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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

Mon. Wed. Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

JUNE: 30

JULY: 7/21 14/28

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WE REMEMBER

MONTHS MIND

Patrick Doyle, Graney

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Nolan Jnr., St. Joseph's Road, Blessington

Maura Lindsey, Ballyduff Upper, Waterford

Patrick Fleming, Shroughaun

Jack & Betty Norton, Edward Street

Owen Woods, Hartstown

Thomas & Patrick Bookle, Irongrange & London

Patrick, Olive, Elizabeth & Mary Fleming

Laurence & Clare Kelly, West Demense

Seamus Bookle, Ballinroan, Kiltegan

Joe Kinsella, Portrition, Kiltegan & Mill Street

Mary Hyland, Rathmoon

Clare Doody, Hartstown

Joseph & Elizabeth Byrne, Carrigeen

Josie Byrne, Main Street, Baltinglass

Dan O'Neill, The Wood

Thomas Fogarty, 2 Parkmore & his brother

Patrick, Baltinglass & London

Kathleen Hanrahan Gahan, Weaver Square &

Rathvilly

John Norton, Knockrigg, Grangecon

John Moore, Deerpark

Grangecon : 9.30am

Theresa Flood, Ballynure, Grangecon

Tom & Bridget Flood, The Rocks

Lil Flood, The Rocks

Mary Parke, Fryanstown

*Rest in
Peace*

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWELVETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23RD JUNE 2024

DO NOT BE AFRAID

Storms of life – which of us hasn't had them?
About exams and jobs, in marriage and friendships.
And our fears of things going wrong.

What sort of fear does God calm?

The fear of being rejected by people close to us,
or the fear of love being lost.
One of the worst things about death is the fear of being nothing.
Or of losing God, like when Jesus was asleep in the boat.

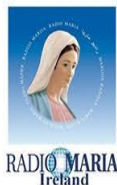


You might have had some experiences like that where God saved you.
A big relationship breaking up, a child dying, a marriage ending,
redundancy or unemployment, alcoholism –
surviving with some happiness even when money was low.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted –
maybe you knew that at tough times when you didn't go under and
you knew that God was there. Be not afraid, for I am with you.

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END OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS

There will be Mass at 10am this Monday to mark the end of the school year. You are welcome to join pupils and staff from Scoil Naomh Íosaf for this Mass.



MASS READERS

We would like to add to our current list of readers for all weekend Masses.

As a Minister of the Word you are called on to proclaim God's Word to His people. Please take time to give this invitation some thought. If you decide to volunteer please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Ger.

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
Thursday 15th August 11am

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY THIS SUNDAY 2-5PM

Bigstone Community Centre is officially opened 40 years in 2024. 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.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
10, 16, 19, 26



€14,900 Jackpot Winner
Brendan Byrne

2 Match 3 Winners €100 each
Laura Bollard, Shane Taggart
Seller's Prize: Andrew Moore

This week's Jackpot: €3000

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
3, 8, 12, 24



No Jackpot Winner

14 Match 3 Winners €25 each
Pat & Winnie Byrne, Patricia Cully, Con Murphy,
George Finlay, Katie Fennelly, Martha Keogh,
Tom Coleman, Pat & Winnie Byrne,
Gordon Manley, Fiona Dunne, John Roy,
Peadar Burke, B. Cassells, Patricia Cully

This week's Jackpot: €14,200

Keep up to date with happenings in the Church in Ireland

Catholic News is the news service of the Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference. You can follow their articles on www.catholicnews.ie where you can also subscribe to a weekly ezine straight to your email inbox.

To keep up to date with what's happening on the Irish Synodal Pathway follow its Facebook page and X account – just type into the search box of each - 'synodal pathway'. This will keep you in touch with what is happening in the Universal Synod also. Don't forget to check out the diocesan website, kandle.ie, as well as our Facebook and X account to stay in touch locally!

SUMMER STARS PROGRAMME

has started at the library for this year. We welcome all children to participate in this event which keeps their reading skills up during the school holidays. So call in and collect your summer reading booklet, and read 8 books during the summer and receive a medal on completion.

All 4/5 year olds are being encouraged to join the library before they start school this year. To encourage this we will be giving out a bag with a free book for each child on joining. An invitation to join may have been given to your child in playschool/creche however it is not essential, just call in and join.

Tues 25th June: Clay Modelling with Olha for 9/12 year olds at 3.30

Fri 28th June: Movie Club at 11 am

2nd-6th July: FREE Summer Camp with Olha for 5/8 year olds.

16th-20th July: FREE Summer Camp for 9/12 year olds.

Fri 12th July: Adult Crafting with Olha 3pm

Sat 13th July: Adult Crafting with Olha 11am.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Please call 059 6482300 or email at baltinglasslib@gmail.com to book a place. Please note children must be accompanied by responsible adult.

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



PEACE MASS

Carlow Cathedral Thursday 27th June at 7pm. Rosary, Divine Mercy, followed by Mass and Benediction.
Celebrant: Fr. Petru Medves.

Can you explain your Catholic Faith?

Have you an adult understanding of the reasons for belief?

Come to Prosperous parish centre next September where we study and discuss the Catechism in easy stages week by week. Study sessions are on Mondays 8 – 9.30 pm/ Thursdays 10.30 – 12.30pm.

For Mondays, phone Alice: 087 6505803/
For Thursdays, phone Bríd: 045 860170

CLOTHES EXCHANGE



Baltinglass Stay & Play are hosting their first preloved clothing exchange on Thursday 4th July 10am in The Old School House, Church Lane All clothes must be washed, dried & without damage No charge on the day but a donation to playgroup is welcome Choose to Reuse.

Designer Minds STEAM Summer Camps

Designer Minds STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) Summer Camps start soon in Carlow. For all boys & girls going into 1st to 6th Class this September. All details & online registration: www.designerminds.ie Give your child the opportunity to explore, create, and innovate in a fun and supportive environment this Summer!

RALLY FOR LIFE 2024

Ireland's largest annual pro-life march takes place **Saturday, 6th 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 and www.thelifeinstitute.net/rally2024