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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 Thursday.

### PLEASE NOTE

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
& will re-open Monday 29th July  
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.

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,  
to make a donation etc.  
[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

### SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

JULY:		28
AUGUST:	4/18	11/25

### WE REMEMBER

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Foley, Knockfield & deceased members  
of the Foley Family

Kate Kinsella, Parkmore House

Jack & Maureen Loughnane, Birr

Mary Campion, Parkmore

Michael Groves, Parkmore

Pauric Brady, Parkmore

Bill Cullen, Rathbran & his brothers Mick & Lar

Michael & Sheila McEvoy, Athy

Ann O'Reilly, Kildangan

**GRANGECON: 9.30AM**

Kevin O'Hara, Ballynure, Grangecon

John Joe, Mary & Patrick Sleator, Grangecon

Sarah Moore, Ballinure

Rest in  
Peace

### THE IRISH CATHOLIC

Ireland's biggest and best-selling  
religious newspaper!

ON SALE in St. Joseph's Church each  
Weekend for €3

Highly recommended reading for all!  
**IF YOU TAKE ONE PLEASE PUT MONEY IN BOX!**

### PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO 11AM MASS ON SUNDAY  
4TH AUGUST IN ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.  
MASS IN GRANGECON AT 9.30AM & IN  
BALTINGLASS CEMETERY AT 3PM.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21ST JULY 2024

## BE KIND TO YOURSELF

How hard we can be on the person closest to us - hard on ourselves.

We all need a bit of compassion for ourselves,  
for our weaknesses, faults and failings.

We also need to be able to forgive ourselves - if we're hard on ourselves,  
we'll be hard on others.

We can be so hard on ourselves that we're tough on everyone else.

Can we accept ourselves as the people we are?

That's having compassion on ourselves.

We can be hard on ourselves at all ages.

For not being good enough, failing to reach impossible standards,  
for having feelings like jealousy or envy.

And regrets:

Everything you wanted to happen and it didn't.

Maybe ways you let down a husband or wife, or ways you failed your children.

Jesus was big on compassion. And we need it.

Look on our whole selves: not just one side of ourselves.

If you have harmed people and they forgive you, allow yourself be forgiven.

And let the compassion of Jesus give you sympathy for yourself.

We need to love ourselves.

Accept yourself - love yourself as you are,  
not as you might have been or might be.

Be kind to yourself and you'll be kind to others.

Let others be kind to you

and you'll be kind to yourself.

Be compassionate to yourself and you will be to others.

Allow others be compassionate to you, and you'll look on yourself with love -

And that's how God looks on you.



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### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
19, 21, 26, 27  
**No Jackpot Winner**



**No Match 3 Winners**  
**Seller's Prize:** Maurice Mangan

**This week's Jackpot:** €4,600



### CEMETERY MASSES 2024

**Baltinglass Cemetery**

Sunday 4th August 3pm

**Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery**

Thursday 15th August 11am

### UPKEEP OF CEMETERY

People are encouraged to tend to their graves in preparation for these Masses. We appreciate the work of CE participants. It is important that everyone makes an effort at having the cemetery looking good and respectful of our deceased.

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
03, 17, 18, 28  
**No Jackpot Winner**



**7 Match 3 Winners** - €45 each  
Catherine Murphy, Pauline Hayes,  
Mary Cullen, Raymond Danne,  
Richard Lynch, Margaret O'Reilly,  
Billy Norton

**This week's Jackpot:** €15,200

### CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Takes place this year on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ASKEA PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Lourdes takes place 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Spiritual Director Fr Tom Little PP.  
Bishop Denis Nulty will be travelling with this pilgrimage.  
Cost €965.00 p/p sharing a twin/double room.  
Contact Tully's Travel, Carlow 059 913 6100.



### BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

Great work has been done by a small group of people. Judging for this year's competition can happen at any time from now on. So please do what you can to help our environment.

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**



### 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.



### MASS READERS

We would like to add to our current list of readers for all weekend Masses especially Saturdays 6pm. 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.

### TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN

**Organic Vegetables for Sale**

Mixed Lettuce, Scallions,  
Shallots, Strawberries.

Available Monday to Friday  
from 9 - 11am.



### 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. 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/>

### WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

**Sunday 28th July**

This year's theme:

*'Do not cast me off in my old age' (Ps.71:9)*

### EVENTS AT BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

**Tuesday 23rd July:** Crafting with Olha for Children (5-8 year olds) - 'Papercraft' 3.30 - 4.30pm (*Booking Essential. Parent/Carer must remain in the Library*)

**Wednesday 24th July:** 'Great Book Great Film' Movie Club 11am (Adults) (*Contact Library for details, booking not required*)

**Friday 26th July:** Crafting with Olha (Adults) - 'Quilling' 3 - 5pm (*Booking Essential*)

**Saturday 27th:** Crafting with Olha (Adults) - Watercolours 11am- 1pm (*Booking Essential*)

**These are free events. Please book at the Library on 059 648 2300 or [baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie)**

### LIGHT THE FIRE PILGRIMAGE

The Light the Fire Pilgrimage at Ballintubber Abbey, Co Mayo will take place on Sunday, 4 August, from 12 to 4pm. Archbishop Francis Duffy, will celebrate Mass as part of the Light the Fire rosary/healing service. Eurovision's Dana Rosemary Scanlon will also sing her new song for Saint Patrick which recalls how our patron saint lit the fire of faith.

12 – 1pm Gathering  
1.15pm Rosary  
2pm Holy Mass  
3pm Eucharist Healing Service

For info: <https://www.ballintubberabbey.ie/light-the-fire-2024/>

### DANNY'S CORNER

We are all "gearing" up for the big "Tracks" event which is being held at the Lalor Centre on July 28th from 1.30 to 5pm.

This is Eoin O'Malley's amazing Wheel painting event. There will be Live music, Refreshments, Face Painting etc and everyone is welcome on the day! Danny.



Clean up  
after your  
dog

**When out walking clean up after your dog if the need arises. Think especially of people coming after you who may have poor eye sight.**