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PARISH NEWSLETTER

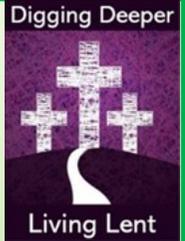
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A 15TH MARCH 2026

Mother's Day Blessing

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each Mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter And joy. Surround them with love from Family and friends. Grant them health, peace, And fulfilment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WEEK.

- † Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God.
- † Pray the Mysteries of Light or the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- † Be kind to your mother throughout the week! If she is in a heaven say a prayer for her.
- † Look out for someone who might need your help and offer it.
- † Visit the church, light a candle and say a prayer.



Gospel Link: Healing in Christ

This is the second of three Lenten gospels this year that draws on the symbol of baptism. In this Gospel we encounter the symbol of light, and we are invited to recognise that Jesus is the light of the world.

In the curing of the man born blind we see Jesus sending the man to the pool of Siloam to wash. He comes away from the pool with his sight restored. More importantly, among all the people, including religious leaders, he ultimately is the only one who sees Jesus for who he really is. In other words, his true healing goes deeper than restoration of physical sight.

On Ash Wednesday we were sent on a journey to renew our baptism at Easter. Along the way we can follow the example of the man in the gospel story. This Lent we can ask ourselves: Where in my life is there shadow/darkness/blindness? Where do I need healing or where do I need to bring God's healing? What does that consist of? Where, as a Church, is there shadow/darkness/blindness? Where do we, as a church, need healing and need to bring God's healing? Ultimately, what does that consist of? (Julie Kavanagh)

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

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

John Rogers, Irongrange & Edward Street

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Dr Patrick Lord, Baltinglass
 Maureen Molloy, Celbridge
 Georgie Phelan, Rathmoon
 Michael Connors, Parkmore
 Noel Sleator, Barronstown
 Denis Murray, Broadstown
 Anthony Leigh, Bawnogues
 Tom Murphy, Bawnogues
 Jim O'Brien, Carrigeen
 Peter Doyle, Tinoran
 Anthony Graham, Stratford
 Patrick Doyle, Graney
 Billy Fitzgerald & his Son Liam, Bawnogues
 Paul Rowe & his Parents John & Mary, Bawnogues
 Charlie Doyle, Parkmore
 Thomas & Brigid Alcock & deceased members of the Alcock Family
 Ned Swayne, Hughestown



GRANGECON: 9.30AM (Sun)

RECENT DEATH

Mairead Cronin, Grangecon & London

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maura Coleman, Knoxters Hill
 James & Bridget Byrne, The Rocks
 Margaret Cronin, Springfield
 Mary Harney, Colbinstown

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: (Tuesday 17th March)

BALTINGLASS:

Patrick Lennon, Parkmore
 Jim Murphy, Irongrange

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Monday 16th: Donor's Intentions
Tuesday 17th:
Wednesday 18th: John Kenny
Thursday 19th: Donors Intentions
Friday 20th: Donors Intentions

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS TIMES

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

Vigil Mass: Baltinglass - Monday 16th at 6p.m.
Baltinglass: Tuesday 17th at 11a.m.



FAMILY MASS

This Sunday in Grangecon at 9.30a.m.
&
Next Sunday the 22nd March in
Stratford at 9.30a.m. & Baltinglass at 11a.m.



Ministers for the 21st & 22nd March



SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Mary Jo Ovington
Eucharistic Ministers: Matt O'Brien
Theresa McDermot

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Alf Gillespie
Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Lord
Kieran Cogan

STRATFORD: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Elizabeth Thompson
Eucharistic Minister: Noreen Keogh

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WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 28TH FEB & 1ST MARCH

Offertory: €655. **Dev.** €1,510.
Many thanks to all who contributed.

SUNDAY MASSES 2026

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

NEWSLETTER

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

07, 09, 10, 28



No Jackpot Winner

7 Match 3 Winners - €30 each

Daun Moody Lawless, Ken Byrne,
Tina Bollard, Claudia Manley, Ned Byrne,

Dean Valentine, Kieran Kelly

Sellers Prize: The Glen Shop

This week's Jackpot: €20,000.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

08, 14, 28, 31



No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3 Winners - €150 each

Emma Doyle, Maureen Kearney

Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.



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.

CONGLAIS CRAFTERS

Meet every Tuesday morning in the Hub beside the Parish Centre from 11am to 1pm. We would love to see new members come and join us. Drop in any Tuesday morning.



**EVERY MONDAY IN
FATIMA HALL 8PM**

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Members taking part in **St. Patrick's Day Parade** are requested to assemble in Scoil Conglais Car Park at 12noon. Although our theme this year is "We are going on a Summer Holiday", colourful, but warm clothing would be advisable.

Our weekly activities continue:

Bridge: in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays from 10.30am - 12md.

Bowling: in Fatima Hall on Tuesdays at 3pm. New members are welcome to join in the fun.

The two-hour CPR Course scheduled for Monday 23rd March from 2pm- 4pm is fully booked. Fee €5.

Our visit to Croke Park: is booked for Monday 13th April. Costs: Tour €23 plus transport approximately €20.
Yoga Classes: will resume on Monday 20th April at 10.45am in the Parish Centre.

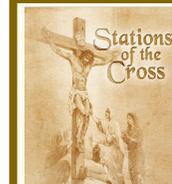
Our short Holiday Break in the Connemara Coast Hotel runs for 4 nights from 25th to 29th May. Cost is €550 per person sharing, Single Supplement €35per night. Some places still available - contact Mary on 087-299-9571. **Non-refundable deposit of €100** can be paid at the Coffee Mornings in March (Fridays at 11am) in the Golf Club. Alternatively, the deposit can be paid at our next monthly meeting in Germaines (25th March 3pm).

STARTING A COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS GROUP

For Baltinglass and surrounding areas. Any interest, please contact 087 77 08 267.

GREET THE DAWN AT WICKLOW GAP

On St Patrick's Day: Meet at Wicklow Gap Car-park at 5.45am to greet the dawn and pray. We will pray 100 Our Fathers together as the sun rises. This is happening all across the country! Be part of this wonderful event for a very memorable experience! All are welcome. For enquiries, please call Suzanne Cummins on 087 297 7794.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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]



MASSES

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

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.

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.

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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

