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### MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory

Tues.- Fri. 10am

St. Joseph's Church

Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am

Available on webcam & radio 100.2fm

Grangecon\Stratford

Alternate Sundays 9.30am

### NEWSLETTER

Articles for the Newsletter  
must be received by  
12 noon on Thursdays.

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday 9.30am - 1.00pm

Tuesday 9.30am - 1.00pm

& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

### PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed  
Wednesday 12th June &  
will re-open Friday 21st June at  
9.30am.

Anniversaries etc. can be left into the  
Sacristy before or after any Mass during  
this time or else left into the Parish  
Centre Post Box up until 3pm on Friday.

### SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON

STRATFORD

June:

23

16/30

### WE REMEMBER

#### ANNIVERSARIES

John & Kathy McGrath, Clough

& their son James

Shane McKeever, Kilkenny & Lathaleere

Paul Kennedy, Chapel Hill

Donal McDonnell, Coolnarrig

Maureen Coffey, Carrigeen, her husband

Patrick, her son Padraig & deceased mem-

bers of the Coffey & O'Shea Families,

Baltinglass & Kerry

Tommy O'Connor, Irongrange

Matt Owens, Parkmore

#### Grangecon : 9.30am

Laurence, Margaret & Deirdre Dunne, Knockrigg

Johnny Sleator, Knockrigg

Ann Nolan, Moneymore, Grangecon

Rest in  
Peace



### CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH

Baptism takes place on the second  
Sunday of every month.

All arrangements should be made through the  
Parish Office at least three weeks prior to date  
of baptism. Members of our Baptism  
Preparation Team will host a meeting of  
parents to prepare for the ceremony.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH JUNE 2024

### Who are My Mother and My Brothers and Sisters?

We live our lives in the circle of many relationships,  
connections, friendships, loves.

We live in a web of relationships which have been essential to our lives:  
people close to us now, people who have died,  
people who were once part of life but from whom we have drifted.

And we live in the circle of God's love.

Maybe we wonder how central to our whole lives our special people are.

What can be more central than family relationships?

Yet Jesus says that our relationship with God is more central.

We are united in human bonds—

of parent-child, brother-sister and other family relationships;  
that beautiful web of support and comfort we all want,  
hope for and try to give;

but there is another bond—our deepest unity is in God.

As well as our human bonds, we are children of God,

and living within the love of the gospel,

we are brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Donal Neary SJ





### CONGRATULATIONS

To Celia O'Connor (Ironrange) on reaching her 100th birthday. We wish her every blessing on this occasion. We thank God for the gift of her life and ask Him to continue to watch over her.

### BIGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Bigstone Community Centre is officially opened 40 years in 2024. We are inviting all the community to join with us at the Community Centre on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 2pm to 5pm. An opportunity to meet up, have a chat, reminisce over a cuppa and take a step back in time looking over photographs & memorabilia. Also sports and activities for the younger folk and song and dance. We hope to be joined by some of the original Bigstone Community Centre Committee who had the vision and the drive to give us the Community building which is of such a benefit to us all these decades later.

### Bishop Nulty's Prayer For Those Sitting Exams

Lord, as I prepare to sit my exams send your Holy Spirit to guide me and be with me. Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of education. Keep me calm. Help me to do the best I can on the day of my exam. Help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions as best that I can. Give me peace, understanding and wisdom and be with me today and always.

