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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

Mary Nolan, Blessington
Billy O'Brien, Raheen
Anne McGrath, Carrigeen
Mick Duggan, Parkmore
John O'Connor, Parkmore
Madge & Hal Dunne, Shroughaun
Mick Lennon, Parkmore
Elizabeth McLoughlin, Edward Street
James Geraghty, Rathmines
Felix O'Neill, weaver Square
Joe Murray, Dunboyne, Co Meath



STRATFORD: 9.30AM (Sun)

Elizabeth & William Byrne, Ballyhook
Christina Loughlin, Ballinacrow

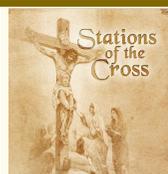
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Monday 9th: Donor's Intentions
Tuesday 10th: Donor's Intentions
Wednesday 11th: Ann Cole
Thursday 12th: Donors Intentions
Friday 13th: Catherine Feeny

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 21ST & 22ND FEB.

Offertory: €595. Dev. €1,350.
Many thanks to all who contributed.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent at
6pm in St. Paul's Oratory,
Baltinglass Parish Centre.
COME AND JOIN US.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

8TH MARCH 2026

Some suggestions for the week

† Get some Holy water for your home and use it as you come and go to bless yourself and your children.

† Share with the hungry and set aside some of your weekly shop for a food bank or donate the cost.

† Do a Friday penance (Joins us every Friday at 6pm St. Paul's Oratory)

† Be a happy presence in your home.

† Find ways to conserve and reduce your use of water in the home. See water.ie/conserve

Gospel Link: Baptised and Sent by the Spirit

This much-loved Gospel is a pivotal reminder as we make our Lenten journey that Jesus is the source of our life. It is the first of three Gospels for John we listen to in Lent that draw on central symbols in baptism – in this instance the symbol of water.

In the encounter between Jesus and the woman we see God's mercy in action. The woman is an outsider, left to draw water at the hottest part of the day, alone. Jesus actively reaches out to her, ignoring the social norms of the time that would keep her in isolation. And in doing so the woman comes to know Jesus as the source of our life, as the living water that dwells within us, as our saviour. Not only that, but she also becomes a messenger of that Good News. In Jesus, all belong and all our renewed.

As we welcome this reading into our hearts this Lent, may we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ who reached out to the marginalised and to those who felt on the outside, who shattered the narrow definitions of 'who belongs'. May we recognise, that, in Christ, we belong. May we welcome Jesus into the very circumstances of our life to heal us and bless us. May we recognise Jesus as our saviour who brings us to eternal life. And may we bring this good news to others without borders – recognising also when others are bringing it to us. (Julie Kavanagh)

**For deeper connection with the Gospel come join us on
Friday Morning at 10.45 in St. Paul's Oratory.**





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** 
 03, 06, 10, 15
No Jackpot Winner
3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each
 Mary Bollard, Tina Barrett, Breda Dowling
Sellers Prize: Centra
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 meeting is on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm. This meeting is an important part of preparing for Confirmation and will include guidance for both parents and candidates.



Ministers for the 14th & 15th March

SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Jane Keogh
Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Lennon
 Rena O'Toole

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Orlaith Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret O'Reilly
 John Connolly

GRANGECON: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Kieran Hosey
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Carroll

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

 **Winning Numbers** 
 08, 22, 25, 28
No Jackpot Winner
3 Match 3 Winners
 Karen Lennon, Aoife Salmon &
 Lorcan Lennon Snr
Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.
Thanks to everyone who supported our Lip Sync fundraiser last Saturday.

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

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th April, arrival from 4pm, evening meal at 6pm, departing Sunday morning after Mass and Breakfast. The Easter Triduum forms the heart of the liturgical year and we invite you to join as we pause to reflect and celebrate a moment in time on your unique journey. For enquiries contact Michéle Sinnott, slianchroi@spms.ie or Phone: 089 469 0508. Cost €390 per person.



DAFFODIL DAY IN AID OF THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

Will be held in Baltinglass and surrounding areas on Friday 20th March from 8am. Merchandise will be on sale at different locations in the town. Anyone wishing to help are welcome. Please come to the main stall at McAlister Monument or leave your name and number in Pattersons Butchers. Donations of fresh Daffodils would be very much appreciated. You can leave them at the Main Street or in Pattersons on Thursday the 19th March. **Emma Hayden. Area Organizer for the Irish Cancer Society.**

BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

are excited to announce that our Big Spring Clean is happening on Saturday March 14th. We will meet at Weaver Sq, 10am on Sat March 8th. If you can't join us at that time, feel free to get out with a bag and fill it up anytime you're free. We would love to see estates getting involved and this year we will be awarding a prize for the tidiest estate. We hope to see lots of people out helping to keep our parish clean.

Last weekend we had the joy of witnessing three adults who are preparing to join the Catholic Church. We may well be asking what RCIA is – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Life is a journey where we are always looking for meaning. We all want relationships that help us grow and allow us to love and be loved. Sometimes, as we try to meet these needs, we realise that something important is missing from our lives. When we think about this gap, we often find that what we are missing is God. This realisation can lead us to change our lives, to build a relationship with God, and to look for a faith community to support us on our spiritual journey. In Baltinglass, you will be warmly welcomed by a group of people willing to walk with you as you search for meaning and fulfilment.



As St. Augustine said: 'Our hearts are made for you, O God, and will not rest until they rest in you.'

The RCIA, or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process that helps adults who are not baptised to become members of the Catholic Church. It is also for people baptised in another Christian tradition who want to become Catholic, or for Catholics who were never confirmed. The RCIA involves learning about the faith, prayer, and taking part in special ceremonies during Mass.

Those taking part in RCIA are called catechumens. They learn about the Gospel, declare their faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. RCIA follows the old tradition of the Church and was brought back by the Second Vatican Council as the usual way for adults to prepare for baptism.

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]



SUNDAY MASSES 2026

	STRATFORD	GRANGECON
March:	08/22	15/29
April:	05/19	12/26
May	03/17/31	10/24
June	14/28	07/21/

SALE OF ST BRIGID'S CROSSES FUNDRAISER



in aid of Baltinglass Hospital Patients Comfort Fund. The total collected was €1,810.00. Grateful thanks to all who contributed and who helped collect rushes and sell Crosses in various locations.

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIRED

Members are invited to join us on 17th March at Scoil Conglais at 12md to take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our theme this year is "We are Going on a Summer Holiday", colourful, but warm clothing would be desirable.