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MASSES

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST. PAUL'S ORATORY
WEDNESDAYS 7.30 - 8.30PM
Spend an hour in quiet
reflection before Jesus
present in the
Blessed Sacrament.

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.

ACCORD CARLOW

Just 20 minutes from Baltinglass, Accord Carlow has availability for their May and June Marriage Preparation Courses at St Catherine's Community Centre. Accord's Marriage Preparation course builds on your individual and couple strengths, and offers you practical techniques and psychological insights to enhance your relationship and to integrate these practices into the Sacramental vision of your married life together. Book online at Accord.ie

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Vera Cogan, Lathaleere

MONTHS MIND

John Rogers, Irongrange

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Johnny Shortt, Mill Street

Patrick Foley, Carrigeen

Catherine Fitzgerald, 47 Parkmore

Josie Kearney, Barronstown

William & Molly Whyte, Knockfield, Rathvilly

Willie Twyford, Rathmoon

Lily Rooney, Tinoran

Nuala O'Connell, Shroughaun

Larry & Betty Dowdall, Spynans

Kathleen & Thomas Hegarty, Parkmore

Paul Barrett, Shroughaun

Jim Hughes, 5 Parkmore

Kathleen Byrne, Main Street, Baltinglass

Joseph Germaine, Main Street

Peter Sutton, Baltinglass & Birmingham

Joe Doyle, Carrigeen

*Rest in
Peace*

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Monday 20th: Donor's Intentions

Tuesday 21st: Donor's Intentions

Wednesday 22nd: Donor's Intentions

Thursday 23rd: Donors Intentions

Friday 24th Donor's Intentions

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

19TH APRIL 2026

CONFIRMATIONS 2026

Heartfelt congratulations to the 72 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, 19th April, lovingly celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty. Today marks a significant milestone in their faith journey, with two beautiful ceremonies: the first at 12.30pm, honouring the 42 children from Scoil Naomh Iósaf, Baltinglass and 6 from Bigstone N.S. Ballyraggan; and the second at 2.30pm, celebrating 16 children from Scoil Náislúnta Mhuire, Stratford on Slaney, 6 from Grangecon N.S., and 2 from Stratford Lodge N.S.



May this day fill each child's heart with joy and grace, as they are blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them.

Wisdom – empowering them to see the world through God's loving eyes and to make choices that reflect His goodness. May their decisions always be aligned with His will.

Understanding – nurturing profound insight into spiritual truths and a deeper grasp of God's purpose for their lives. May they discover His plans in every step they take.

Counsel – granting the wisdom to offer and accept sound advice, and to discern the path that leads to light and hope. May they always choose what is right and true.

Fortitude (Courage) – instilling a steadfast spirit to stand strong in faith, face challenges bravely, and never lose hope.

Knowledge – guiding their minds to discern wisely in matters of faith and action, opening doors to lifelong learning.

Piety – fostering a deep reverence for God, inspiring devotion through prayer, worship, and kindness to others. May their lives radiate respect and compassion.

Fear of the Lord – filling them with awe and wonder for God, fostering humility and faithful obedience as they walk His path.

May these sacred gifts propel each child forward as they begin the adventure of life before them. Let us keep them and their families close in our prayers, wishing them every blessing for the journey ahead.



MINISTERS FOR THE 25TH & 26TH APRIL



SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Jane Keogh
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Hayes
Mary Patterson

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: John Paul Kenny
Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret O'Reilly
John Connolly

GRANGECON: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Anne Whelan
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Carroll

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.

SUNDAY MASSES 2026

<u>STRATFORD</u>	<u>GRANGECON</u>
April: 19	26
May 03/17/31	10/24
June 14/28	07/21

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 11TH & 12TH APRIL

Offertory: €875. **Dev.** €2005.
Many thanks to all who contributed.