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers 16, 19, 20, 24  
No Jackpot Winner



2 Match 3 Winners €100 each  
Pam Nicholson & Theresa Halpin  
Sellers Prize: Maurice Mangan  
This week's Jackpot: €14,600

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers 07, 08, 10, 23  
No Jackpot Winner



4 Match 3 Winners €75 each  
Peadar Osborne, Alex Connor, Shane Wall, Anne Timmins  
This week's Jackpot: €14,000



### CEMETERY MASSES 2024

Rathbran Cemetery Friday 28th June 7.30pm  
Knockpatrick Cemetery Friday 5th July 7.30pm  
Baltinglass Cemetery Sunday 4th August 3pm  
Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery

### RALLY FOR LIFE 2024

Ireland's largest annual pro-life march takes place Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 1.30pm, Parnell Square, Dublin. Contact 01 8730465 to book a seat on a rally bus from your area. For more info see [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net) and [www.thelifeinstitute.net/rally2024](http://www.thelifeinstitute.net/rally2024)

### BALTINGLASS STAY & PLAY

welcome Nathalie Lennon Health & Nutrition Coach, Podcaster & Radio Host on KCLR FM to a Wellness Talk - Taking Control of Your Health. This will take place on Friday 14th June @ 7pm in The Old Schoolhouse Church Lane. Cost is €5 per person. For information find us on Facebook Baltinglass Stay & Play



### CRUINNIÚ NA NÓG

A Festival Day of Free Creativity For Children & Young People

on Saturday June 15th in Co. Wicklow . To find out more, including booking, times suggested ages visit: [cruiuiu.creativeireland.gov.ie/events/location/Wicklow/](http://cruiuiu.creativeireland.gov.ie/events/location/Wicklow/)

### EVENTS IN BALTINGLASS AT TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDENS

- Ancient West Wicklow Storytelling:** 11:30am – 12:30pm. Age: 0-4
- Fadó, Fadó:** A Storytelling and Crafting Workshop for Little Ears and Busy Fingers. 11am - 2:30pm & 2:30 - 4pm Age: 5-8
- Introduction to Song Writing:** 11am & 11:45am. Age: 9+
- Crafty Craic Candle Making:** 11am – 4:30pm. Age: 5+
- Design & Make a Pair of Stacking Bracelets Workshop:** 11:30am, 12:30pm, 2 & 3pm Age: 5+
- Forest School Activities and Wild Art Open Play Stations:** 11am – 4.30pm All Ages
- Slime Time:** 12pm- 4pm Age: 5–8
- Making Homemade Playdough:** Time: T.B.C. Age: 9–12
- Forest School: Weaving Dreams – Dream-catchers, Earth Mobiles and Wind Chimes** 2:30 – 3:30pm (Booking required) Age:8–11
- Forest School: Bracelets & Origami** 3:30 – 4:30pm (Booking required) Age:8–11
- Cairde Damhsa Traditional Irish Dancing Showcase:** 1 – 1:20pm. Performance All ages
- The Slaney Court Drummers:** 1:30 – 2pm. Performance All ages
- Kippure Community Choir:** 2:15 – 2:45pm. Performance All ages
- Flowers of Ukraine:** 3.30 – 4pm. Performance All ages

### Adult Faith Development for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century : Diarmuid O'Murchú

Although formal religion seems to be declining around the world, there is a notable increase in people seeking out more adult forms of faith and spirituality, both within and outside traditional settings. At the same time, the Irish national synodal synthesis of 2022 reported a widespread lament for an absence of adult faith formation to help bridge a generational divide.

*"...there is a crisis in transmission of faith ... we are unsure about how to evangelise in the modern world..."*

The Association of Catholics in Ireland is delighted to welcome an internationally known teacher to add to our series on a topic critical to the future of the church in Ireland. Diarmuid O'Murchú, a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order, and a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. He has worked as a workshop leader and group facilitator, conducting programmes on Adult Faith Development across several countries.

Join Zoom Meeting on Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8.00 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83513793463?pwd=QUxkcE5vSUFSREVpL0pGWFlhVGZlQT09>

### All-Ireland Pollinator Plan For June

Local communities can lead the way in creating an Ireland where pollinators can thrive. Our bees and other pollinating insects are in trouble. The good news is that you can help by making your garden pollinator friendly. Every garden, no matter its size, can be a haven for hungry pollinators. Download the set of pollinator friendly garden guidelines [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie)

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