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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

JULY: 7/21 14/28

AUGUST: 4/18 11/25

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to make a donation etc.

www.baltinglassparish.ie

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WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Hilda Browne, Bawnogues

Cora Brennan, Mill Street

ANNIVERSARIES

William Quinn, Main Street & his daughter

Teresa Quinn (Sr Camilla)

Anthony Frahill, Tinoran

Margaret & Noel Frahill, The Curragh

Julia O'Neill, Lathaleer & Mount Kelly

Maggie & Martin Sutton, Belan Street

Pat O'Reilly, Bracknagh & Castledermot

Johnny Donohoe, Tinoran

Ted Humphries, Dunlavin

Margaret Byrne, Tuckmill

Noel Phelan, Rathmoon

Maura Balfe, Terenure

Bridget Byrne, Shroughaun

Betty Gorman, Clough

Mary Groves, Parkmore

STRATFORD: 9.30am

Pat Bollard, Winetavern

Rest in
Peace

 Society of St Vincent de Paul

BALTINGLASS BRANCH

If you wish to donate to St. Vincent de Paul
(Baltinglass) to support families in our
community who are in need, please use the
following:

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 8447 8860

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IBAN: IE24 BOFI 9065 0784 4788 60

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

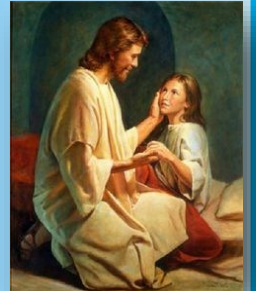
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30TH JUNE 2024

'Do not be afraid, only have faith.
The Child is not dead but asleep.'

I often wonder what I would be like if I was told that I had a
terminal illness and that I was going to die.

Well today's Gospel story tells us that Jesus raised the 12 year
old girl back to life. This story is a Resurrection story.
Do I believe that Jesus himself was raised from the dead?
that Jesus conquered death & in doing so he did it for all of us?

'Do not be afraid; only have faith!'
Each of us is raised to the new life,
for Jesus said the child 'was not dead but
asleep'? Am I asleep also?
Is my awakening, my resurrection, a slow
process or will it be sudden, or will I wait until I
actually die and then realise Jesus was with me
all through my life, all those times when I felt so alone?



People are sent our way, people who journey with us
and may become our friends.
These are the people who support us, who commune with us -
Communion, Community.

I need to remember that I am not dead but asleep.

A.S.

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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

Knockpatrick Cemetery

Friday 5th July 7.30pm

Baltinglass Cemetery

Sunday 4th August 3pm

Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery

Thursday 15th August 11am



RALLY FOR LIFE 2024

Ireland's largest annual pro-life march takes place on **Saturday, 6th July at 1.30pm**, Parnell Square, Dublin. Contact 01 8730465 to book a seat on a rally bus from your area.

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 10.30am – 12.30pm.

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

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

09, 12, 17, 29

No Jackpot Winner



2 Match 3 Winners €100 each
Sandra Greene, Colette Bollard

Seller's Prize: The Glen Lounge

This week's Jackpot: €3,300

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

07, 12, 13, 29

No Jackpot Winner



5 Match 3 Winners - Share €300

Marie O'Sullivan, Anna-Marie Sheerin,
Jonathon McLoughlin, Mary Nolan,
Pierce O'Neill

This week's Jackpot: €14,600

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, & innovate in a fun & supportive environment this summer

SUMMER STARS PROGRAMME

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Sr. Brigid celebrates her 100th birthday this Wednesday.

We congratulate her on reaching this milestone. The parish was blessed to have her living and working among us for 27 of those years. We thank God for the gift of her life and ask Him to continue to watch over her.

Sr. Brigid will join us from Dublin on webcam for our 10am Mass this Tuesday after which we will be able to send her our good wishes.



CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Takes place this year on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 28th July. Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland will lead the pilgrimage. Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm in the Basilica followed by Mass and a Rosary Procession. All are welcome to attend.

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!

PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE CARE AT THE END OF LIFE

To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes*. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video *Through the Valley*, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life. To read *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes* and to watch *Through the Valley*, visit the following link <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>



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.



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.