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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Patricia Duffy, Parkmore
Teresa Donegan, Parkmore & Mountneill
Nancy McLoughlin, Parkmore - **1st Anniversary**
Joey Fagan, Parkmore
Brendan Pearson, Parkmore
Peter Smyth, Ballyraggan
Edward (Ned) & Mary Hanlon, Tuckmill

STRATFORD : 9.30AM (SUN)

William Moore, Hacketstown & Manger
Peter Byrne, Goldenfort



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.

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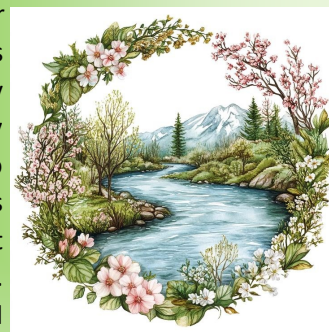
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 4th October 2026

As I went through the readings for this Sunday, my immediate reaction was one of empathy for the owner of the vineyard. I share his feelings of disappointment and frustration. I know what it means to give your time and energy to an adventure and not get the desired result. More than time and energy, the owner of this vineyard also gave all his love to the vineyard. There simply isn't anything more that the owner could have done for the vineyard. The owner of the vineyard is God and all God's people are the vineyard of God. The Psalmist tells us: *the vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel*. You and I are the new Israel. Using the analogy of the vineyard, today's liturgy calls us to ask ourselves how well our response to God's love has been for us. Am I producing the desired fruits or only sour grapes?

Care should be taken so that the comforts of life do not take our minds and attention away from God who is the giver of every good thing we enjoy in life. There is always the danger that when our needs are met, we tend to ignore the things that matter the most. There is an African proverb which says, *a river that forgets its source will soon run dry*. The Israelites became lax because they had everything they wanted. It was a time of political and economic stability in Israel. Rather than help them to remain faithful to God, this stability made the people turn their hearts away from God and towards themselves with the result that they did not live out their calling and vocation. With time, there was a sharp decline in the social and religious practices in Israel: oppression of the poor, injustice, unfaithfulness to God's commandments, worship of foreign gods and so on.



In the gospel, we are told what will happen to those who fail to produce the desired fruits. The vineyard will be taken from them and given to those ready to produce the desired fruits. God's mission of love will continue to spread to all humanity. Each person is at liberty to either embrace the love of God or reject it. If we say "yes" to God, we produce fruits of: faithfulness, patience, happiness, love, peace and so much more.

PARISH PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-PARISH SCHOOLS

If your child attends a non-parish school and wishes to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation please contact the parish office -
Tel: 059 648 1254 or Email: admin@baltinglassparish.ie



MINISTERS FOR THE 10th & 11th October

SATURDAY 6PM

(Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Seán Horan
Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Carwood
Mary Patterson

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Cliona Kavanagh
Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret O'Reilly
John Connolly

GRANGECON: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Kieran Hosey
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Carroll

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HOSPITALITY MORNING

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



BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

Wednesday 7 October: Mindfulness with Fidelma Farley - 11am - 12 noon.
All Welcome. No Booking Required.
Further information on 059 6482300/
baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

10, 17, 25, 27



No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 Winners - €40 each

Marie Gadson, Freda Moore, Noelle Buckley,
Ann Whittle, Oliver Keogh

Sellers Prize: Brigid Barrett

Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

10, 11, 15, 23



No Jackpot Winner

4 Match 3 Winners - Share €300

Frankie Sheerin, Bernard Bowes,
Aoibhinn Mullally, Brian & Karen Byrne

Next week's Jackpot: €20,000



**BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT
ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

October Coffee Mornings for members in Germaines on Fridays at 11am.

On 16th October members will attend **Dog Racing in Newbridge**. Ph. Mary on 087 299 9571.

Our November Outing is a visit to The National Concert Hall to attend a performance of the **Magic of Musicals**, by the Rathmines & Rathgar Music Society on Saturday 21st Nov. 7.30pm.

Weekly Activities: Bowling from 3pm – 4pm in Fatima Hall. Members interested in attending the Active Retirement Ireland National Bowls Competition in Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney in November phone Mary on 087 299 9571.

Bridge is on Wednesdays from 10.30am – 12md in the Parish Centre. An expression of interest in a Beginners Group is invited.

Yoga Classes resume Thursday 8th October 10.45am to 12.15pm in the Parish Centre.

Speaker for our October Meeting is a representative from the **John McGinley Tours**, introducing the subject of **Cruises** (from Belfast).



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

**BALLYMORE EUSTACE CONCERT BAND
CONCERT**

In aid of Davidstown Church Roof Restoration
Fund on Friday 9th October at 8pm sharp.

Doors open at 7.30pm.

Admission €15. **"CASH ONLY"**

Raffle on the night.



GRANGECON NATIONAL SCHOOL

We are delighted to invite pupils, parents, prospective families and members of the wider community to our **Halloween Open Evening and Spooktacular Fun Night on Thursday, 22nd October** from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Come along in your Halloween costume – adults optional and enjoy a fun-filled evening at Grangecon NS. There will be pumpkin and art displays, a showcase of pupil work, sweet treats and light refreshments, along with plenty of Halloween fun! Visitors will also have the opportunity to learn more about our educational programmes, explore our school facilities and see all that Grangecon NS has to offer. The evening is open to current pupils and families, prospective families and members of the wider school community. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Kiltegan Hall Committee are holding an Afternoon Tea Party in St Tegan's Hall on Sunday 11th October 2026 from 3pm to 5pm. In aid of Kiltegan Senior Citizens. Entry is €5. A Raffle will be held on the day. Come and have a chat & a cuppa. Catch up with old friends and even make new friends. Everyone is welcome, your support would be greatly appreciated.

TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN

is one of two organisations in all of County Wicklow to be shortlisted for the 2026 Lidl Green Fund award!

Please vote for us on the Lidl Plus App between October 15 to 22nd. You must download the app to vote.

ALPHA NEWS

Our **Adult ALPHA** started last Thursday evening. **There is still time to join this coming Thursday** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Just give the Parish Office a ring 059 648 1254 or Email: admin@baltinglassparish.ie.



Our **Alpha Youth** begins this Thursday 8th October, in the Parish Centre at 4pm. It's for all young people from the age of 15 to 18 years. Just give the Parish Office a ring or send us an email (same as above).

**PRAYERS ASKED FOR THE
NATIONAL SYNODAL ASSEMBLY**

as delegates prepare to participate at the National Synodal Assembly in Gormanstown on 17 October. The preparatory document for the assembly can be read in full on www.Kandle.ie, along with a list of our diocesan delegates. The Archdiocese of Dublin has offered the following prayer: Lord Jesus, You have called us together through Baptism and faith. Make us a Church that proclaims your Gospel, accompanies all who seek you, heals the wounded, walks with people on their journey, and empowers all the baptised to share in your mission. Guide the National Synodal Assembly and all who participate in it. May we listen to one another, discern your will, and courageously follow where your Spirit leads. Amen

Weekend Collections 26th & 27th September



Off. €895. Dev. €1395.

Many thanks to all who contributed.