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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.

SUNDAY MASSES 2026

STRATFORD	GRANGECON
August:	30
September	06/20 13/27
October:	04/18 11/25

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

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Eilish Doyle, Barronstown, Grangecon

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Rodney Hodkinson & his Wife Margaret
Brigid Millett, Lathaleere & deceased members of the Matthews Family, Baltray, Co Louth
Andy Kehoe, Clough
Margaret Kinsella, Portriton, Kiltegan & Mill St., Baltinglass - **1st Anniversary**
Mary Murray, Broadstown
Colm Phelan, Chapel Hill & his Son Brian
Mick Kavanagh, Carrigeen
George Bradley, Parkmore
Maggie Murphy, Seskin, Donard
George Phelan, Rathmoon
Mary Barrett, Lathaleere
Seamus Hunt, Parkmore
John Cullen, Parkmore
Paddy Hughes, Beech Avenue, Parkmore

GRANGECON: 9.30AM (SUN)

Pat & Elizabeth Leigh, Grangecon
Emma Kehoe, Barronstown, Grangecon
John McGeer, Knockrigg, Grangecon



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Monday 31st August: Donor's Intentions

Tuesday 1st September: Donor's Intentions

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 30th August 2026

Pope Leo XIV has released his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which takes place on 1 September 2026. This day also marks the beginning of the Ecumenical Season of Creation, which continues until 4 October, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

In his message, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that war and environmental damage are closely connected. When natural resources are destroyed, people suffer — both now and for generations to come. He says that caring for creation is part of our responsibility to one another and to the world we share.

Drawing on the words of Isaiah, "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares," (Isaiah 2:4) the Pope calls on humanity to turn away from violence and choose peace, development, and sustainability. He also notes that while more people are aware of the environmental harm caused by war, stronger action is still needed to prevent conflict and protect our common home.

This prayer by Pope Francis appeared at the end of his 2015 encyclical Laudato Si'. It is for all who believe in God who is the all-powerful Creator.

All powerful God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace.





MINISTERS FOR THE 5th & 6th September



SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Seán Horan
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Hayes
Matt O'Brien

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Chris Murray
Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Lord
Kieran Cogan

STRATFORD: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Carmel Doyle
Eucharistic Minister: Carmel Doyle

URGENTLY NEEDED

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

SLÍ AN CHROÍ ST PATRICK'S KILTEGAN AUTUMN GRACE RETREAT

This weekend retreat offers an opportunity to look back on the year and on the journey of our lives, in the gentle light of God's grace. Through guided reflection, prayer, silence, time nature and shared conversation. Friday 18th September to Sunday 20th September, price €315 including accommodation and meals. Enquires to Michele Sinnott, slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089 469 0508.

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this world wide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. This year's theme is "Living Water". See www.seasonofcreation.org to access all the materials and to link to a live world-wide online opening prayer at 2pm Irish time on Tuesday, September 1.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

10, 12, 16, 20



No Jackpot Winner

14 Match 3 Winners - €20 each.

Pam Nicholson, Thomas Bollard,
Billy Mangan, Sinead & Billy, Ann Moloney,
Paddy Doyle, Grace Buckley, James Moore,
Jean Moore, Sean Price, Sheila Ryan,
Colin Byrne, Breda Keogh, Francis H. O'Neill

Sellers Prize : O'Reillys

Next week's Jackpot: €19,300

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

09, 16, 27, 35



No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners - Share €600

John Fitzgerald, Mr G Bishop, Therese Dunne
Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.

TAI CHI CLASSES

starting Monday 14th September 7.30pm to
9pm for 6 weeks in Baltinglass Parish
Centre. Contact Deirdre 086 895 7095.

FUNDRAISING SESSION IN LAWLORS PUB RATHVILLY

On Friday 4th Sept. with a fundraising raffle on the night for dogs for the Disabled. Your support would be appreciated. Thanks in advance, Colette & DFD Jasper & Martin & DFD Pepsi



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CHURCH FOLK GROUP ARE STARTING BACK

Sunday 9th September at 11am Mass.
New members are very welcome, Musicians and singers. We would love to have you there.



Weekend Collections 22nd & 23rd August

Off. €775. Dev. €1,900.

Many thanks to all who contributed.



EVERY MONDAY IN FATIMA HALL AT 8PM

REWARDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE CHESHIRE IRELAND COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

in Ardeen Campus, Shillelagh. Co. Wicklow.
19.5 hours per week, subject to eligibility checks. Garda Vetting applies. Opportunities in Maintenance/Groundskeeping, Activities and Support services. Please contact Brian Carty, CE Supervisor at 086.389 8461 or email brian.carty@cheshire.ie



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Coffee Mornings: Sept. Fridays in Horans 11am.
Activities: Bowling resumes Tuesday 8th Sept.
3pm – 4pm Fatima Hall.

Bridge: starts Wednesday 9th September
10.30am – 12md in the Parish Centre..

Talk by Herbalist: The Medicinal Benefits of Herbs will take place on Thursday 10th September in Tearman Gardens from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Art Class by Olah: One-off session will take place in the library on Friday 18th September at 6.15pm.
Outing to Shackleton Museum Athy, Thursday Sept 24th. Entry €14.50.

At our next meeting on 30th September a representative from **Heres Law Ireland** will give a talk on the legalities of Wills, Enduring Power of Attorney and Healthcare Directives.

Our Bowling Team are planning to enter the Active Retirement Ireland **National Bowls Competition** in Killarney in November. For details on all of above contact Mary on 087 299 9571.



A SOCIAL DANCE IN BIGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE R93 KP89

Will take place on Saturday 12th September. You are welcome to join in a night of country music by the Band **LIMELIGHT** – music and dance from 9.30pm till late.

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.**

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.

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY EVENTS

Wednesday September 2nd: 11.am - Noon.
Mindfulness with Fidelma Farley- All Welcome.
No booking necessary.

Friday September 4th: 7pm - 9pm. All welcome to join us for the opening of 'Baltinglass & Beyond My Sense of Place' exhibiting the work of eleven visual artists from West Wicklow. Phone: 059 648 2300 for details.