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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
OCTOBER	27	20
NOVEMBER	10/24	3/17
DECEMBER	8/22	1/15

### FIRST PENANCE & HOLY COMMUNION

Stratford: Saturday 10th May 2025

Baltinglass: Saturday 17th May 2025

Parents will present their child for enrolment for these Sacraments at 9.30am Mass in Stratford and at 11am Mass in Baltinglass next Sunday.

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATHS

Joseph Hamill, Knockers Hill, Grangecon  
Peg O'Connell (née Cullen), London & Rathbran

#### MONTHS MIND

Shamie Donohoe, Tinoran

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Willy Cullen, Newtown Saunders  
Patrick & Josephine Doody, Parkmore  
Catherine & Joseph Maher, Dublin & Baltinglass  
Vincent & Rosemarie Eivers & their son Charlie & Florrie Eivers, Trim  
Frank Byrne, Deerpark  
Johnny Keogh, 8 Parkmore  
Peter Doyle, Clough  
Katriona Deevy, Carlow  
Mary Owens, Parkmore

Rest in Peace

#### GRANGECON: 9.30AM

Francis Flood, Ballynure  
Jim (James) Fenlon, Barronstown  
Rose & Marty Dunne, Griffinstown  
Michael & Margaret Kehoe, Grangecon Hill



### 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.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13TH OCTOBER 2024

*"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God". (Mk 10)*

Letting go... this is the season of letting go...the trees are gradually changing colour and some trees have already let go of their leaves. For them there is no struggle in the letting go.

The Gospel today says:

*"go and sell everything you own...then come follow me".*

Jesus is talking about my attachment to everything and everyone.

He is asking us to let go freely just as the trees do.

I can be attached/clinging to my ornaments, jewellery, photographs, opinions, achievements...

*"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Attachment is the enemy of love. Only in freedom can I love a person. I need to stop everything...and let go...and allow the Spirit in my heart to work in and through me.*

This is the Kingdom of God within.

The deepest part of me wants to live an authentic life - not just to impress others - not just living a game, but living honesty, sincerity and respect with others. In the reading from Hebrews it says:

*"everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of God"*

God already knows. He is not a Judge.

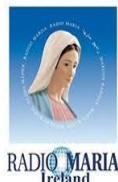
I need to let go of anything false in myself.

The first reading speaks of the 'Spirit of Wisdom' and the nature of wisdom is that it unites, so perhaps this Autumn I can unite/join with the trees in letting go - in a total surrender so that you will.

A.S.

## RADIO MARIA IRELAND

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

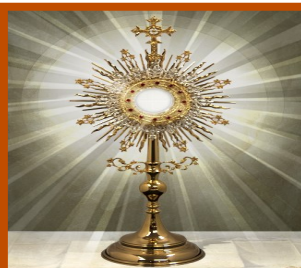


## SYNOD NEWS

The second general assembly of the Synod on Synodality is taking place in Rome from October 2-27. You can keep up to date on what is happening at the synod on the following accounts:  
Twitter/X: @Synod\_va  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/synod.va](http://www.facebook.com/synod.va)  
Instagram: [www.instagram.com/synod.va/](http://www.instagram.com/synod.va/)  
while a daily press briefing can be found on Vatican News at [www.vaticannews.va/en/](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/)

## CLIMATE ACTION CONVERSATION

A Climate Action conversation for the Over 60's takes place on **Thursday 17th October, in Askea Parish Community Centre at 11am.** We'll have a cuppa and a chat around why climate action is important. Jacinta Barrins is hosting the conversation, and has been doing so all over Ireland with the Over 60's. This event forms part of the schedule for the first ever Carlow Climate Action Week. For full list of the events go to: <https://carlow.ie/media/894/download?inline>  
Following the session on the 17th October, Carlow County Council will host a course to support those interested in making climate positive changes to their daily life. For info contact phone 059 9136231 [environment@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:environment@carlowcoco.ie) or



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**ST. PAUL'S ORATORY**  
**WEDNESDAYS 7.30-8.30PM**  
Spend an hour in quiet reflection before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

## STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers  
03, 14, 20, 29

No Jackpot Winner

**2 Match 3 Winners - €100 each**  
Katie Bollard & Pascal Burke  
**Sellers Prize: Kellyann Bollard**  
**This week's Jackpot: €5,000**



## BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers  
01, 18, 20, 23

No Jackpot Winner

**4 Match 3 Winners - €75 each**  
Kate Fennelly, Vivian Mahady  
Shane O'Neill, Denis Murray  
**This week's Jackpot: €4,700**



## WE'RE BACK!!!

*But its future depends on your support.*

**MONDAYS**  
**FATIMA HALL 8PM**  
**JACKPOT €1000**

## BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

are hosting their annual sponsored walk/run on the 20th October at 12 noon. The 6km loop starts outside Bigstone hall. Please come along and support the school as all proceeds go into activity, transport and supplies for the kids. Refreshments will be provided after. Thank you for the support, from the Bigstone Parents Association .



## SCOIL CHONGLAIS PARENTS COUNCIL TABLE QUIZ & RAFFLE

**Friday 25th October 8pm Inisfail, Germaines**  
*All proceeds will go towards resources for the New School Library.*

## SCOIL NAOMH IÓSAF CHRISTMAS FAIR



Join us for Crafts, Toys, Delicious Teats and Santa.  
**Sunday Nov. 10th 11am-5pm**  
*To book a stall contact:*  
*Ber 086 845 3660 or Jeny 089 601 2880.*

## GRANGECON SCHOOL OPENING EVENING



Wed 16th Oct. 5.30 - 7.30pm  
Halloween Themed Open Evening.  
This event is open to students, parents & the entire community. Pumpkin & art displays, face painting, games, storytelling & sweet treats will be on offer. Come along in your Halloween costume (adults optional) and learn about our outstanding educational programmes and facilities. See what our school has to offer & enjoy some light refreshments and speak to our staff, parents and students. See our facebook page for details.

## BALTINGLASS ARTISAN MARKET (BAM 2024)

**Saturday & Sunday 26th & 27th Oct**  
**Fatima Hall, 11am - 4pm.**

*Stop by to view booths featuring local artists, crafters, bakers, galleries and more.*

## FREE EVENTS IN BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

**Tuesday 15th: Crafting with Olha for Children - (Age 5-8) 3.30 - 4.30pm (Booking Essential)**  
**Conversational English Group 6.30- 8pm**  
New volunteers welcome - to chat with adult English learners in a friendly, informal setting.  
**Friday 18th Oct: Crafting with Olha (Adults) 3 - 4.40 pm (Booking Essential)**  
**Saturday 19th: Creative Writing Group (Adults) 11am -12.30pm**  
**Saturday 19th Oct - Crafting with Olha (Adults) 11 -12.30 pm.( Booking Essential)**  
Book at the Library on 059 648 2300

## KANDLE is Calling

### Bishop Denis Nulty Announces New Lay Pastoral Minister Training Programme in Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin

The Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, under the leadership of Bishop Denis Nulty, is inviting people with the courage to step forward and answer an important call to service. A new training programme has been developed to equip laypeople with the essential skills they need to serve as Lay Pastoral Ministers within parishes and pastoral areas.

The Lay Pastoral Ministers (Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Level 7) programme aims to nurture and develop the talents of lay leaders, preparing them to undertake significant roles within their parishes and pastoral areas. "The role of laypeople in our Church is crucial to ensure we invigorate faith in our communities. This is an exciting and important opportunity for people who want to explore their faith on a deeper level and be part of the future of our Church."

Members of the public are being invited to a series of information meetings across the diocese to find out more about the Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Level 7. These meetings will offer an opportunity to anybody who is curious to learn more about the course, its objectives, and the benefits it offers to participants and their communities.

### Information Sessions take place as follows:

-Monday 4th Nov: Mount Wolseley, Tullow  
-Tuesday 5th Nov: Westgrove Hotel, Clane  
-Wednesday 6th Nov: Solas Bhríde, Kildare Town  
-Thursday 7th Nov: Dolmen Hotel, Carlow  
-Wednesday 13th Nov: Par. Centre, Leighlinbridge  
-Thursday 14th Nov: Mt St Anne's, Killenard  
All meetings will commence at 7.30 pm, with tea and coffee available from 7.15pm.  
Further information from Patrick Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development, Ph 083 8305681; email [parisgdevelopment@kandle.ie](mailto:parisgdevelopment@kandle.ie).

**Best of Luck to Balto Seniors in the Wicklow County Football Final**