NEWSLETTER

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

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office is **CLOSED** on **Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd April.**

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

06, 18, 19, 26



No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each
Breda Whelan, Laura Bollard,
Eamon McEvoy

Sellers Prize: Ann Marie Murphy

This week's Jackpot: €13,400.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

03, 08, 26, 33



No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €300.

Arnie McDonald

Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIRED

An outing for **Afternoon Tea** on Wednesday 22nd April in Lawlors Hotel **Naas** at 2.30pm. Cost €35. Car pooling suggested, or Local Link from Primary Health Care Centre at 11.30am, or at Mart Area.

We would like to invite Senior Citizens in the area to our **Bealtaine Afternoon Tea Dance** in Inis Fail, Germaines on 13th May at 3pm. This event, sponsored by **Creative Places, Baltinglass** will be hosted by the local Branch of Active Retired.

A trip to **Carlow Little Theatre** is on Thursday 14th May to see John B. Keane's Play, **Big Maggie** at 8pm. Car pooling. Tickets €21 may be purchased at our next meeting on Wednesday, 29th April at 3pm in Germaines.

Our 4 night **Holiday Break** in the Connemara Coast Hotel from Monday 25th to Friday 29th May is proving popular. Cost is €550 per person sharing, Single Supplement €35per night.

Our weekly activities continue: **Bridge** is played in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays from 10.30am – 12md. **Bowling** continues in Fatima Hall on Tuesdays at 3pm. New members always welcome.

ARE YOU WORKING IN A PRESCHOOL / CRECHE / AFTERSCHOOL OR A PARENT OF A CHILD ATTENDING ONE OF THESE SERVICES

HAVE YOUR SAY

As part of the National Conversation on Education the Department of Children, Disability and Equality in conjunction with Wicklow County Childcare Committee are holding a local consultation event in **Inis Fail Hotel, Germaines, Baltinglass on Monday 20th April at 7pm.**

The consultation process seeks views from parents, early years educators, school age childcare practitioners, childminders, providers and any other interested parties. This local consultation offers people in West Wicklow an opportunity to share what is working well and what needs to change, identify priorities for future investment and improvement, ensure the voices of parents, early years educators, school-age childcare practitioners, childminders, providers and communities shape national policy, contribute to an affordable, accessible, high quality early learning and care and school-age childcare system. Input gathered at local level will inform both Phase 2 of *Shaping the Future* - the Government's Early Years Action Plan- and the successor to *First 5*, Ireland's Whole of Government Strategy for Babies, Young Children and their Families.

To book a place please contact Wicklow County Childcare Committee on 0404 64455 or see wccc.ie



DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Please join us on Saturday 9th May at 4.15am for the annual Darkness into Light event in Baltinglass Park in aid of Pieta House for the prevention of suicide and self-harm. For Registration visit darknessintolight.ie

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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



BINGO



EVERY MONDAY IN FATIMA HALL 8PM

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to make a donation etc. www.baltinglassparish.ie

THE PARENT'S COUNCIL IN SCOIL CHONGLAIS

are holding their Golf Classic on 25th April 2026 in Baltinglass Golf Club.

Student teams will compete for the Michael Patterson Memorial Cup.

All monies raised will go directly towards the students in Scoil Chonglais. Lots of prizes to be won for GUI and Non GUI Members. It is one of the first Golf Classics this year so to enter a team or sponsor a tee box Contact Eoin on 086 3567988.

EPILEPSY IRELAND

would like to thank all who donated to their recent collection. The amount raised was €698.70. Your support is greatly appreciated.

DREAM AUCTION

The Parishes of Donoughmore & Donard with Dunlavin are holding a Dream Auction on Sunday, 19 April 2026 at 3pm in Donoughmore Hall (**Eircode W91 C971**). All proceeds go to Rectory Repairs. Lots will include a Stihl Chainsaw, Flymo Electric Lawnmower, large Garden Storage Unit, Shelving Units, Garden and Workshop Tools, Garden Hoses, Large Rug, Household Items and many miscellaneous lots. Viewing from 2pm - 3pm. Refreshments served.