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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 24

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Stephen Byrne, Tuckmill

Patrick McGrath, Carrigeen

Bridie Doherty, Carrigeen

Mary & Pairaic Naughton, Galway

Seamus Conneely, Galway

Michael Curran, England

Kevin Connolly, Pittsburgh, USA

David Hallahan, Sliabh gCua

Betty Quirke, Parkmore

Sarah Lennon, Parkmore

Margaret O'Reilly, Carrigeen

STRATFORD: 9.30 A.M.

John Barrett, Manger

Jack Barrett, Stratford

Bill Byrne, Stratford

Pat & Alice Keogh & Annie Kinsella,

Glen of Imaal

Hugh & Maureen O'Keefe, Gibraltar

Rita Fluskey, Stratford

Rest in Peace



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.

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

A Time to Pause & Be Still



As the days of light get shorter and shorter, there is an invitation to an unhurried pace in the circle of life. Now is the time for withdrawal and restoration of energy.

It is about going into the darkness, waiting for the light and being open to new growth in our inner being.

All of creation needs some time to pause and have its energy renewed. So do we humans. Winter offers us the gift of essential renewal.

Because of the uncomfortable conditions of winter, it is natural not to value this season.

The same is true of our interior winters.

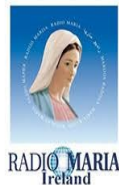
The human spirit needs rest and silence.

Winter provides this opportunity so we can slow down and refocus our direction and purpose in God's plan for our lives.

May we have the courage to stand strong, faith to maintain a positive outlook and hope for the future.

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BINGO

MONDAYS 8PM FATIMA HALL

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

12, 13, 25, 30



No Jackpot Winner

No Match 3 Winners

Ellen O'Neill & Rena Doyle

Sellers Prize: Brigid Barrett

This week's Jackpot: €6,900



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 & whose funerals took place in the parish.

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.



UNWANTED KNITTING WOOL

The Conglais Crafters are busy knitting, blankets, caps and jumpers for small babies.

They would be delighted to get any wool you might have left over or donations of wool for their work.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

St Vincent de Paul will hold their annual Christmas collection appeal at all Masses on Sat 30th Nov & Sun 1st Dec. All funds collected go to assist those in need in our community. Your support is very much appreciated.

Farmers' & Community Support Workshop

Mental Health Awareness Night,
Thursday 21st November at 8.30pm
in Myshall Community Centre. Further details from Lester Scott 087 2504322.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

12, 17, 25, 29



No Jackpot Winner

1 Match 3 Winner

Maire O'Sullivan

This week's Jackpot: €6,000

CHURCHLANE CHRISTMAS MARKET

St. Marys Church Baltinglass and Church of the Ascension Ballynure

Saturday November 23rd in Stratford Lodge School/Old School, Churchlane, Baltinglass from 4-8pm. We have over 40 stall holders with the huge variety of high quality products, together with BBQ, home baking & hot chocolate, always a favourite. Santa will be visiting & would be delighted to see as many boys and girls as possible.



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.

Did you know, some 360 million Christians live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith? Each year the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Ireland – which supports some 6,000 communities in 140 countries – highlights their plight during the 'Week of Witness' which this year begins on 17th and runs through to 24th November.



Since 2016, the Wednesday during the Week of Witness has become known as **Red Wednesday**. This year, Red Wednesday falls on 20th November. Red is the liturgical colour for the feast days of martyrs, representing the blood of those who suffered death for their faith. On Red Wednesday, where possible, cathedrals, churches, and public buildings around the world will be lit up in red to show solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters.

This Wednesday we are invited to wear something red - a scapular, tie, scarf or jumper - to show solidarity with the suffering Church & to remember the blood lost by Christians in defence of their faith.

ST COLUMBANUS LECTURE

'Columbanus, The Irish and Rome'

by Dr Damian Bracken, U.C.C.

and the launch of *The International Columbanus Day 2025*

by Bishop Nulty 7.30pm Friday 22nd Nov.
Cathedral Parish Centre, College St, Carlow.

St Columbanus was born c 543AD
near Myshall, Co. Carlow.

The International Columbanus Day 2025
will be hosted in County Carlow in July.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

'Santa Truck' is coming to town.

It will visit Baltinglass on Tuesday
26th November from 7 to 9pm for the
turning on of the Christmas lights.

MICHAEL ENGLISH & HIS BAND IN CONCERT

on December 1st in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow. Tickets €30 available from Tullow & Castledermot Parish Centre or on www.eventbrite.com All proceeds to Ardattin N.S. development fund.

VOLUNTEER ENGLISH

TUTORS NEEDED

Volunteer to support migrants and refugees through conversational English classes. Informal sessions focused on conversation for two hours per week. Teaching or TEFL/ESOL experience is helpful but not essential. Training and resources provided. Meet new people in your community. Classes are on every Thursday morning from 11am to 1pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Baltinglass. For more information, please contact Ann Byrne in Co Wicklow Partnership on 085 800 6873.

VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,
to make a donation etc.
www.baltinglassparish.ie



Congratulations to committees in Baltinglass, Grangecon and Stratford on their excellent results in this year's competition. Well done to all who work so hard to improve our town and villages, and strengthen pride of place.