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### WE REMEMBER

#### MONTHS MIND

Julia O'Neill, Newtown

#### ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Cathernine Heffernan, Eadestown

Felix Heffernan, Eadestown (1st)

Maureen Byrne, Hacketstown & Tinoran

John Groves, Parkmore

Christina Lennon, Parkmore

Ann, Jim & Gay Halloran, Tinoran

Rita Keogh, Clough

Thomas Duffy, Parkmore

Norah Murray, Broadstown & Rathtoole

Tommy Malone, Parkmore

Una Timmins, Weaver Square & deceased members of the Timmins Family

Agnes Nolan, Parkmore

John & Christina Staunton

Pat Sinnott, 1 Parkmore

Jack Gorman, Clough

Eileen Donegan, Holdenstown

Moira Hargden (née Quinn)

Jimmy Nolan, The Wood

Dermot O'Neill, Shroughaun

Elizabeth (Lil) Kinsella, Rampere

Patrick Walsh, Mill Street

Seán Doyle, Graney

Matt & Phyllis Farrell, Tankardstown & deceased members of the Farrell Family

Kathleen & Patrick Ryan & deceased members of the Ryan Family

### Baltinglass continued:

Eileen Lynch, "St. Anne's", Bawnogues

Ann Kehoe, Newtownsaunders

Eileen Cramer (née Phelan), Rathmoon

#### GRANGECON: SUNDAY 9.30AM

Claire O'Toole Bourke, Grangecon

Ciara Hosey, Bessina

Mary Nolan, Lowtown

Bridget Salmon, Lowtown

Dolores Colgan, Lucan & Castleknock

Margaret Nolan, Grangecon



#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

##### 10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

**Monday 16th:** Donor's Intentions

**Tuesday 17th:** Donor's Intentions

**Wednesday 18th:** Jim King

**Thursday 19th:** Donor's Intentions

**Friday 20th:** Donor's Intentions

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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**

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

15TH FEBRUARY 2026

## BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT

REFLECTION PROGRAMME FOR LENT 2026



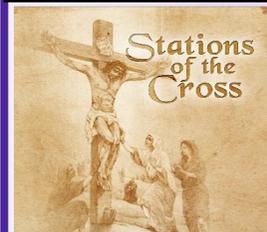
### Journeying Together Through Lent

This Lent, we invite you to become part of a parish group as we join with other communities across Ireland in a shared journey of reflection and spiritual growth. Drawing inspiration from *Baptised and Sent* —the preparatory document for the 2025 Assembly in Kilkenny—our programme is rooted in the conviction that baptism is the foundation of our identity, dignity, and mission as Christians.

### Weekly Gatherings and Structure

Over the first five weeks of Lent, we will meet for 45 minutes each week, following a simple structure focused on prayer, Gospel reflection, and meaningful conversation. Each session will explore key insights from *Baptised and Sent*, with weekly themes such as belonging, healing, renewal, and mission. These themes are drawn from the document's call to view baptism as "the entry point to a life of faith, a gateway to mission, and the root and foundation on which to build a Christian life." Baptism is presented as a unifying paradigm for renewing the Church in Ireland.

**COME AND JOIN US ON FRIDAY MORNINGS  
AT 10.45AM (following the Rosary after Mass)  
IN ST. PAUL'S ORATORY, BALTINGLASS**



Every Friday for Lent

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 6pm

St. Paul's Oratory Baltinglass Parish Centre.

COME AND JOIN US

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

14, 15, 17, 18

No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3 Winners - €100 each

Emma Furlong, Ronan Moore

Sellers Prize: Centra

This week's Jackpot: €20,000.



### BALINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

08, 16, 23, 34

No Jackpot Winner

4 Match 3 Winners

Brendan O'Neill, Ciara & Eoin O'Neill,

Lorraine Keogh & Hazel Waters

This week's Jackpot: €20,000.



### TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN AGM

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

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

### CLEANER AVAILABLE

Mornings only. Phone Kate on 086 867 1926.

### TAI CHI CLASSES

Mondays, 7.30pm -9pm in Baltinglass Parish Centre. Starting 2nd March. €75 for 5 weeks. Ph. Deirdre to book on 086 8957095.

### TABLE QUIZ IN AID OF ST. PATRICK'S & ST. MARY'S CHURCHES, RATHVILLY

takes place in The Harp Lounge, Rathvilly on Friday 20th February at 8pm. Team of 4 €40.

### Ministers for the 21st & 22nd February



#### SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Rosemarie Seitz

Eucharistic Ministers: Rena O'Toole  
Matt O'Brien

#### SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Janet Gorman

Eucharistic Ministers: John Paul Kenny  
Seán Connolly

#### STRATFORD 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Carmel Doyle

Eucharistic Minister: Carmel Doyle



#### MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory

Mon. - Fri. 10am

St. Joseph's Church

Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am

Available on Webcam  
& Radio 100.2fm

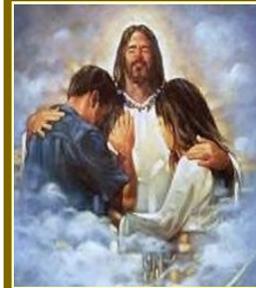
### BIGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE TRACTOR RUN

takes place on Sunday 22nd February from Bigstone Community Centre R93 KP89. Registration will commence at 12 noon. All are very welcome to come along and enjoy this Community Day - a chance to meet up and have a cuppa. There is face painting for younger children. The run will finish at O'Neills Castledermot where the Raffle and Drivers. Prize will take place.

### BALINGLASS MEN'S SHED

Door is open to new members to come along and have a cuppa and a chat with like minded men in the local community. It is a community based group where local men gather to share skills, build friendships and engage in various activities promoting mental well-being and social connections. Our Mens Shed opens Mon/Wed/Fri mornings 9am - 1. Please drop in. We are beside the Parish Centre. Phone John 087 6705 551 .

Ashes will be blessed and distributed on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at the 10am Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass and at the 7.30pm Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass.



Family Mass next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 (Frist Sunday of Lent) 11am in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass.

First Confession will take place in St. Joseph's Church Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for the First Holy Communion Children of Scoil Naomh Iosaf and SN na Cloiche Móire.

First Confession will take place in St. Mary's Church Stratford on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for the Frist Holy Communion Children of Scoil Náisiúnta Mhuire and Our Lady of Fatima school .



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 take place over the next three weeks: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm, and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. These meetings are an important part of preparing for Confirmation and will include guidance for both parents and candidates.

### LENTEN MORNING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

will be held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow on Saturday, February 21st, 2026--beginning at 10am, finishing with lunch at 1pm. Facilitators: **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.

### SICK CALLS

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

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 7TH & 8TH FEB.

Offertory: €675. Dev. €1,790.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

IN St. Paul's Oratory on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm. Please come along and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served after the Service. This year's World Day of Prayer Service is prepared by the WDP Nigeria.

### SUNDAY MASSES 2026

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