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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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present in the
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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

MONTHS MIND:

Josephine McGeer, Baltinglass & U.K.

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Mary T. Quinn, Main Street

John Kinsella, Senior, Tankardstown

Tom Dwyer, Gibraltar

Mary Ellen Masterson, Kilashandra, Co. Cavan

Anne Lennon, Bawnogues - 1st Anniversary

STRATFORD: 9.30AM (SUN)

Annie Barrett, Ballinatone

Tommy Whittle, Rathbran

Mary Gadsdon, Stratford



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Monday 10th August: Carmel Brophy

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

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday 17th August and will re-open
on Monday 24th August.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

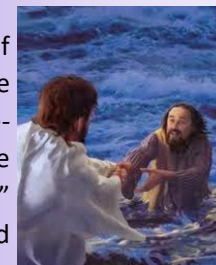
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 9th August 2026

KEEPING OUR EYES ON JESUS

It is never easy to keep faith, especially in stormy times. Today's readings encourage us not to lose heart or give in to despair, but to trust in the Lord who is with us even when we do not recognise his presence.

In the first reading, the prophet Elijah is in deep trouble. Queen Jezebel wants him dead, and Elijah, exhausted and despondent, retreats to the wilderness and takes refuge in a cave. His spirits are so low that he wants to die. Yet near Mount Horeb he experiences the Lord, not in dramatic signs, but in "a gentle breeze" (1 Kgs 19:12). Strengthened by this quiet presence, Elijah finds the courage to continue his prophetic mission.

In the gospel, the disciples are caught in a violent storm on the Sea of Galilee. When Jesus comes to them walking on the water, they are terrified, but he says: "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." Peter responds by walking towards Jesus, but when he feels the force of the wind, fear takes over and he begins to sink. He cries, "Lord, save me," and Jesus immediately reaches out his hand. The storm is calmed, and the disciples recognise Jesus as the Son of God.



"Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." These words are spoken to us too as we sail the uncertain sea of life. Jesus does not promise a storm-free voyage, but he does promise to be with us. Peter teaches us that, if we are to stay afloat, we must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus rather than on the waves of fear, doubt, and discouragement around us.

In stormy times, we may be tempted to retreat like Elijah or search for a safe harbour. But Jesus calls us to something greater: to join him in building God's dream of a world transformed by love. Whatever storms we face, we need not be afraid, because Jesus is always with us.



CEMETERY MASSES 2026

Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery Saturday 15th August 11am



MINISTERS FOR THE 15th & 16th August



SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Rosemarie Seitz
Eucharistic Ministers: Matt O'Brien
 Theresa McDermott

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: John Paul Kenny
Eucharistic Ministers: Aoife Kavanagh
 Elaine Birchall

GRANGECON: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Margaret Kealy
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Moore

URGENTLY NEEDED

We are in urgent need of people who are willing to take up the roles of

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

AND/OR

MINISTER OF THE WORD

for

**STRATFORD AND GRANGECON
CHURCHES.**

PLEASE contact the Parish Office ASAP

On 059 648 1254 or

email admin@baltinglassparish.ie

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all those who supported our Jamboree Night for Sophia Counselling Centre on Friday 31st July. €3,000 was raised on the night and has been given to Fr. Pat Murphy, Treasurer of Sophia Counselling Centre and will be used to fund more subsidised low cost counselling sessions.

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

02, 27, 28, 30



No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each

Mikey Keogh, Lisa Nolan, Gertie Curran

Seller's Prize: Kellyann Bollard

This week's Jackpot: €18,400.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 02, 03, 30



No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 winner - €300

Declan & Bob Barrett

Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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



RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a process for adults seeking to join the Catholic Church.

RCIA is a structured process developed by the Catholic Church to guide adults who wish to become full members of the Church, including those who have never been baptised (catechumens) and those baptised in other Christian denominations (candidates). It involves gradual introduction to Catholic beliefs, practices, and the sacraments, culminating in Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, usually celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE
CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE.**



THERE WILL BE

NO BINGO

ON MONDAY 10TH AUGUST.

**BINGO WILL RESUME
ON MONDAY 17TH AUGUST**

RECONNECT

An invitation to everyone who has attended ALPHA in Baltinglass Parish.



Come along for an evening to reconnect with one another, enjoy a chat, and explore together what our next step might be as people of faith.

Venue: Baltinglass Parish Centre

Date: Thursday 13th August 7.30pm

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU THERE!**

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 15TH AUGUST

VIGIL MASS: Friday 14th in St. Joseph's Baltinglass 7.30pm

MASS OF THE DAY: Saturday 15th in the Convent Graveyard (weather permitting) 11am

This Solemnity commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay. This event signifies the Bless Virgin's passing into eternal life, a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. The feast is a reminder that holiness leads to eternal life, and that Mary continues to guide and intercede, offering hope that God's promise of resurrection is meant for all.



SUNDAY MASSES 2026

STRATFORD

GRANGECON

August:	09/23	16/30
September	06/20	13/27
October:	04/18	11/25



Weekend Collections

1st & 2nd August

Off. €810. Dev. €1,385.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

CEMETERY MASS 2026

Many thanks to all who attended our Cemetery Mass last weekend. A special thank you to all who worked in preparation; WCC, WWCE, Maria the Parish Secretary and all who participated on the Day; the music – Anita and these who formed the choir for the day, Dominic looked after setting up for Mass, the collectors- Mick and his team, the covering for the altar – Jimmy & Seamus, Sound System – Mark, Mary the Minister of the Word and to all our Ministers of the Eucharist and their umbrella carriers. The collection on the day amounted to €3,610 which goes to cover the Public Address System, Sponsorship for the two people on WWCE and other cemetery expenses throughout the year.