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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

Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm

Thurs. 9.30am - 1.00pm

& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.

SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

SEPTEMBER: 15/29 22

OCTOBER 13/27 6/20

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 10am Mass on Tuesdays 10th and 17th

Mass instead on Mondays 9th and 16th

WE REMEMBER

MONTHS MIND

Michael Coogan, Knockfield, Rathvilly

ANNIVERSARIES

Billy Phelan, Rathmoon

Julia Leigh, Rampere

Larry Rogers, Dublin

Billy Moody, Dublin

Beth Landy, Dublin

Tom Malone, Parkmore

Mary Murray, Broadstown

Mona Clynych, Castledermot Road

Tess Gormley (Nee Nolan) Kettering & The Wood

Ger O'Reilly, Kildangan

Margaret Foley, Belan Street

Bridget Byrne, Weaver Square

William (Bill) Dwyer, Gibraltar

Jim & Bridget Byrne, Weaver Square

Paddy O'Shea, Weaver Sq & Castledermot

STRATFORD 9.30AM

Les Halstead, Ballinacrow

William & Mary Brady, Manger

Pat, Una & Brian Brady, Manger

Ann Humphreys, Whitestown Upper

Rest in Peace

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www.baltinglassparish.ie

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024



The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children." *Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.*

Theme: "To Hope and Act with Creation"

In the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans, we see the biblical image of the Earth groaning (Rom 8:22). Today we hear the cry of the Earth all around us. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather actively striving for new life amidst the struggles.

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

This year's theme is "To Hope and Act with Creation". Resources compiled by the Laudato Si' Working Group of the Irish Bishop's Conference and Trócaire, can be found on the international Season of Creation website: www.seasonofcreation.org

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Saorview - Channel 210
Stream on www.radiomaria.ie
By phone (01) 437 3277
(no extra charges apply) FREE
APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"



Visit of the Relic of St Bernadette

In September and October this year, the relics of Saint Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country. This very special, once-in-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their diocese.

The relics of St Bernadette will visit Kildare and Leighlin this October, on the 7th in Carlow Cathedral and on the 8th in Portlaoise Parish. Further details will follow shortly.

Visit of the Relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis

**Church of St's Peter & Paul, Portlaoise
Wednesday 11th 7pm**

Reception of the Relics with talk on the life of Blessed Carlo by Fr. Marco (P P of Assisi)

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th

Masses at 7.30am, 10am & 11.30am.

3pm Friday 13th - Farewell.

Throughout Thursday and Friday there will be talks on the life of Blessed Carlo, streaming of a video on his life, periods of quiet Prayer and blessing with the relic.

LOUGH DERG ONE DAY RETREAT

Experience the beauty and peace of the holy island of Lough Derg in Co. Donegal. Return bus from Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Maynooth, Kilcock and Dunboyne Park and Ride. Saturday 21st September. Cost: €45 for island (includes lunch) €35 bus. Further details: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie or 0872467594 after 6pm.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 07, 11, 19

No Jackpot Winner



4 Match 3 Winners - €50 each
Edel Geoghegan, Freda Moore,
Paul Moore, Mary Moore

Seller's Prize: Colette Bollard

This week's Jackpot: €3,300

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

15, 19, 20, 29

No Jackpot Winner



1 Match 3 Winner - € 300 - Fiona Keogh

This week's Jackpot: €3,400

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

is delighted to announce that they are returning to rehearsals Monday September 9th in the Cathedral Parish Centre, R93 XV10, with an open evening at 7:30 pm. We are recruiting new members and welcome all voice parts, especially tenors and basses. An ability to read music is an advantage but not a prerequisite, as support is provided. For details visit www.carlowchoralsociety.net or email carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!



I want to truly say how much I appreciate very much your very meaningful gift, the St. Brigid's Cross. I guess I will continue to be remembered when the making of the St. Brigid's Crosses takes place. I do miss you all very much but thankfully I'm here in Tullow not too far away. My thoughts wander frequently in your direction. No doubt our paths will cross from time to time.

Sr Eileen!

NATURE IS CALLING

A weekend of Spiritual Renewal with Rosaleen Fadden from Fri 20th September to 22nd at Sli an Chroí Centre for Spirituality, Ecology and Wellbeing, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.

The weekend will include Tai Chi, Chi Kung, Meditation and Healing Sounds. For details & bookings contact Rosaleen 086 0789241 email: ifo@taichiandwellnessacademy.com www.taichiandwellnessacademy.com

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

Is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

COFFEE MORNINGS: for September will be held in Hug-a-Mug each Friday at 11am.

BOWLING: An **Open Day** for members on Tuesday 10th September in Fatima Hall 3pm.

BRIDGE TEAM: Open Morning for members on Wednesday 11th September at 10.30am in the Parish Centre

NEXT MEETING of Active Retirement is on Wednesday 25th September in Inis Fail at 3pm

INTRODUCTION TO INTERIOR DESIGN

Join our 4 week beginners course on Tuesday Sept 24th, October 1st, 8th & 15th from 9.30am to 12.30pm **or** Wednesday Sept 25th, October 2nd, 9th & 16th from 6 to 9pm.

Venue: Baltinglass Parish Centre.

Fee: €180 (includes all materials)

Call Sharon on 089 491 7878 to book your spot. www.fullcircleinteriordesign.ie.

As featured on: The Irish Times, The Wicklow People, Ireland's Homes Interiors & Living Magazine & Irish Homes & Gardens.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland is a Weekend experience is for married couples who want something more in their marriage - more fun, spontaneity, passion, joy, excitement, romance, understanding, communication, intimacy.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 8-10 Nov
Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare.

Online booking only:

www.marriageencounter.ie

EVENTS IN BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

Tuesday 10th September: Crafting with Olha for Children - (9-12) Contact Library for details (*Booking Essential*)

Tuesday 10th September - Conversational English Group. 6.30 - 8pm - New volunteers welcome to chat with adult English learners in a friendly, informal setting

Friday 13th September - Crafting with Olha (Adults) Contact Library for details 3 - 4.30pm (*Booking Essential*).

Saturday 14th September - Crafting with Olha (Adults) Contact Library for details. 11am—1pm (*Booking Essential*)

These are free events. Please book at the Library on 059 648 2300 or baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie