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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
September 06/20	13/27
October: 04/18	11/25
November: 01/15/29	08/22

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

Sr. Cleo Birchall, Dublin & Liverpool
Nora McCrea, U.K. & Parkmore

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Tess Gormley, Kettering & The Wood
Ger O'Reilly, Kildangan
Nora Lennon, Parkmore
Billy Phelan, Rathmoon
William Dwyer, Gibraltar
Teresa Heenan, Borrisokane
Tommy Malone, Parkmore
The O'Brien Family, Ballinacrow
Margaret Foley, Belan Street
Luke & Frances McDonnell, Main Street
Mary Byrne, Shroughaun
P.J. Fox, Parkmore
Roy Fox Jnr, Parkmore

STRATFORD: 9.30AM (SUN)

Les Halstead, Ballinacrow
Dick Whittle, Rathbran
Anne Humphreys, Whitestown



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BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 6th September 2026



Today's readings stress the responsibility to correct an erring brother or sister. This duty falls most heavily on the leaders in the community. But it is the duty of every Christian.

Every evil act tends to harden a person's heart. The more a person's heart hardens, the less freedom there is to change. But the opposite is also true. Every good deed tends to soften a person's heart. Every time we do something good, we make it easier to do good again.

From a spiritual point of view, hardness of heart is one of the worst things that

can happen to anyone. A hard heart is a closed heart, so it can't receive. A hard heart inevitably becomes a barren heart. To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to main oneself. "Fear not that your heart might be broken; fear rather, that it might turn into a stone" (Oscar Wilde).

God is calling us from the error of our ways into a closer relationship with him and with one another. And it is to the heart that the call of God comes. Unfortunately, the heart is not always receptive.

To harden our hearts against one another is bad enough. But to harden our hearts against God would be the ultimate calamity. It would mean that God himself could not get through to us.

God longs for our hearts, and is continually calling us into communion with him and with one another. When we heed the voice of God everything changes.

Softened by the rain of God's grace, and warmed by the sun of his love, the human heart can be turned from a wasteland into fertile ground.

Jesus came not to condemn us but to save us. In order to be saved, we have to confess our sins. But this is seldom easy. Pride makes it difficult for us to confess. However, if we do confess our sins, we have nothing to fear but the mercy of God. *Culled from: New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies Year A by Flor McCarthy SDB*



MINISTERS FOR THE 12th & 13th September



SATURDAY 6PM: (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Jane Keogh
Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa McDermott
 Patricia Carwood

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Máire Lawless
Eucharistic Ministers: Soley Augustine
 Maureen Plant

GRANGECON: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Helen O'Brien
Eucharistic Minister: Mick Kehoe

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



ALTAR SERVERS

**You do not have to be in primary
school to be an ALTAR SERVER.
WE WELCOME YOU AT ANY AGE!**

Why not become an
ALTAR SERVER?

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

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, slanchroi@spms.ie or phone 089 469 0508.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

08, 10, 15, 25



No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €200 - Mick Kehoe

Sellers Prize: Laura Bollard

Next week's Jackpot: €19,600.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

04, 16, 18, 31



No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winners - €300 - Shane Doody

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.

CONGLAIS CRAFTERS

Would like new members to join them at the Hub in Baltinglass beside the Men's Shed, every Tuesday from 11am - 1pm for all crafts and a Cuppa. New members are always very welcome.



CLEANER AVAILABLE

Mornings only. Phone Kate on 086 867 1926.

MASS ON FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

The children from Scoil Naomh Iosaf will join us for our 10am Mass in St. Joseph's Church for the beginning of the School year.



Weekend Collections 29th & 30th August

Off. €785. Dev. €1,495.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

BINGO



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

STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY COMMUNITY FORUM

will host a Pub Quiz Night in The Glen Lounge Pub on Friday 11th September to raise funds for our FREE Village Christmas Event for the community and surrounding areas. Table of 4 – €40. Great prizes and raffle on the night. All welcome for a great night for a good cause.



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Time Change for once-off Art Class with Olah in the local Library: **Please note** the earlier start of 5.45pm, Friday 18th September.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. Email Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie for details.

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.

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.

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.