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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

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

PARISH OFFICE REOPENS ON TUESDAY
AT 9.30AM

SUNDAY MASSES

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
JANUARY	19	12/26
FEBRUARY	2/16	9/23
MARCH	2/16	9/23

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATHS

Marie O'Shea, Weaver Square
Danny Doyle, Weaver Square
Michael Gaffney, Newtown

ANNIVERSARIES

Bridget Kerley, Graney
Aileen Walshe, Woodfield
Tom Smyth, Ballyraggan
Michael, Jane, John & Margaret Clynch,
Lathaleere
John Molloy, Raheen
Sarah Leigh, Rathbran
Charley Shortt, Chapel Hill & Martha Shortt,
Tuckmill
Philip Hughes & his Son Philip, 5 Parkmore
Brian & Alice Ferguson & Brian Jnr.
Liam O'Meara, Wexford
Sr Gabrielle Thornton, Galway
Kathleen Curran, Galway
Tim Conneally, Galway
Mary Malone, Parkmore
John Connolly & his daughter Margaret,
Carrigeen

GRANGECON: 9.30AM
Niall Moore, Ballinure
Mary McGeer, Knockrigg, Grangecon

*Rest in
Peace*



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD
PARISH NEWSLETTER
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 5TH JANUARY 2025

How to Enter the New Year!

If you're reading this, you lived to see the New Year.
This is no small matter! Your life makes a difference in the
universe, whether or not you embrace your God-given power.
May this prayer accompany your initial steps into the future.

God of all time,
help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,
help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,
Help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.
May we cast off the small, vindictive God our fears have made.

May the grace and peace of Christ bless you
now and in the days ahead.

*Have A
Blessed
New
Year*

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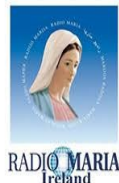
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FAMILY MASS

We invite families to join with the children preparing for Confirmation & First Holy Communion for Mass next Sunday 9.30am Stratford /11am Baltinglass



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

To everything there is a season,
a time for every purpose under heaven.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1



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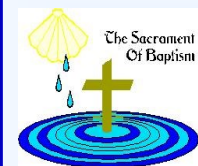
ON SALE

in St. Joseph's Church each weekend.

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Highly recommended reading for all!

IF YOU TAKE ONE PLEASE PUT MONEY IN BOX!



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH

Baptism takes place on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

All arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least three weeks prior to date of baptism. Members of our Baptism Preparation Team will host a meeting of parents to prepare for the ceremony.



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Monday 6th January

Masses at 11am & 7.30pm in St. Joseph's

10am Mass in Oratory from Tuesday



MASS READERS

We would like to add to our current list of readers for all weekend Masses especially Saturdays 6pm. As a Minister of the Word you are called on to proclaim God's Word to His people. Please take time to give this invitation some thought. If you decide to volunteer please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Ger.

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)



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 27th Aug to 3rd Sept. 2025

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €865

€50 discount if €200 deposit paid by 31st January

For information contact: Parish Office 059 64 81 254,
Fr. Ger 087 629 8881, Andy Murphy 087 09 00 819



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!

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.



BALTINGLASS BRANCH

If you wish to donate to St. Vincent de Paul (Baltinglass) to support families in our community who are in need, please use the following:

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 8447 8860

SORT CODE: 90 65 07

IBAN: IE24 BOFI 9065 0784 4788 60

EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE

An employment & 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 & need the support of a job coach to get a job. Contact Jackie McHenry **086 0496875** Who runs an outreach service based in Baltinglass Parish Centre twice a month.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY

Thanks to those who continue to contribute to the Weekly Envelope collection.
Your support is very much appreciated.

You can contribute by:

Envelope: Leave your envelope into the Parish Office during opening hours.
Standing Order: Details as follows:
Bank: Bank of Ireland, Baltinglass.
A\C Name: Baltinglass Parish
IBAN: IE67BOFI90650784187086 **BIC:** BOFIE2D
STRIPE: Visit Baltinglass Parish Website and follow the instructions for donating using this facility.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!