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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.

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### WE REMEMBER

#### ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Jim O'Toole, Allendale Avenue  
Michael Patterson, Rathmoon  
Johnny & Julia Dunne, Tinoran  
Jimmy Dunne, Hughestown  
Sheila Ward, Prosperous  
Bill Curry, Parkmore  
Martin Moore, Newtown Saunders  
James Gethings, Parkmore  
Brigid Keogh, 8 Parkmore  
Ina & Patsy Burke, Belan Street, Mary Burke,  
Tuckmill & deceased members of the Burke  
Family  
John & Ellen O'Neill, Shroughaun  
Pat Doyle, Graney  
Paddy O'Reilly, Carrigeen

#### GRANGECON: SUN 9.30am

Brendan Harte, Barronstown  
Kathleen Whelan, Castleknock & Holdenstown  
Nigel Kehoe, Grangecon

Rest in  
Peace

#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 25th May: Donors Intentions  
Tuesday 26th May: Donors Intentions  
Wednesday 27th May: Donors Intentions  
Thursday 28th May: Donors Intentions

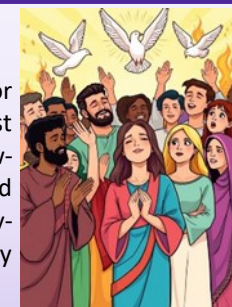
BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A

24TH MAY 2026

### PENTECOST: Its meaning and significance.



Pentecost began as a Jewish harvest festival, a time to give thanks for God's gifts and the giving of the Law. In the New Testament, Pentecost became a turning point when the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' followers, fulfilling God's promise to be with His people. This empowered the disciples to share Jesus' message, leading many to become believers and marking the birth of the Church, where Christians lived in unity and cared for one another.

Pentecost connects the Old and New Testaments, showing how God's work continues through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Today, Pentecost encourages Christians to trust in God's power, follow the Spirit's guidance, and share their faith with others. Its lasting impact reminds believers to live out their faith in unity, mission, and love.

### WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – SUNDAY MASS CREATES AND CELEBRATES COMMUNION: AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS.

'Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name "Christian". This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is 'the way, the truth, and the life' (John14:6). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and communion with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:35), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that 'none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and His Eucharist.' This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.'

What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in Mass? What does it mean for you to encounter Jesus with others?

See <https://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/> for more on the importance of Sunday and the Sunday Mass. Visit the Kandle Facebook page and/or X account to see this weekend's highlighted material.

### RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

This collection takes place at all Masses  
This weekend the 23rd & 24th May.  
This envelope is in your annual box of envelopes or you can use your own envelope and mark it for the Priest's Collection.  
The generosity of parishioners in supporting this collection is deeply appreciated.



### MINISTERS FOR THE 30TH & 31ST MAY



#### SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

**Minister of the Word:** Rosemarie Seitz  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Hayes  
Matt O'Brien

#### SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

**Minister of the Word:** Chris Murray  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bernie Kilcoyne  
Luke Doogue

#### STRATFORD: 9.30AM:

**Minister of the Word:** Elizabeth Thompson  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Liam Brady

### 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.

### 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.

### NEWSLETTER

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

#### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am - 1pm

Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1pm

& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### **Winning Numbers**

03, 06, 08, 16



#### **No Jackpot Winner**

**8 Match 3 Winners - €25 each**

Seán Kelly, Leeann Kirwan, Fiona McDowell,  
Theresa Loughlin, Matt Reid, Bill & Harry,  
Jack Tobin, L. O'Donnell

**Sellers Prize: Brigid Barrett**

**This week's Jackpot: €14,900**

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### **Winning Numbers**

12, 19, 22, 27



#### **No Jackpot Winner**

**6 Match 3 winners - €50 each**

Brian Whelan, Breda Osborne, Peter Gorman,  
Bridgid Barrett, Peter Byrne, J. O'Neill

**Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.**

### THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF APOSTLES

We welcome Sr. Mary to the Parish.  
She will be speaking at all masses next weekend the 30th/31st of May on her Missionary endeavour. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

### SUNDAY MASSES 2026

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

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 16TH & 17TH MAY

**Offertory: €740. Dev. €1,430.**

**Many thanks to all who contributed.**

### BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** at 19.45 - 10pm.

A 'Baltinglass Film Club' presentation -  
"A 1980's hugely popular American comedy/  
drama. **Contact Library for film details.**

All Welcome. Doors close 8pm.

# BINGO

**EVERY MONDAY IN FATIMA HALL 8PM**

### BISHOP DENIS AND THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

invites you to the third annual Parishes Alive Day on Saturday, June 20th from 10am to 4pm in Carlow College, St. Patrick's. The day will be facilitated by Dr Oonagh O'Brien, CEO of Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre and Janet Forbes the Youth Director in the Archdiocese of Armagh and a Member of the National Synodal Team. The day will explore how we can become more synodal in practice in our parishes and pastoral areas, taking baptism as a starting point and leading to practical explorations of key aspects of being synodal, including local decision making. Attendees will be given resources to take away for future use in their Parishes. This promises to be a very engaging and interesting day and will appeal to anyone who is interested in how Parishes and Pastoral Areas develop into the future. Much of it will be interactive and workshop based. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend or for the hospitality. Because these are "roundtable" sessions, numbers are limited so early booking is advised. To book or for further information email Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development by phone (office hours) 083-8305681 or [parishdevelopment@kandle.ie](mailto:parishdevelopment@kandle.ie)

### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd June at 3pm in Inis Fáil, Germaines.

#### ACTIVITIES:

Bridge and Bowling will resume in September.

### KIDS ALOUD AGM

16 Parkmore, Baltinglass  
Tuesday 26th May at 8pm.  
All are very welcome.



### 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 Basilica. Mass, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the day.

#### A Bus will leave Baltinglass that morning

opposite Baltinglass Credit Union and will return later that night. Times will be announced closer to the date. It is advised to pre-book your place as you may not be guaranteed a seat on the day due to a limited number of seats. Payment is made on the day, on the bus. Cost: €35 p.p. To reserve a seat or for more information please contact Dominic on 085 823 2105.



## First Communion

### CONGRATULATIONS

To the 34 children in Baltinglass N.S., 3 children in Bigstone N.S., 1 child in Stratford Lodge N.S., who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. 23rd May.

### VACANCIES ON THE WICKLOW MIDWEST CE SCHEME

Immediate start for a Catering Assistant based in Donard Community cafe. 19.5 hours per week. Working week, Thursday, Friday & Saturday. For further details, please contact Marty Drumm on 086 059 9106.

Environmental expert based in Stratford on Slaney, 19.5 hours per week. For further details, please contact Marty Drumm on 086 059 9106.

For both roles, full training will be provided. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.