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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 housebound
and you would like a priest to visit
please contact the Parish Office.

Weekend Collections 3rd & 4th October



Off. € 510. Dev. € 1,355.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

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

WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Josephine & Patrick Doody, Parkmore
Josephine Twyford, Rathmoon & her Son
Anthony

Katriona Deevy, Carlow

Thomas & Maureen Darcy, Weaver Square

Peter Doyle, Clough

GRANGECON : 9.30AM (SUN)

John & Jane Kehoe, Newtownsaunders

Joe & Katie Whelan, Ballynure

Gerry Colgan, Lucan

Michael & Margaret Kehoe, Grangecon



SUNDAY MASSES 2026

STRATFORD

October: 18

November: 01/15/29

December: 13/27

GRANGECON

11/25

08/22

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

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 11th October 2026



Over the next two weekends at the Sunday Masses, we will have the **Ceremony of Enrolment & Commitment** in preparation for First Holy Communion (First Confession) and Confirmation 2027 in our parish.

This weekend the 11th of October; the children, parents and faith community of Grangecon at the 9.30am mass, will be asked to commit themselves to the preparation for their children's FHC.



Next weekend the 18th of October; the children, parents and faith community of Stratford at the 9.30am mass and again Bigstone, Baltinglass and Stratford Lodge at the 11am mass, will be asked to commit themselves to the preparation for their children's FHC and Confirmation.

This ceremony marks the beginning of the journey we will be taking together in preparation for the sacraments. This is not a journey we take alone but the children and their parents will be journeying together at home, the children and their teachers will be journeying together at school and our faith communities will be praying, showing support and encouraging our children in their faith in preparation to receive their sacraments.

May God Bless each and every one of our children. Amen.



Mission Sunday 2026 will be celebrated on 18 October. It will mark the 100th World Mission Day, which was established by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV is **"One in Christ, united in mission."** It reminds Catholics that we are united in faith and called to share the message of Christ with others.

On Mission Sunday, parishes and families pray for missionaries and support the Church in places where communities are young, vulnerable or persecuted. Donations help provide churches, pastoral care, education, faith formation and healthcare. By taking part in Mass, praying and contributing to the Mission Sunday collection, we join Catholics around the world in supporting the Church's mission.



MINISTERS FOR THE 17th & 18th October



SATURDAY 6PM (Baltinglass)

Minister of the Word: Fiona Keogh
Eucharistic Ministers: Rena O'Toole
 Michael Lennon

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Dominic Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Lord
 Kieran Cogan

STRATFORD : 9.30AM:

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

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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



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.

THE IRISH CATHOLIC Ireland's biggest and best-selling religious newspaper!

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PLEASE NOTE
PRICE INCREASE OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC
IF YOU TAKE ONE PLEASE PUT MONEY
IN THE BOX! PRICE: €3.80.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Car Boot Sale in the Car Park at Scoil
 Chonglais, Baltinglass on Sunday 25th Octo-
 ber. **In aid of Baltinglass Day Care Centre.**
 Traders for 8am. €10 per car. Opens at
 9am. Adm €3 per person. Children Free.
 Your support would be appreciated.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

02, 10, 20, 22

No Jackpot Winner

8 Match 3 Winners - €25 each

James Barrett, Margaret Keogh, Jane Murphy,
 Marguritte, Margaret Ovington, Nuala Farrell,
 Sheila Ryan, Pauline Barrett

Sellers Prize: Dean Valentine

Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

03, 08, 11, 17

No Jackpot Winner

4 Match 3 Winners - Share €300

Dan Kelly, Gordan Manley,
 Conor Manley, Annmarie Bolger

Next week's Jackpot: €20,000



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We wish to confirm dates and times of some
 forthcoming events:-

Yoga Classes: Resume **Thursday 15th** October,
 10.45am – 12.15pm in the Parish Centre.

**The November Outing to the National Con-
 cert Hall** is on **Saturday 21st November**
2.30pm to attend a performance of the Magic
 of Musicals, by the Rathmines & Rathgar Mu-
 sic Society.

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.

INVITATION TO THE ART EXHIBITION IN BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

Go along whenever the Library is open to see
 works by artists all living in West Wicklow.



EVERY MONDAY IN FATIMA HALL AT 8PM

GRANGECON NATIONAL SCHOOL

We are delighted to invite pupils, parents,
 prospective families and members of the wid-
 er community to our **Halloween Open Even-
 ing 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 mem-
 bers of the wider school community. All are
 welcome. We hope to see you there.

STRATFORD ON SLANEY - PARENT ASSOCIATION HALLOWEEN BAKE & BOOK SALE

on Tuesday 20th of October in Stratford in the
 Community Room. Join us for delicious baked
 goods. Homemade Cakes & Cupcakes, Tasty Au-
 tumn treats, Tea, Coffee. Pre-loved Book Sale,
 Children's Stories & Novels. Support your school
 Library. All proceeds support the parent Associa-
 tion and School Projects.

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK/RUN

on Sunday 18th at 12 noon. The 6km loop
 starts outside Bigstone Hall. Please come
 along and support the school as all proceeds
 go into activity, transport and supplies for
 the kids. Refreshments will be provided
 after. Thank you for the support from the
 Bigstone Parents Association

IRISH NATIONAL SYNODAL ASSEMBLY

The *Working Document* for the Irish National
 Synodal Assembly, taking place in Gor-
 manston, Co Meath, on 17 October, brings
 together the fruits of five years of prayer,
 listening and discernment and will guide
 delegates as they consider and vote on sug-
 gested actions to be presented to the bish-
 ops of Ireland. While the Assembly marks an
 important moment in the journey, the Syn-
 odal Pathway is now moving towards a new
 phase of implementation. Everyone is invit-
 ed to read, pray with, and reflect on the
Working Document and the question: "What
 does God want from the Church in Ireland at
 this time?" Please pray for all those taking
 part in the Assembly and for the guidance of
 the Holy Spirit, and scan the QR code to ac-
 cess the Working Document and find out
 more, and see www.synod.ie

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Would like to thanks everyone who support-
 ed the recent fundraising walk in July.
 €1,000. was raised. Thanks to everyone who
 supported the Walk.

CONCERT NIGHT IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH RATHVILLY IN AID OF THE SCHOOL HOUSE COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE CENTRE

On Sunday 1st November at 7pm. The
 Wolsley Singers, Ryan Turner, Louise Mor-
 rissey, Mary Darcy, Alister Fingleton will per-
 form on the night. Tickets are €30 and are
 available at Centra in Rathvilly, online at
 School House Rathvilly.ie or phone Fiona at
 087 989 6665.