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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	
NOVEMBER	10/24	3/17
DECEMBER	8/22	1/15

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

www.baltinglassparish.ie

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

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Billy Gethings, formerly Parkmore has died in England

ANNIVERSARIES

Maggie Brophy (Neé Donohoe), Tinoran & Dunlavin
Joseph Kelly, Boley & deceased members of the Kelly Family

Carl Rice, Grangecon

Peggy Shortt & her husband Johnny, Mill St.

Rory Farrell, Rathmoon

Frank Balfe Snr., Terenure, Dublin

Thomas O'Brien, Carrigeen

Seamie & Ita Doyle, Irongrange

John O'Neill, 49 Parkmore

Margaret O'Connor, 7 Parkmore

Patrick & Mary Donegan, Holdenstown

William Wall, Parkmore

Ellen Donegan, Kilmurry

Jim Farrell, Clough

Michael O'Keeffe, Randalstown

STRATFORD: 9.30AM

Paddy McDonald, Gibraltar

Kevin Moore, Stratford

Jim Coleman, Stratford & Manchester

Rest in Peace



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CONFIRMATION

Saturday 5th April

St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Stratford: Saturday 10th May

Baltinglass/Bigstone: Saturday 17th May

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH OCTOBER 2024

What is World Mission Sunday?

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. In Ireland, Missio Ireland is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday collection. Missio Ireland is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission.

Why is it so important?

All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This Fund supports missionary activities in over 1,150 young dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God.

What does it support?

The needs of young dioceses vary, anything from a motorbike so a priest can celebrate Mass in remote villages, to a community hall so local people can gather in safety, or more urgently, vaccinations and medicines so that parish dispensaries can protect vulnerable children.

In essence it:

- provides basic infrastructure by helping communities to build churches, clinics, schools and parish halls.
- prepares the future leaders and carers of the Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, brothers and catechists.
- supports missionary programmes to care for children's spiritual and physical wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future.

What is the theme for World Mission Sunday?

For Mission Sunday 2024, Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet'. Mission, he said, is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God.

'Go and invite everyone to the banquet'

Mt. 22:9

**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**

**20th October
2024**



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

Instagram: www.instagram.com/synod.va/

while a daily press briefing can be found on Vatican News at www.vaticannews.va/en/

The Irish Bishops have appointed a national synod team to progress the work of the synodal pathway in Ireland. They will build on the findings of the conversations that have already taken place in Ireland and work towards holding national synodal assemblies. In recent months more than a dozen people from the diocese have taken part in national facilitative leadership training that will help assist furthering synodal conversations within Kildare and Leighlin. People can find out more about the Irish Synodal pathway at www.synod.ie



STRATFORD/GRANGECON

GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

06, 14, 28, 30

No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner - €200 - Sarah Byrne

Sellers Prize: Brian Byrne

This week's Jackpot: €5,300



BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

03, 08, 16, 19

No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 Winners - €60 each

Niamh Kelly, Maureen Moore,

Martin Donegan, Ashling Byrne,

Raymond Duffy

This week's Jackpot: €4,900



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



GERMAINE'S ANNUAL FIREWORK DISPLAY

Thursday 31st October
from 6pm at the Weir.

This will be followed by a Kiddie's Disco with D.J. Eoin in Inisfail. All donations will be donated to Temple Street Hospital. We also have Adults Events with DJ Brendan at the Atrium on Saturday the 26th and D. J. Tommy on the 29th with a prize of €100 for best dressed on the night.

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY - FREE EVENTS

Tuesday 22nd October: Crafting with Olha for Children - (9-13) 3.30 - 4.30pm. (BE)

Conversational English Group. 6.30 - 8pm

New volunteers welcome - to chat with adult English learners in a friendly, informal setting

Friday 25th October: Crafting with Olha

(Adults) - 3pm - 4.40 pm - Acrylics ((BE)

(BE=Booking essential) at the Library on 059

648 2300 or baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie

PAINTING OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH



Work will commence this Monday & is expected to take up to at least six weeks. This will result in some disruption in the use of the church during the day.

Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am will be celebrated in the church with either the main aisle or side aisle available for seating.

The church will be open for private prayer in whatever section is free at the time.

The church will not be available on the weekdays for funerals. These will have to take place in either Grangecon or Stratford churches.

Please be understanding of any inconvenience during the period of work.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION!

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.

www.facebook.com/BaltinglassMarket



FUNDRAISING IRISH NIGHT / SESSION IN AID OF DOGS FOR THE DISABLED

(who provide Assistance Dogs for people throughout Ireland)

Horan's Friday October 25th 9pm

Raffle on the night. Donations very welcome.

Your support is appreciated. Thanks in advance.

Colette Hanlon & her deputy Jasper!

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all in Tearmann Garden who were selected to represent Wicklow County Council in this year's Pride of Place Competition. The final takes place in Monaghan on Saturday 2nd November. We wish them every success!

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

If you are interested in enrolling your child for the 2025/2026 school year please contact 059 9161171 or 085-2120952 or email office@bigstonens.ie for an application form. Further information and application forms may also be found on the website: www.bigstonens.ie.

SCOIL NAOMH IÓSAF NATIONAL SCHOOL BALTINGLASS

Welcomes you to enrol for the 2025/2026 school year. Application forms for admission are available on our school website www.snibaltinglass.ie or on request from the Principal at principal@snibaltinglass.ie.

GRANGECON NATIONAL SCHOOL

Admissions for Grangecon National School are now open. If you wish to enroll your child in Grangecon N.S. for September 2025 For enrolment forms: Phone 045/403111 or email grangeconns1965@gmail.com

School webpage:

<http://grangeconns.scoilnet.ie/blog>

S.N.MHUIRE NATIONAL SCHOOL STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY

Applications for enrolment in Junior Infants in S.N.Mhuire are now available.

For application form:

Email: stratfordns@gmail.com

or call in to the School Office.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST. PAUL'S ORATORY

WEDNESDAYS 7.30-8.30PM

Spend an hour in quiet reflection before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.



SCOIL CHONGLAIS PARENTS COUNCIL TABLE QUIZ & RAFFLE

Friday 25th October 8pm
Inisfail Germaines

All proceeds will go towards resources for the New School Library.