpot Winner

No Match 3 Winner

This week's Jackpot: €20,000.

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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



TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN

AGM is on Tuesday 17th February at 11am in
the Garden Cabin. All are welcome.

We would especially welcome new volun-
teers who would like to help guide us
through our next chapter. If you are interest-
ed, please call in or pm on the garden
facebook page.

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.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 31ST JAN. & 1ST FEB.

Offertory: €665.

Dev. €1,325.

Many thanks to all who contributed.



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

BINGO



**EVERY MONDAY IN
FATIMA HALL 8PM**

CLEANER AVAILABLE

Mornings only. Phone Kate on
086 867 1926.

COTTAGE TO LET

2 Bedroom Cottage at Killalesh, Kiltegan.
Contact: 087 270 1551.

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Eircode: R93 KP89

There is a Course of Dancing at Bigstone
Hall on Wednesday nights 7.30pm – 9pm.
€10 per class. Learn to Jive, Waltz, Quick-
step, Foxtrot and lots of Fun Line Dances.
Get fit while having fun and meeting new
people. Contact Noeleen on 086 869 0332.

SUNDAY MASSES 2026

STRATFORD GRANGECON

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

**Optimism is the faith that leads to
achievement. Nothing can be done
without hope and confidence.**

Helen Keller

LENTEN MORNING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

will be held in Teach Bhride, Tullow on
Saturday, February 21st, 2026--beginning at
10am, finishing with lunch at 1pm. Facilita-
tors: **Brigidine Sisters** - Teresa Phelan &
Teresa Carter. **RSVP** by calling 089 970 5761
or 083 392 8708 by **Thursday, February
19th**. The fee is €15.00.

LEARN TO MEDIATE DURING LENT

Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday
evenings from 7pm to 7:45pm in the Cath-
edral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow,
excluding bank holidays. Meditation, the
universal practice of silent contemplation,
can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual
sensitivity and promote our wellbeing.
**During each Monday of Lent there will be
an introduction to meditation for begin-
ners.** All are welcome - no experience need-
ed. No need to book. Just turn up on any
Monday evening!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

CONFIRMATION

Sunday 19th April
St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass
Baltinglass /Bigstone 12.30pm.
Stratford /Grangecon 2.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Stratford: Saturday 16th May
Baltinglass/Bigstone: Saturday 23rd May