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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      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

#### 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 Shrouhaun

John & Mary Cooney, Enniscorthy & England

Bridget Hallissey, Enniscorthy & England

Paddy & Breda Whelan, Raheen

Seán Connors & his Sister Rose, Shrouhaun



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



November

the month of the Holy Souls



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      3RD NOVEMBER 2024

### Not Far from the Kingdom of God

Words we connect with the Kingdom of God,  
like gentle, kind,  
compassionate, caring,  
are words we connect with Jesus.

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.

"The kingdom  
of God  
is near!"



### 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](mailto:parisgdevelopment@kandle.ie).



### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

06, 07, 09, 25.

#### No Jackpot Winner

#### 2 Match 3 Winners

Oliver Keogh, Helen Gray

Sellers Prize: Annette Mangan

This week's Jackpot: €6,100



### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

05, 08, 12, 25.

#### No Jackpot Winner

#### 6 Match 3 Winners

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 [lori.byrne@gmail.com](mailto:lori.byrne@gmail.com)

### 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. **Coffee**

**Mornings:** Germaines Fridays 11am. **Bowling:**

Tuesdays in Fatima Hall 3pm – 4pm. **Bridge:**

Wednesdays 10.30am to 12md in The Parish Centre. **Yoga Classes:** resume in the New Year.

**Bowling Trip to Killarney:** Four night trip for members and non members 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Ph. Mary

087 299 9571. **Christmas Party** 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.



### PAINTING OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH **WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO CLOSE THE CHURCH DURING PAINTING.**

(for Health & Safety reasons)

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 life-style 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](mailto: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.



### 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 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](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)

### 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](mailto:baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie)

### SCOIL NAOMH IÓSAF 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.