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WE REMEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES: SUNDAY 11AM.

Mary Woods, Hartstown
Maggie Brophy (nee Donohoe), Tinoran & Dunlavin
Michael (Mick) O'Shaughnessy, Carrigeen – **1st Anniversary**
Kathleen & Michael Curry, West Winds, Bawnogues & their daughter Joan
Michael & Marie Farrell, Bawnogues
Thomas, Joseph & Patrick Donohoe, Bawnogues
Elizabeth & James Donohoe, Bawnogues
Katherine Walsh & deceased members of the Walsh Family, Oldtown
Winnie Byrne, Newtown Saunders
Michael Doherty, Carrigeen & deceased members of the Doherty Family
Annie Doyle, Barronstown, Grangecon
Kathleen Curry, 2 Bawnogues
Pam Nolan, The Wood
Willy Cullen, Newtown Saunders
John & Mary Bookle, Irongrange & deceased members of the Bookle Family
Mai Kinsella, Hughestown
Dan Nolan, Parkmore
Harry & Lizzie Barrett, 10 Shroughaun
John & Mary Cooney, U.K. & Enniscorthy
Bridget Hallissey, U.K. & Enniscorthy
Paddy Byrne, Walkinstown & Weaver Square

GRANGECON: 9.30AM (SUN.)

MONTHS MIND

Mary Moore, Grangecon

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael & Margaret Cronin & John Cronin
Rev. Tim Cronin
Lorraine Cronin Canty & Mairead Cronin
Frances Whelan, Ballynure & Wexford – **1st Anniversary**
Michael & Mary Wade, Rathbran
John & Josephine Tierney, Rathbran
John & Mary Kelly, Broadleas
Carl Rice, Griffinstown
Francis Flood, Ballynure, Grangecon
Marty & Rose Dunne, Griffinstown
Tommy & Kitty Tutty, Grangecon
Paddy, Mary & Christopher, Farrell, York, England
Christopher Daly, Rathfarnham
James Byrne, Mallens Wood
Tommy & Mary Hickey, Castledermot

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS
10AM IN ST. PAUL'S ORATORY

Mon. 26th Oct.	Donors Intentions
Tue. 27th Oct.	Donors Intentions
Wed. 28th Oct.	Donors Intentions
Thurs. 29th Oct.	Donors Intentions
Fri. 30th Oct.	Donors Intentions

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – year A – 25th October 2026

Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on the true measure of love: how we treat God and one another. They remind us that love is not simply a feeling—it is a way of living.

In the First Reading, we are warned not to mistreat those who are poor, vulnerable or disadvantaged. Their dignity must be protected, and their needs must never be ignored. Circumstances can change quickly, and any one of us may one day need the compassion and support of others.

In the Second Reading, St Paul encourages the Thessalonians to follow his example, just as he follows Christ. Faith becomes most convincing when it is visible in the way we live and, in the example, we offer to others.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives the Pharisees—and all of us—the key to understanding God's will: we must see life through the lens of love. Love of God and love of neighbour cannot be separated. Each strengthens and gives meaning to the other.

Christian love is shown more clearly by what we do than by what we feel. Pope St Gregory the Great, who served as Pope for thirteen years before his death in 604, offers a striking example. He organised volunteers to care for the sick, feed the poor and provide homes for people in need on farms around Rome. Each day, he also welcomed twelve poor pilgrims to his table and served them himself.

According to tradition, Gregory once counted thirteen guests at the meal, although his steward could see only twelve. The mysterious guest appeared first young, then middle-aged and then old. When Gregory asked who he was, the stranger replied that he was an angel sent by God in recognition of the Pope's charity and to be his guardian.

St Gregory reminds us that Christian love is generous and self-forgetful. People are always more important than things. We may not be able to carry out great works of mercy, but each of us can make time for a kind word, a sincere smile, a practical act of help or a prayer for our neighbour. In these simple ways, love becomes visible.

November Novena for all the Faithful Departed begins on Monday 2nd and end on Tuesday 10th. There is daily Mass in St. Paul's Oratory at 10am (Monday to Friday) and in St. Jospeh's Church at 7.30pm (Monday to Friday). Saturday Evening 6pm, Sunday at 9.30am (Grangecon) and 11am (St. Joseph's, Baltinglass). On Saturday 7th at the 6pm mass, we have our annual mass for all who have died in the past 12 months with a special welcome to their families and friends.



MASSES
St. Paul's Oratory
Mon. – Fri. 10am
St. Joseph's Church
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
Available on webcam at
baltinglassparish.ie



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
ST. PAUL'S ORATORY
WEDNESDAYS 7.30 - 8.30PM
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.

THE IRISH CATHOLIC

Ireland's biggest and best-selling religious newspaper.
ON SALE in St. Joseph's Church every weekend.

PLEASE NOTE
If you take one please put money in the box. Cost €3.80.

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

MINISTERS FOR THE 31ST OCT. & 1ST NOV.

SATURDAY 6PM (Baltinglass)
Minister of the Word: Niall Doogue
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Hayes
Patricia Carwood

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:
Minister of the Word: Mary Vernon
Eucharistic Ministers: John Paul Kenny
Seán Connolly

STRATFORD: 9.30A.M.
Minister of the Word: Carmel Doyle
Eucharistic Minister: Liam Brady

SUNDAY MASSES 2026

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



Weekend Collections
17th & 18th Oct.
Off. €880. **Dev.** €1,740.
Many thanks to all who contributed.

SYNODAL PATHWAY UPDATE NATIONAL SYNODAL ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 17 October, was a momentous and historic day in the life of the Irish Church in which over a dozen delegates from our diocese participated. Locally in our parishes there is much to receive from the prayer, listening and discernment of the past five years. The working document for the assembly is still a valuable document for parishes and a number of accounts and reports from the day can be viewed in the latest news section of www.synod.ie These are important to read alongside the raw figures on each proposal. Our delegates will gather with Bishop Denis on 3 November to reflect on the assembly and where it is leads us now.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers
18, 22, 26, 28
No Jackpot Winner
No Match 3 Winners.
Sellers Prize: Kellyann Bollard
Next Week's Jackpot €20,000.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers
04, 07, 19, 23
No Jackpot Winner
5 Match 3 Winners – Share €300.
Peadar Osbourne, Jonathan Stapleton, Ross Mullally, Louise McDermott, Theresa O'Neill
Next Week's Jackpot €20,000.

KARE TINAHELY LOCAL SERVICE

are holding a sponsored walk on the 29th of November at Tinahely GAA grounds. Registration is at 10am. You can register to take part in the walk or make a donation through our iDonate page: Support get moving for Kare-Tinahely Sponsored Walk on iDonate.ie

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIRED

Our next meeting takes place on 28th October at 3pm in Germaines. Please return all Windfall Draw Raffle Books at this meeting. A Representative from McGinleys Coach Travel will address the meeting on the subject of Cruises departing from Belfast. New members welcome to the meeting.

BINGO

Every Monday in Fatima Hall at 8pm.

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 return your envelopes to the Church. Visit www.missio.ie for further information.

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. To become a volunteer driver, contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie We would be extremely grateful for your support, as it will help us to continue supporting those who are impacted by cancer.

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY EVENTS

Wednesday 4 November: Mindfulness with Fidelma Farley - 11.00 am - Noon – All Welcome - No Booking Required.

Saturday 7 November: Creative Writing Group All Welcome - No Booking Required. For details phone 059 648 2300 baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie