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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

MONTHS MIND

Bridget McDermott, Dublin & Holdenstown

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Dick Nolan, The Wood
Eileen Long, Dublin
Ellen Humphries, Dunlavin
Mai Kennedy, Chapel Hill
Paula Dickerson Doody
Peter Doyle, Barronstown, Grangecon
Elizabeth (Lily) McMurrin, Weaver Square
Paddy Pearson, Parkmore
Patrick Kearney, Tinoran
P.J. Hanlon, Tuckmill
Luke Kinsella, Hughestown
Eileen Pearson, Parkmore
Gail Kinsella, Lathaleer

GRANGECON: SUN 9.30am

Jo O'Toole Coogan, Grangecon
Joseph Hamill, Junior, Grangecon
Bridget & David Walsh, Windgap
Patrick Harte Jnr, London & Patrick Harte Snr, Barronstown



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Monday 27th: Donor's Intentions
Tuesday 28th: Kay Lillis
Wednesday 29th: Kay Lillis

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A (Vocation's Sunday) 26TH APRIL 2026

THE GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today, we rejoice in the Lord, our shepherd, who guides us along the right paths, to his own house where we shall dwell for ever and ever. This is confirmed by these words, "Do not let your hearts be troubled...there are many rooms in my father's house...I am now going to prepare a place for you...afterwards, shall return to take you with me, so that where I am you may be too."

For the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Good Shepherd Sunday Pope Leo XIV emphasized that vocations are an "interior discovery" of God's gift, developed through silence, prayer, and listening. He described the Shepherd's gaze as transforming, calling the path to vocation an "adventure of love and happiness" rather than an imposition.

Interiority and Listening: In his 2026 message, Pope Leo XIV noted that recognizing the Good Shepherd requires silence and prayer to foster an inner life. He urged the faithful to move from "hearing" to "listening" to the voice of Jesus, which allows for true dialogue and response. Vocation as a "Beautiful" Gift: He described the calling from God as a "gift" that blooms in the heart and leads to a "beautiful" life.

So, as we gather today, let us remember that we are all called in different ways by the good shepherd to care for His 'flock'. We are also reminded to pray for vocations to the work of service in the church. There is need for people of faith to respond to that command, people who are prepared to dedicate their lives to this work for the sake of the gospel.



MINISTERS FOR THE 2ND & 3RD MAY



SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Rosemarie Seitz
Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Lennon
Rena O'Toole

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Mary Jo Ovington
Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Lord
Kieran Cogan

GRANGECON: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Anita O'Hara
Eucharistic Minister: Mick Kehoe

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

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

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 18TH & 19TH APRIL

Offertory: €520. **Dev.** €1,590.
Many thanks to all who contributed.

NEWSLETTER

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

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

05, 12, 19, 26

No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each
Fergal Graham, Dermott Barrett,
Patricia Pender

Sellers Prize: Annmarie Murphy

This week's Jackpot: €13,700

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

02, 14, 22, 31

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €300

Kemmy Tang

Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.

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 pre-
vention of suicide and self-harm. For Registra-
tion visit darknessintolight.ie

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.

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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



CREATIVE PLACES BALTINGLASS BEALTAINE TEA DANCE

Hosted by Baltinglass and district Active
Retirement Association on 13th May at 3pm in
Germaines, Baltinglass. Free Event -
No booking required

BINGO



**EVERY MONDAY IN
FATIMA HALL 8PM**

BALTINGLASS ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our next meeting will take place in Ger-
maines on Wednesday, 29th April at 3pm.
Offerings are invited for the Alzheimers
Society of Ireland

Tickets, already booked, for the play 'Big
Maggie' will be available at this meeting.

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

Tuesday 28th April at 19.45 - 10pm.
A 'Baltinglass Film Club' presentation -
*"Exciting mystery thriller which is both style
and substance, and boasts a pretty
impressive cast"*

Contact Library for film details.
All Welcome. Doors close 8pm.
Phone 059 648 2300

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

this year in Kildare & Leighlin we have one
student in First Year in Maynooth. His name
is Diarmuid Brady and he is from the parish
of Killeigh, County Offaly.

We have another young man who will enter
a propaedeutic year as soon as a place be-
comes available, with the intention of enter-
ing Maynooth in September 2027.

If anybody is considering a vocation within
the diocese of Kildare & Leighlin please con-
tact Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill at 083334 3744 or
email: ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com

GRAIGUECULLEN PARISH

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The 21st Annual Solemn Novena will take place
in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen continuing
on Monday 27th April and will run on Monday
nights until 8th June. We invite people to place
their petitions in the petition boxes in St
Clare's Church or send them by email to gkparish@gmail.com. Through the prayers of our
faith community and the intercession of Our
Lady of Perpetual Help, we ask Jesus to relieve
whatever burdens we carry. The rosary will be
recited at 7.10pm and Mass begins at 7.30pm.

OUR THIRD GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE:

**Bernard Dunne: Former World Boxing Cham-
pion:** During our novena, Bernard will share
reflections drawn from his personal journey,
speaking about the importance of hope in diffi-
cult moments, the value of consistency in the
small, everyday efforts, and the role that faith
can play when life feels uncertain. All are
warmly invited to join us for this special time
of prayer and reflection.

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ALTAR SERVERS

If you would like to be an
Altar Server please contact the
Parish Office.



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.