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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

### PRIEST'S RETREAT

As the priests of the diocese are on retreat this week you are invited to be one with them during this time by participating in a Liturgy of Word on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 10am.

*(This is instead of the usual 10am Mass).*

You are also uniting yourself with people around the diocese who are doing the same.

Mass on Friday morning at 10am as usual

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATH

Shamie Donohoe, Tinoran

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Tim Long, Dublin

Turlough Quinn, Tuckmill

Kathleen Mary Black, Denvar & Parkmore

Luke & Frances McDonnell, Main Street

Mary & Richard Cully, the Walsh Family,

Edenderry & deceased members

of the Cully Family, Rhode

Phyllis & Patrick Reddan, Tinoran

Michael & Julia Patterson, Main Street

Mary Byrne, Shrougnaun

Bridie Kealy, Grangecon

#### STRATFORD: 9.30AM

Jack Byrne, Randalstown

*Rest in Peace*

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information, to make a donation etc.

[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

### SUNDAY MASSES

GRANGECON STRATFORD

SEPTEMBER: 29

OCTOBER 13/27 6/20

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

*They had been arguing which of them was the greatest'.*

(Today's Gospel)

Life is full of competition and wanting to be 'the greatest' is something that is part of our old self, our fallen self. Even Jesus disciples 'had been arguing which of them was the greatest'.

Now I am reading the story of St Therese of Lisieux's life. She discovered that the way to greatness is the way of spiritual childhood. This greatness is nothing like the greatness the disciples were seeking. Her greatness was like the greatness revealed by Jesus through his suffering and death. Jesus places a little child before us - pure and gentle to show us what He himself is like and in this way we can also see what our Father is like.

Wanting to be 'the greatest' is often promoted very early on in a child's life but Jesus told the twelve 'if anyone wants to be first he must make himself last of all and servant of all'. The way of spiritual childhood is in handing ourselves over to God just as Jesus surrendered himself to his Father - and I need to do this over and over again each moment of every day. [A.S.]

## RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Saorview - Channel 210  
Stream on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)  
By phone (01) 437 3277  
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## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
08, 11, 29, 30  
**No Jackpot Winner**  
**No Match 3 Winners**  
**Seller's Prize:** Brian Byrne  
**This week's Jackpot:** €4,100



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FreePhone 1800 303416.

Hearing impaired Text Line Number:  
0858022859. [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



**Winning Numbers**  
13, 21, 23, 28  
**No Jackpot Winner**  
**4 Match 3 Winners - Share €300**  
John Bookle, Katie Murphy,  
Shauna Dooley, Brian Fitzpatrick  
**This week's Jackpot:** €3,800



## FREE CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES

Are you interested in learning English?  
Increase your confidence when speaking.  
All levels are welcome to attend.  
Practical lessons and small group classes.  
Meet new people in your community.  
**Venue:** Baltinglass Parish Centre.  
**Time:** Thursdays from 11am - 1pm.  
Tea /Coffee available.  
Contact Ann Byrne on 085 800 6873 or  
email [agbyrne@wicklowpartnership.ie](mailto:agbyrne@wicklowpartnership.ie)  
or phone County Wicklow Partnership Office  
on 0402 20955 for more information.

## WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE CENTRE CLOTHES COLLECTION

At Baltinglass Hospital on  
Friday 27th & Saturday 28th September.  
Friday: 9am-11am & 3-6.30pm  
Saturday: 10am-2pm.



## BALTINGLASS DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The next meeting will take place on  
Wednesday 25th September at 3pm in  
Inis Fail. We welcome new membership.

## 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](http://www.fullcircleinteriordesign.ie).

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

## DUNLAVIN CULTURE BUS

Dunlavin Culture Bus will leave Dunlavin  
on October 26th at 11.30am to see  
'The Valley of the Squinting Windows'  
in Mullingar Arts Centre. Show is at 3pm.  
Tickets € 27.50. Tel 0449347777 to book  
tickets. 087 969 3960 to book bus. This  
show will sell out quick so don't delay.

## BALTINGLASS TIDY TOWNS

Annual General Meeting is scheduled for  
Tuesday, 1st October at 7.30pm in Inisfáil,  
Germaine's. Everyone with an interest in  
Tidy Towns is invited to attend.

## BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
from 7 to 8pm. Prospective parents and  
their children are invited to come to visit  
our wonderful school.

We are also holding a Book Fair on the  
night. Everyone is welcome to come along!

Further information may be found on our  
website: [www.bigstonens.ie](http://www.bigstonens.ie). or by phoning  
the school on 059 9161171 or 085 2120952  
or by email to office @bigstonens.ie.

## VISIT OF THE RELIC OF ST BERNADETTE TO CARLOW CATHEDRAL MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER



The relics will be received by  
Bishop Denis at the 10am Mass.

A water ritual, with water from the Grotto,  
is scheduled for 12 noon. Mass for the Sick  
and the Sacrament of the Sick will be cele-  
brated at 3pm. The visit of the relics will  
conclude with a torch light procession at  
8pm. The procession will commence at  
both Holy Family Church, Askea and St.  
Claire's Church, Graiguecullen making its  
way to the Cathedral. Prayer of  
Thanksgiving at 10pm. The relics may be  
visited throughout the day up to 10pm.

The relics will visit the Church of Ss Peter &  
Paul, Portlaoise on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

## Baltinglass Stay & Play Women's Group

welcome Sally Foran - the Irish Beauty Fairy  
award winning beauty expert and qualified  
skincare consultant to an evening focusing on  
skincare, health & wellness. Sat 28th Sept at  
7pm Old School House Church Lane.  
€10 entry can be pre-booked or pay on door.

## COUNTY CARLOW ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK FREE FILM VIEWING EVENT

You are invited to see "The Rights of  
Nature" film on Wed the 25th of September  
in the Visual, Carlow town at 7pm. It is an  
Irish-made film about what if species had  
rights? Learn about how to speak for  
species without a voice, and how we can  
redefine our relationship with the natural  
world. You will be invited after the film to a  
discussion about the film in the Visual bar  
area. There will be a guest speaker.

FREE admission, but booking is necessary:  
[https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/the-rights-  
of-nature](https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/the-rights-of-nature)

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING COURSE

24th Sept @ 8pm in  
the Community Room, Stratford Cafe.  
If you can't make it that evening, please  
phone Elizabeth on 087 621 2411 to ask  
about a future training session.  
This course could save someone's life!