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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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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

### 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

NOVEMBER      10/24      3/17

DECEMBER      8/22      1/15

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### CONFIRMATION

Saturday 5th April 2025

St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Stratford: Saturday 10th May 2025

Baltinglass/Bigstone: Saturday 17th May 2025

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATHS

Rita Hennessy, (née Behan) Rathcoran Sq, Baltinglass  
Oliver Fintan Kavanagh, Carrigeen

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Toomey & deceased members of the Toomey  
Family, Glen of Imaal

Winifred Hughes & her Son John, 5 Parkmore

Mary Woods, Hartstown, Grangecon

Pam Nolan, the Wood

Stephen Cullen, Raheen

Thomas Cullen, Parkmore & his wife Margaret  
& daughter Kathleen

Michael & Marie Farrell, Edward Street

Thomas, Joseph & Patrick Donohoe

James & Elizabeth Donohoe

Kathleen & Michael Curry, West Winds, Bawnogues

Kathleen Curry, 2 Bawnogues

Thomas (Thos) O'Hara, Raheen

Paddy Byrne, Walkinstown & Weaver Square

Katherine Walsh & deceased members of the Walsh  
Family, Oldtown

Annie Doyle, Barronstown, Grangecon

Michael Doherty, Carrigeen

#### GRANGECON: 9.30AM

John & Mary Kelly, Ballymore

Tommy & Kitty Tutty, Grangecon

Paddy, Mary & her Son Christopher Farrell, York,  
England

Carl Rice, Grangecon

James Byrne, Mallens Wood

Tommy & Mary Hickey, Castledermot

Michael & Mary Wade, Rathbran

John & Josephine Tierney, Rathbran

Bridie Cronin Smith, Grangecon & Dublin

John, Margaret & Michael Cronin, Springfield

Fr Tim Cronin, Stroke on Trent & Grangecon

Lorraine Cronin Canty, Grangecon & London



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH OCTOBER 2024

## *All Saints*

*I know a lot of saints, I do!*

*So let me mention just a few:*

*I know someone who runs a team*

*And teaches kids to play and dream,*

*Who stands in cold and wind and rain*

*On days they play and nights they train;*

*Someone who's there when we are sad,*

*The best and gentlest friend we've had,*

*Someone who says, 'Just do your best',*

*When I am scared to take a test.*

*A friend who takes the time to show*

*How things are done when I don't know.*

*A teacher who just always knows*

*Where that comma always goes;*

*And others who are kind and good,*

*Who try to act as Jesus would,*

*Who show God's love in all they do.*

*I know a lot of saints, don't you?*

*This poem by Brendan Kennelly gives us an insight into the saints we meet on our daily path.*

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### FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Friday 1st November

Masses for the feast will be celebrated on Thursday at 7.30pm and Friday at 11am in Baltinglass



### COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

All Souls Day

Saturday, 2nd November, is All Souls Day when we remember especially all our loved ones who have died. Mass at 10am in St. Joseph's Church.

### RENEWAL OF DEAD LIST

Envelopes and paper are provided in your box of envelopes. If you do not have these you may write them on paper using your own envelope. Please leave in Parish Office.



### 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 the date of baptism.

Members of our Baptism Preparation Team will host a meeting of parents to prepare for the ceremony.

### EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE

is an employment and recruitment service to assist people over 18 years who may have different types of disabilities such as: **Intellectual - Mental Health - Physical - Sensory - Hidden** and who are job ready and need the support of a job coach to get a job. Please contact Jackie McHenry on **086 0496875** as I run an outreach service based in Baltinglass Parish Centre twice a month.



### STRATFORD/GRANGECON

#### GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

05, 12, 17, 24

No Jackpot Winner

No Match 3 Winner

Sellers Prize: Joss Murphy

This week's Jackpot: €5,800



### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO

Winning Numbers

03, 18, 22, 26

No Jackpot Winner

No Match 3 Winner

This week's Jackpot: €5400.



**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**  
**FATIMA HALL 3PM**

### BALTINGLASS LIBRARY - FREE EVENTS

**Tues. 29th October:** Crafting with Olha  
Age 5 - 8. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. (B. E.)

**Wed. 30th October:** Special Halloween Film  
Showing for Adults - 11am - 1pm.

All are Welcome.

**Fri. 1st November:** Crafting with Olha  
(Adults) 3pm - 4.40pm - (B.E.)

**Sat. 2nd November :** Crafting with Olha  
(Adults) 11am - 1pm - (B.E.)

(B.E. = Booking Essential) Ph. 059 648 2300  
or email [baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie)



### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 30th October at 3pm in Inis Fáil. New members welcome.

### PAINTING OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH



Work has begun and is expected to take up to at least six weeks. This will result in some disruption in the use of the church.

Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am Masses 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!**

### KILDARE & WICKLOW EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

TIME FOR ME

**YOUR SIX WEEK JOURNEY TO LIVING WELL**

Do you make time for yourself? Join KWETB's FREE Six Week Programme. Supporting you in being kind to yourself and others. Considering options that will support your lifestyle choices. Emotional, Physical, Financial, Nutrition, Digital & Sustainability.

**DATES:** Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th  
November & the 4th & 11th December.

**TIME:** 12.30pm - 3pm **VENUE:** Baltinglass

**PHONE:** 059 648 2642 / 086 846 2771

**Email:** [abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie](mailto:abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie)

### FOR SALE



**135 Massey Ferguson Tractor  
Year 1965 & 8' Steel Roller**

To view: Call to Men's Shed  
(near Parish Centre) Wednesdays or  
Friday's 10am to 12noon.

Bids to be placed in sealed envelope with name & number, & left into Parish Centre.



## 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](mailto:office@bigstonens.ie) for an application form. Further information and application forms may also be found on the website: [www.bigstonens.ie](http://www.bigstonens.ie).

### SCOIL NAOMH ÍOSAF 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](http://www.snibaltinglass.ie) or on request from the Principal at [principal@snibaltinglass.ie](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stratfordns@gmail.com)  
or call in to the School Office.

### GERMAINE'S ANNUAL FIREWORK DISPLAY

Thursday 31st 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.