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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
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WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH:

Andy Prendergast, Kyle, Baltinglass

MONTHS MIND:

Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bawnogues

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Johnny Donohoe, Tinoran

Edward (Ted) Humphries, Dunlavin

William Quinn, Main Street

Teresa Quinn (Sr Camilla)

Ann Kinsella, Tankardstown

Cora Brennan, Mill Street

Hilda Browne, Bawnogues

Mary Connors, Shroughaun

Bridget Byrne, Shroughaun

Mary Hyland, Rathmoon

Pat O'Reilly, Bracknagh & Castledermot

Julia O'Neill, Lathaleer & Mount Kelly

Thomas & Patrick Bookle, Irongrange &

London & deceased members of the Bookle
Family

James & Alice O'Neill, Downings, Kiltegan &

deceased members of the O'Neill Family

Margaret (Maggie) Sutton, Belan Street

Laurence & Claire Kelly, West Demense

Betty Gorman, Clough

STRATFORD: Sun (9.30am)

William Humphreys, Whitestown

Maureen O'Keeffe, Gibraltar

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Monday 29th June: Donors Intentions

Tuesday 30th June: Donor Intentions

Wednesday 1st July: Donors Intentions

Thursday: 2nd July:

Friday: 3rd July: Neville Fisher



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A

28th June 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The section from today's gospel concludes Jesus' instruction on mission and the cost of discipleship. Jesus does not mince words on what his followers are to expect if they are to become apostles, that is, those who are sent out on mission. They must be ready for sacrifices, even to the point of sacrificing their very lives. Jesus tells his disciples to take up their crosses and follow him. This cross comes in different forms: forgiving when it is difficult, standing up for truth and justice even when they make us unpopular, serving others when it requires personal loss. Jesus' invitation to carry our crosses is not a call to seek suffering for its own sake, but a call to faithful witnessing when love becomes costly. When we accept the daily crosses that come our way, we are molded and shaped into the people who love as Christ loves.

Love has to be the motivating factor for discipleship. This theme of love and self-giving is taking up by St. Paul who reminds us that we share in Christ's life by sharing in his self-giving. To belong to Christ is to allow ourselves be shaped by the life and example of him who gave up his life for love of humanity. Are there things in my life that I am called to give up because I am a disciple of Jesus?

For us today, the cross challenges how we live our faith in practical ways. Do we see sacrifices as a burden, or as paths to deeper love? Are we willing to lose something: time, comfort and reputation for the sake of the Gospel? Jesus tells us: whoever finds his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. The cross assures us that no sacrifice made in love is ever meaningless. God rewards our sacrifices. Prophet Elijah was shown hospitality just because he was a messenger of God.

CEMETERY MASSES 2026



Rathbran Cemetery Friday 26th June 7pm

Knockpatrick Cemetery Friday 3rd July 7pm

Baltinglass Cemetery Sunday 2nd August 3pm

Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery Saturday 15th August 11am



MINISTERS FOR THE 4TH & 5TH JULY



SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Rosemarie Seitz
Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Carwood
Mary Patterson

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Orlaith Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers: Aoife Kavanagh
Elaine Birchall

GRANGECON: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Anne Whelan
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Moore

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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



ALTAR SERVERS

A special call to all the children
who made their First Holy
Communion recently.

Why not become an
ALTAR SERVER?

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



VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

NEWSLETTER

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

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am - 1pm
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1pm
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will close for two weeks
from Monday 5th July
& will re-open Monday 20th July.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

09, 12, 13, 22

No Jackpot Winner

4 Match 3 Winners - Share €200

L. O'Donnell, Niall Moore,
Michael Conroy, Linda Mackey

Sellers Prize: Pattersons

This week's Jackpot: €16,600.



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

09, 19, 23, 24

No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 winners - €100 each

Anthony Levear, John O'Toole, Bob Barrett

Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to help clean
St. Joseph's Church **occasionally**, your help
would be appreciated. Please contact the
Parish Office on 059 64 81 254.



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EVERY MONDAY IN FATIMA HALL 8PM

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY EVENTS

Tuesday June 30 at 19.45: Baltinglass Film
Club screening of a 1955 American Classic,
one critic declaring.. "There can be no doubt
as to the artistic merits of this picture. Beau-
tifully acted, and superbly directed, it is
bound to be one of the year's important con-
tributions to screen literature. All Welcome.

For booking and details please ring
059 648 2300.

RATHVILLY HERITAGE INTEREST GROUP

FUNDRAISER SOCIAL DANCE & JIVE

With The Davitt Brothers Band

Saturday 11th July in Inis Fáil,
Germaines, Baltinglass.

Social Dancing from 9pm to 12am.

All welcome. Bring your friends
and support. Tickets €10 and available at
Centra, Rathvilly and on Eventbrite.



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

COFFEE MORNING SUMMER SCHEDULE

JULY: Bia Blasta. **AUGUST:** Horans
Friday mornings at 11am.

ACCORD CARLOW

We offer counselling in Carlow at St Cath-
erine's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thurs-
days, and we have two upcoming Marriage
Preparation courses in September and
November in Carlow. Please con-
tact carlow@accord.ie or phone
086 4149 034 for more details.

ST. PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION LET'S HELP THE POPE IN HIS MISSION

On June 28th, the Sunday before the liturgi-
cal feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the tradi-
tional Peter's Pence collection takes place.
This is a concrete way to support the Holy
Father in his mission of service to the uni-
versal Church. Donating to Peter's Pence is
a concrete gesture of communion with the
Holy Father and of solidarity with his mis-
sion to bring the Gospel throughout the
world. There is an envelope in your annual
box of envelopes for this collection or you
can use your own envelope and mark it for
Peter's Pence. Your support would be
gratefully appreciated.

SUNDAY MASSES 2026

STRATFORD	GRANGECON
June 28	
July 12/26	05/19
August 09/23	02/16/30

NATIONAL SYNODAL PATHWAY UPDATE

Preparations are continuing for the National
Synodal Assembly, which will take place in
October. Working groups from across the
country are reflecting on the key priorities
identified through the synodal process and
helping to shape the next stage of the
Church's journey in Ireland. To learn more
and view the latest video update from Fr
Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National
Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, mem-
ber of the National Synodal Pathway and
Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of
Dublin, please visit <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

Weekend Collections

20th & 21st June

Off. €560. Dev. €1,260.

Many thanks to all who contributed.