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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

DECEMBER

8/22

1/15/29

JANUARY

5/19

12/26

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

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

[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

### WE REMEMBER

#### MONTHS MIND

Rita Hennessy, Rathcoran Square

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Frank & James Doyle, Carrigeen

Billy & Ann Lee, Bawnogues

Nora & Mena Gethings, Parkmore

John Kelly, Carrigeen

Nan Kavanagh, Carrigeen

Nora Timmins, Weaver Square

Bridie Kehoe, Weaver Square

Annie & Ger Kavanagh, Knockroe

Thomas & Christina Byrne, Shroughaun

The Kearney Family, Lathaleere

James Burke, Rahill & Irongrange

Michael Twyford, Rathmoon

Brigid & Patsy Fennell, Clough

#### GRANGECON : 9.30 AM

Paddy Whelan, Carlow and Holdenstown

*Rest in Peace*

### "PLANET SOIL"

Free Film Viewing in the Visual Carlow:

You are invited to see the "Planet Soil" film on Tues 3rd of Dec in the Visual, Carlow town at 7pm. This film showcases the secret world beneath our feet. Hear a powerful call to action with practical solutions to nurture and restore the soils. Short discussion about soil and soil related issues upstairs in the Visual bar after the film. FREE admission, but booking is necessary:

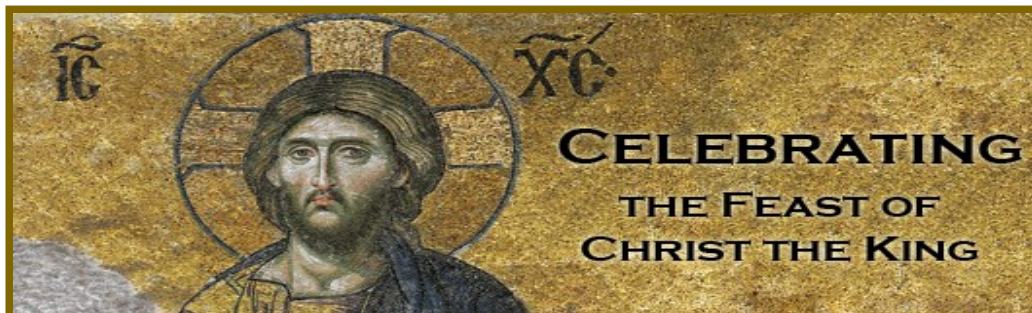
<https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/film>

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

24TH NOVEMBER 2024



Of all the titles we could bestow on Jesus, that of "King" would seem one of the most inappropriate. It smacks of the kind of things he rejected. When we think of a King we think of a crown, a palace, great wealth, power, prestige and of course an army.

When we look at Jesus what do we see? There is no throne, no crown, no army. We see Him walking the dusty Roads of Palestine with a little band of disciples. He is surrounded by the poor and the sick, sinners and outcasts. And yet the title "King" is appropriate and it stands for something true and real in Jesus. He was the greatest source of goodness, light and hope in a dark world. His presence could change beyond recognition the lives of those around Him.

There is a so called great person who can make everybody feel small. But the really great person makes everyone feel great. In that sense Jesus was really a King.

## RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Saorview - Channel 210  
Stream on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)  
By phone (01) 437 3277  
(no extra charges apply) FREE  
APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"



### 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. Wool can be left into the Parish Office. Thanks!

### DOMINICAN EXTENDED ADVENT RETREAT

Finding an alternative to the commercialization and activism of the Christmas season. We enter silence and stillness and learn once again to hear the 'tidings of great joy': "A Child is born for us, a Son is given to us". The Retreat takes place – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village. For info/bookings: Phone: 01 4048189/4048123 or Email: [dominicanretreats@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanretreats@gmail.com).



## CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

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

### VOLUNTEER ENGLISH TUTORS NEEDED

Volunteer to support migrants & 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 on Thursdays from 11am to 1pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Baltinglass. For info: Contact Ann Byrne in Co Wicklow Partnership on 085 800 6873.



**MONDAYS 8PM FATIMA HALL**

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

04, 13, 22, 23

**No Jackpot Winner  
No Match 3 Winners**



**Sellers Prize:** Brigid Bollard  
**This week's Jackpot:** €7,400

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

07, 12, 23, 28

**No Jackpot Winner**

**4 Match 3 Winners - Share €300**  
Ciaran Foley, Ann Patterson  
Ross Mullaly, Jonathan Stapleton



**This week's Jackpot:** €6,200



### SANTA TRUCK IS COMING TO TOWN

**Tuesday 26th Nov. 6.30pm  
for the turning on of the Christmas lights.**

One lucky family will get to travel into Baltinglass on Santa truck with Santa. To be in with a chance, buy a ticket on sale in O' Reillys, Fishers, SuperValu & the Hair Hive. Draw will take place on Monday 25th at bingo in Fatima Hall. All proceeds go to the Laura Lynn charity.

### 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](http://www.eventbrite.com) All proceeds to Ardattin N.S. development fund.



### 'IT'S A CRACKER'

Bigstone School are looking forward to putting on their Christmas play in Bigstone Community Hall on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7 pm. There will be calendars for sale that the students have produced themselves and also a raffle on the night. Everyone is welcome to come join us for a wonderful evening of music and song!



### Baltinglass & Distict Active Retirement

**Christmas Dinner** for Seniors, Active Retired members and Non-Members alike, in Germaines on Wed. 4th Dec at 1.30pm Tickets €25 each available from Mary on 086 0629435 or 087 2999571  
**Next Monthly Meeting** on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov at 3pm in Germaines. Members invited to bring gifts of useful everyday items such as toiletries, small hampers etc for **donation & collection by the Homeless Charity 'In their Shoes'**. Monetary gifts are an option. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### CARLOW MEDIATION GROUP

meets on **Monday evenings from 7 pm to 7:45 pm** in the **Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow - excluding bank holidays**. Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. All are welcome - no experience needed. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening! (Noel Keating, 087 2251183)

### 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

### STRATFORD ON SLANEY FORUM CHRISTMAS EVENT

Sunday 8th Dec on The Green at 5 pm  
Carol singing. Surprise Guest Expected  
Refreshments and Goodies served.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Castledermot Parish Choir present Carols by Candlelight in Castledermot Church on Saturday 14th December at 8pm. With special guests: Coláiste Lorcáin Choir, Scoil Diarmada Choir, Cairde Ceol agus Damhsa & Soloists. Tickets €12. Concession €10, U16 free. Available from Castledermot Parish Office, Choir Members, Revolut or on the door. Proceeds towards sound equipment and instruments for the Parish Choir. Parish Office - 059 91 44 888

### LIBRARY EVENTS

Free events. Book at the Library 059 648 2300 or [baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie)  
**Tues 27th: Crafting with Olha for Children (5-8)**  
3.30 - 4.30pm (*Booking Essential*)  
**Tues 27th: Conversational English Group**  
6.30-8pm - New volunteers welcome to chat with adult English learners in an informal setting  
**Fri 29th: - Crafting with Olha (Adults)**  
3 - 4.40 pm (*Booking Essential*)  
**Sat 30th: Crafting with Olha (Adults)**  
11am - 1pm (*Booking Essential*)

### DANNY'S CORNER

We are all delighted and excited for the Tearmann Community Garden Committee for their Pride of Place award 2024 which they recently received. This facility is such a beautiful, relaxing and accessible place for everyone. There is always something new to look at & to see the seasons changing with all the beautiful colours of nature. Danny!