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MASSSES

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.

Weekend Collections 10th & 11th October



Off. € 720. Dev. €1,860.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

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

Mary Moore, Grangecon

MONTHS MIND

Pauline Murtagh, Colbinstown

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM

Rory Farrell, Rathmoon

Frank Balfe (Snr) Terenure, Dublin

Peggy Shortt, Mill Street

Leon O'Keeffe, Winetavern Manor, Stratford on

Slaney— 1st anniversary

Myles & Harriette McDonell, Coolnarrig

Johnny Keogh, 8 Parkmore

Patrick & Mary Donegan, Holdenstown

Ger Curry, Parkmore & Scotland

Jim Farrell, Clough Upper

Michael O'Keeffe, Randalstown

Patrick & Mary Donegan, Holdenstown

Thomas O'Brien, Carrigeen

John O'Neill, 49 Parkmore

Margaret O'Connor, 7 Parkmore

Catherine & Joseph Maher, Baltinglass & Dublin

Fintan Kavanagh, Carrigeen, Baltinglass

Ellen Donegan, Kilmurry

William Wall, Parkmore

John Norton, Grangecon - 1st anniversary

Mary Owens, Parkmore

STRATFORD: 9.30AM (SUN)

Kevin Moore, Stratford

Paddy McDonald, Gibraltar

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10AM IN ST PAUL'S ORATORY

Monday 19th October: Holy Souls

Tuesday 20th October: Donor's Intentions

Wednesday 21st October: Donors Intentions

Thursday 22nd October: Donors Intentions

Friday 23rd October: Donors Intentions

Rest in Peace

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 18th October 2026

The question as to whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar was a very serious one, and it really put Jesus in a spot. If he said it was lawful, he would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish cause and the Jewish religion. If he said it was unlawful, he could be denounced as fomenting rebellion against Rome. Jesus replied: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God" (For Caesar we can substitute the Stte). This doesn't mean that there are some things that belong to Caesar and others that belong to God, as if reality were divisible into 'secular' and 'sacred'. It means that an obligation to Caesar stands under and is judged by a paramount obligation: to acknowledge the sovereignty of God.

Jesus was implying that there need not be conflict between the demands of the State and those of God. The State has a role, but its power is limited and does not supplant God. From this principle Christians deduced that they could accommodate loyalty to the State.

As Christians we have dual citizenship. We are citizens of the country in which we happen to be living or in which we were born. To it we owe many benefits. To its forces of law and order we owe the fact that we are able to live in peace and security. To its public services we owe transport, water, light, etc. To its social provisions we have access to education, medical care, and so on.

But as Christians we are also citizens of the kingdom of God. To it we owe certain privileges, and to it we also have obligations. In most cases the two responsibilities do not clash. But at times they may. And when they do, Christians will spontaneously know which comes first.

As Christians our first and deepest loyalty is to God. To God alone we render worship. In order things we gladly acknowledge and serve the secular powers, praying that they will rule wisely and justly.

Culled from: New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies, Year A by Flor McCarthy SDB



MINISTERS FOR THE 24th & 25th October



SATURDAY 6PM (Baltinglass)

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

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:

Minister of the Word: Alf Gillespie
Eucharistic Ministers: Soley Agustine
 Maureen Plant

GRANGECON: 9.30AM:

Minister of the Word: Margaret Kealy
Eucharistic Minister: Mick Kehoe

THE IRISH CATHOLIC

Ireland's biggest and best-selling
 religious newspaper!

ON SALE in St. Joseph's Church each week-
 end.

PLEASE NOTE

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

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.

SUNDAY MASSES 2026

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

VISIT BALTINGGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
 01, 03, 05, 29



No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each
 Alan House, James Whelan, Claire Butler

Sellers Prize: Maurice Mangan

Next week's Jackpot: €20,000.

BALTINGGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
 02, 05, 11, 20



No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 Winners - Share €300.

Paula Doyle, Anne Gibbons, Martin Donegan,
 Siobhan Whelan, Ellie Hennessy
Next week's Jackpot: €20,000

GRANGECON NATIONAL SCHOOL

We are delighted to invite pupils, parents, pro-
 spective 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 op-
 tional 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 plen-
 ty of Halloween fun! Visitors will also have the
 opportunity to learn more about our educa-
 tional programmes, explore our school facili-
 ties and see all that Grangecon NS has to offer.
 The evening is open to current pupils and fami-
 lies, prospective families and members of the
 wider school community. All are welcome. We
 hope to see you there.

WEST WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Next Autumn lecture is on Tuesday, October
 27th at 8pm in the Lalor Centre, Baltinglass.
 W91 XW57. **"The Irish Halloween Experience"** A
 talk by **Michael Fortune**. Adm: €5 Members, €8
 Non-members (cash or SumUp). This lecture will
 feature an exploration of Irish Halloween cus-
 toms, beliefs and traditions and their connec-
 tions across Europe and North America.

BINGO



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

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.

STRATFORD ON SLANEY - PARENT ASSOCIA- TION 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
 Autumn treats, Tea, Coffee. Pre-loved Book
 Sale, Children's Stories & Novels. Support
 your school Library. All proceeds support the
 parent Association and School Projects.

BALTINGGLASS LIBRARY EVENTS

Tuesday 20 October: Baltinglass Film Club - at
 19.45. The film made in 1959, directed by John
 Boulting, is a classic British state-of-the-nation
 satirical comedy that lampoons 1950s labour
 relations, corporate greed, and class hypocrisy.
 Booking Required -All Welcome. Further infor-
 mation on 059 6482300/
baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie

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.

HOSPITALITY MORNING

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



MISSION SUNDAY

October and World Mission Sunday is a time
 for the faithful of the world to show their
 appreciation towards the work of overseas
 missionaries. Please call Missio Ireland on
 (01) 497 2035 or go to www.missio.ie for
 further information

SYNODAL PATHWAY UPDATE

300 delegates from across Ireland gathered on
 Saturday in Gormanstown, Co Meath to discern
 together 35 proposals for action that have
 emerged in the synodal pathway that the
 church has been on since 2021. For each
 proposal, the assembly had four options: Highly
 recommend, recommend, needs more
 discernment, do not recommend. The bishops
 now have the responsibility of receiving the
 discernment of the assembly. As the synodal
 pathway continues, the working document for
 the assembly remains a valuable document for
 all interested in the life of our church and
 parishes. It not only outlines the 35 proposals
 but also describes a vision for the Church that
 has emerged through the synodal process. This
 vision is worth taking the time to read and can
 be accessed on www.kandle.ie and
www.synod.ie

EMPLOYABILITY WICKLOW

Employability Wicklow is an Employment
 Support Service based in Wicklow. We are
 funded by the Department of Social Protec-
 tion and support people aged 18 to 65 with
 disabilities, mental health issues, and a wide
 range of health conditions to find and keep
 employment. We offer an outreach service
 twice a month from Baltinglass Parish Cen-
 tre. If you wish to use this service or are an
 employer interested in partnering with us to
 support jobseekers and access available
 grants, please contact Jillian Price at
 086 8308364 for more information.
www.employabilitywicklow.ie