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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

### **EUCHARISTIC 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 17

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NOVEMBER	10/24	
DECEMBER	8/22	

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

**MONTHS MIND** Phyllis Flanagan, Chapel Hill, Baltinglass

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Mai Sleator, Barronstown Denis, Brigid, John, James & Joseph Kealy, Toolestown, Dunlavin Jimmy Doyle, Clough Winnie, Dan & Fergus & all deceased members of the Moore Family, Woodfield Jim & Elsie Alcock, Parkmore Harry & Lizzy Barrett, 10 Shroughaun John & Mary Cooney, Enniscorthy & England Bridget Hallissey, Enniscorthy & England Paddy & Breda Whelan, Raheen Seán Connors & his Sister Rose, Shroughaun



#### PIONEER PLEDGE FOR THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Contact the Pioneers on 01 805 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray "Dilexit nos - He loved us" -**Encyclical of Pope Francis** Prayers and Reflections based on "the Human and the Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ" are available on www.pioneers.ie

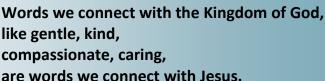


# **BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD** PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **3RD NOVEMBER 2024** 







Activities like working for justice, caring for the poor, housing the homeless, concern for the developing world, teaching prayer and the meaning of life, Are activities within the Kingdom of God.

We want to be like Jesus. accepting of others in difficulty and dispute, forgiving of faults and failings, challenging in teaching the truth, for he is the human image of the Kingdom of God, and when you try to live like him, you are not far from the Kingdom of God.

These are some words and activities of love, For to love God and the neighbour means you are not far from the Kingdom of God.

This is our entry to God's Kingdom.

Not Far from the Kingdom of God

#### ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

In Grangecon Church on Thursday 21st Nov. at 7.30pm. We will remember especially by name those who died in the past 12 months and whose funerals took place in the parish churches. PLEASE NOTE: GRANGECON CHURCH AND NOT BALTINGLASS (due to painting).

#### 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.

#### Lay Pastoral Minister Training Programme in Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin

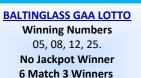
The Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, under the leadership of Bishop Denis Nulty, is inviting people with the courage to step forward and answer an important call to service. A new training programme has been developed to equip laypeople with the essential skills they need to serve as Lay Pastoral Ministers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





Billy Kenny, Kate Fennelly, Tom Coleman Don Deans, Michelle Doyle, Billy Kenny This week's Jackpot: €5,600

#### **BEAUTY BASICS BOOT CAMP**

for beginners or anyone looking to shake up their makeup. In Donard Hall on Tuesday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - 7pm to 8.30pm. **Cost:** €15 per class. To book ph. Lorraine on 087 6714205 or <u>lori.byrne@gmail.com</u>

#### BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIRED

Our deceased members were remembered at our meeting, including our beloved Founding Member, Phyllis Flanagan. Our visit to Dail Eireann is postponed. <u>Coffee</u> <u>Mornings</u>: Germaines Fridays 11am. <u>Bowling:</u> Tuesdays in Fatima Hall 3pm – 4pm. <u>Bridge:</u> Wednesdays 10.30am to 12md in The Parish

Centre. <u>Yoga Classes:</u> resume in the New Year. <u>Bowling Trip to Killarney</u>: Four night trip for members and non members 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Ph. Mary 087 299 9571. <u>Christmas Party</u> for Seniors, Active Retired members & Non-Members, in Germaines Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. **Next meeting** is Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. Members are invited to bring useful gifts items, toiletries, small hampers etc for donation & collection by the **Homeless Charity 'In their Shoes'**. Monetary gifts are also an option.



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

Funerals will take place in either Grangecon or Stratford churches on weekdays. 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** Join KWETB's FREE Six Week Programme. Considering options that will support your lifestyle choices. Emotional, Physical, Financial, Nutrition, Digital & Sustainability. **Dates:** Wed. 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th Nov & Wed. 4th & 11th Dec. from 12.30-3pm in Baltinglass 059 6482642 or 086 846 2771 or abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie ALSO

Full-time & Part-time places available in Athy. Psychology, Family Studies, Community Addiction Studies, Healthcare, Business Studies, Payroll, Digital Marketing and Early Learning and Care. All courses are free to eligible students. Training allowance available for full-time students who are in receipt of Jobseekers Payments. For info contact programme co-ordinator: Una Burke: 059 8632044 Ext 2. Mobile: 087 978 7727.

#### DONARD ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW

The best of local talent will be performing on Friday 22nd November at 8pm in Donard Community Hall. Tickets €10 on the door.





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 yearplease contact 059 9161171 or 085-2120952 or email <u>office@bigstonens.ie</u> 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 <u>www.snibaltinglass.ie</u> or on request from the Principal at <u>principal@snibaltinglass.ie.</u>

#### **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: <u>http://grangeconns.scoilnet.ie/blog</u>

#### 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

#### FREE EVENTS IN BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

Tuesday 5th Nov: Crafting with Olha for Children age 9-13. 3.30pm - 4.30pm (B. E.) Friday 8th Nov: Crafting with Olha (Adults) -3pm - 4.40 pm - (B. E.) Saturday 9th Nov: Crafting with Olha (Adults) -11am - 1 pm - Contact Library for details (B.E.) (B.E. = Booking Essential) Please book at the Library on 059 648 2300 or baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie

#### SCOIL NAOMH IOSAF CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday Nov. 10th - 11am to 5pm in Scoil Naomh Iosaf Hall. Join us for festive crafts, local products & tasty treats! Games & raffle. Santa arriving 2pm.