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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](http://Accord.ie)

### WE REMEMBER

#### MONTHS MIND:

William (Billy) Wall, Deerpark, Baltinglass

#### ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Patricia McDermott, Parkmore

Andrew Murphy, Lowtown, Grangecon

Ann (Nancy) Lawlor, Bawnogues

Lar Moore, Woodfield

Killian & Molly Dempsey, 5 Whitehall Park

Thomas Furlong, Woodfield

Eugene & Rita Dunne, Belan Street

Rose Kwendikoma, Uganda

#### STRATFORD: SUN 9.30am

Tom Whittle, Rathbran, Stratford

Thomas & Anna Bollard, Randlestown, their

son John, daughter Margaret Sheil & her

husband Frank.



#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 4th May: Donors Intentions

### THE IRISH CATHOLIC

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weekend.

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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A 3RD MAY 2026

### REFLECTION

Today's readings portray groups and individuals facing tensions and confusion. In the community of Acts, tensions were caused by material and administrative matters. The community of Peter lived in tension with their Jewish neighbours for whom Jesus became a "stumbling stone". In the Gospel, the disciples face uncertainty and confusion in their hearts and on a very individual level. Yet, in all three cases the advice on how to deal with the situation is the same, "focus on the risen Lord." This focus on Jesus and belief in his resurrection would allow for arranging individual and community affairs in the order of proper importance. With Christ at the centre, everything falls into place, and tensions relax. Scripture, read in the light of Jesus' resurrection, provides the kind of clarity needed to order the Christian life and concerns, to alleviate the tensions that inevitably arise, and make our paths straight and less complicated. The Psalmist knew this when he called the faithful to rejoice because "the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness".

It is not only conflicts in parishes that are highlighted in the readings, but also personal crises that cause us to doubt, as we face challenges in life that make us feel abandoned and hopeless. What we learn from the doubts and confusion expressed by the disciples is the importance of questions and honesty with our feelings. The disciples asked questions, expressed doubts and in the process received answers that strengthened their faith and trust in Jesus. Faith grows from honest expressions of doubt and questioning. Conflicts and tensions are part of our individual and communal journeys of faith. We have been given a companion in the person of the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom to respond in ways that are focused on the core mission of our calling as disciples of Jesus, the proclamation of the Gospel.

### FAMILY MASS

Next Sunday 10th May  
In Grangecon at 9.30am  
&  
Sunday 17th May  
in Stratford at 9.30am & Baltinglass 11am.

### MINISTERS FOR THE 9TH & 10TH MAY



#### SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

**Minister of the Word:** Mary Hayes  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Matt O'Brien  
Theresa McDermott

#### SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

**Minister of the Word:** Seán O'Reilly  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Soley Agustine  
Maureen Plant

#### 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

	<u>STRATFORD</u>	<u>GRANGECON</u>
May	03/17/31	10/24
June	14/28	07/21
July	12/26	05/19

### NEWSLETTER

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

**PLEASE NOTE -**

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

**Closed Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday &  
will re-open**

**Thursday: 9.30am - 1pm  
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm  
Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm**

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### **Winning Numbers**

02, 17, 23, 25



#### **No Jackpot Winner**

**2 Match 3 Winners - €100 each**

Laura Keating, Nicola Keogh

**Sellers Prize:** Colette Bollard

**This week's Jackpot: €14,000**

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### **Winning Numbers**

07, 10, 22, 31



#### **No Jackpot Winner**

**2 Match 3 Winner - €150 each**

Elisha Kelly, Ionut Ciurapia

**Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.**



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### 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.

### CALLING ALL BIKERS ...

#### THE LALOR CENTRE MOTORBIKE RUN

will be held on Sunday 10th May in Baltinglass.  
This event was a major success last year and we  
are looking forward to the laying of Astro Turf  
over the next few weeks which was funded from  
the monies raised last year. Registration for the  
Rally is at 12 noon at the Hug A Mug Café W91  
NH66. All Bikes will move out at 1pm. If you re-  
quire any more information, please contact any  
of the following organisers - Johnny 087 684  
3091, Peter 089 404 2161 or Terry 087 886 1001.

### BALTINGLASS LIBRARY EVENTS

Wednesday 6th May at 11am - 12noon.  
'Mindfulness with Fidelma Farley'  
No booking necessary, all welcome.

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 25TH & 26TH APRIL

**Offertory: €575. Dev. €1,620.**  
**Many thanks to all who contributed.**



### **EVERY MONDAY IN FATIMA HALL 8PM**



### 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](http://darknessintolight.ie)

### CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

Our upcoming performance of  
Mendelssohn's Elijah with  
the RTE Concert Orchestra is on  
Friday 12th June at 7.30pm in  
Carlow Cathedral. Tickets are  
available from Eventbrite or from  
CCS Members.



### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

**Coffee Mornings for May:** In Hug a Mug, each  
Friday at 11am. Kindly bring outstanding bal-  
ance payments for our short Holiday Break to  
Connemara, to our Treasurer, at this venue.  
We would like to invite Senior Citizens in the  
area to our **Bealtaine Afternoon Tea Dance** in  
Inis Fail, Germaines on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
from 3 - 5 pm. This **FREE EVENT** sponsored by  
**Creative Places, Baltinglass** will be hosted by  
the local Branch of Active Retirement. No  
booking required.

A trip to **Carlow Little Theatre** is planned for  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May to see John B. Keane's Play,  
**Big Maggie** at 8pm. Car pooling.

**Meeting Schedule Change:** Our next monthly  
meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 3pm in  
Germaines (instead of a May meeting).

**Autumn Trip** in pipeline to Shackleton Muse-  
um, Athy. Further details later.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to help clean  
St. Joseph's Church occasionally along with a  
few other volunteers, your help would be  
gratefully appreciated. Please contact the  
Parish Office on 059 64 81 254.

### 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.

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to make  
a donation etc. [www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

### KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him  
and parishioners from across the diocese at the  
Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
2026, ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basili-  
ca. **(Add local information here, e.g. bus time  
and booking details etc.)**

### 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.

