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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

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

SUNDAY MASSES

	GRANGECON	STRATFORD
FEBRUARY	2/16	9/23
MARCH	2/16/31	9/23

WE REMEMBER

MONTHS MIND

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Dylan Keogh, Clough
Denise Kerley, Graney
Deirdre Caplice, Stratford
Jack & Elish Kilcoyne, Mill Street, Baltinglass
& deceased members of the Kilcoyne Family
Bill & Elizabeth Leigh, Bawnogues & deceased
members of the Leigh Family

Sophie Doyle, Rathmoon
Catherine Walsh, Carrigeen
Seán Murphy, Barronstown
Thomas Donegan, Kilmurry
Michael & Sarah O'Keeffe, Randlestown
Patrick O'Brien, Tinoran
Mary Sutton, Tinoran
Bill Sutton, Rathmoon & Birmingham

STRATFORD: 9.30AM

Francis McCabe, Stratford
Lilly Tivenan, Crumlin
Joe & Roseanna Moore, Winetavern
Tom Moore, Winetavern & London
Marie Strauss, Kildare & Canada
Gerald Curry, Bawnogues & London

Rest in
Peace

PLEASE NOTE

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday No 10am Mass
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 10am Mass as usual



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH JANUARY 2025



Sunday of the Word of God was established by Pope Francis in 2019 as the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The logo shows the resurrected Christ holding in his left hand a scroll, which is "the sacred Scripture that found its fulfillment in his person."

By his side are two disciples: Clopas and his wife, Mary. They both fix their gaze on Christ while Clopas holds a stick to indicate "a pilgrimage". Mary is holding one hand upward and with her other hand seems to be touching the Lord, reaffirming that he has fulfilled the ancient promises and is the living Word that must be proclaimed to the world.

Holding the stick in one hand, Clopas' free hand is pointing the road ahead, which all disciples are called to take in order to bring the Good News to everyone. There is a star overhead symbolizing evangelization and the "permanent light" that guides their journey and shows them the way.

The feet of all three are depicted as being in motion, representing that the proclamation of the Risen Christ cannot be accomplished by "tired or lazy disciples" but only by those who are "dynamic" and ready to find new ways to speak so that sacred Scripture may become the living guide of the life of the church and its people.

This Sunday is a time when we are called to give greater attention not just to the Word of God. It urges us to reflect on how we honour that Word in our celebrations, the books that we proclaim the Word from.

If you have a Bible in your home you might take it in your hands (dust it if you have to!) and read a few verses from it during the week. Allow God to speak to you.



"Speak Lord, your servant is listening"



The people of Kildare, Ireland, call on people worldwide to Pause for Peace for 1 minute's silence/reflection at 12 noon, local time, on St. Brigid's day, February 1st each year. By pausing for Peace we send out a message that we actively oppose warfare and the proliferation of arms in our world.

PRAYER TO ST BRIGID

Brigid, you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness, you brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.



St. Brigid's Camino Walk Monasterevin Parish

St. Brigid is reputed to have born in the Townsland of Umeras, outside Monasterevin. To commemorate St. Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice (W34 X529) at **11am on Monday 3rd Feb** (walk is approximately 6km/car parking provided at Mountrice Cross). The walk will be led by Bishop Nulty and will journey via Umeras, then along the Canal Blueway, finishing in Ss Peter & Paul Church Monasterevin with a Service of Light at 12.30pm. A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30am to Mountrice and return at 2pm. For those who wish to avail of this service, payment on the bus. All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camina Passport. St. Brigid's Crosses and refreshments will be provided on the day. For more information, please contact Monasterevin Parish Office – 045 525346.



STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 09, 21, 29



No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3 Winners - €35 each

Jane Murphy, John Timmins. Chillie Nolan, Louise Murphy, Dermott Barrett, Patrick Norton

Sellers Prize: Grangecon Kitchen

This week's Jackpot: €9,800

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

01, 04, 08, 28



No Jackpot Winner

7 Match 3 Winners - Share €300

Niamh Kearney, Billy Kenny, Con Murphy, Mary Lawlor, Claire Butler, Alan O'Grady, Joe Gibbons

This week's Jackpot: €8,000



BALTINGLASS MEN'S SHED A.G.M.

Wednesday 29th January at 10.30am in the Men's shed.

All are very welcome to attend!

TIME FOR ME YOUR JOURNEY TO LIVING WELL

Do you make time for yourself?

Join KWETB's FREE six-week programme. Supporting you in being kind to yourself and others. Considering options that will support your lifestyle choices. Emotional; financial; digital, physical, nutrition, sustainability.

Starts Wed. January 29th from 12.30 - 2.20pm. Phone 059 648 2642 /086 846 2771

Email abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie



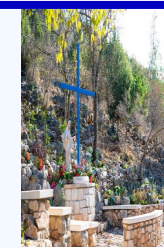
PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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



FR. GER FAREWELL MASS AND APPRECIATION

As you know Fr. Ger is leaving our parish before the end of February. His last weekend Mass is on the **Sunday 16th February in Baltinglass at 11am**. We would hope that there would be a **big turnout** at this mass and everyone is invited to the Parish Centre afterwards for light refreshments.

This will be an opportunity for people to say "farewell" and to show their appreciation for all his work in the parish over the last seven years. We wish him well in his new parish.

BALTINGLASS PARISH FUNDRAISING DANCE



In Bigstone Community Centre (R93 E956) on **Saturday April 26th**

Music: Tommy B from 8.30 - 9.30pm.

Music: Limelite from 9.30 - 12am.

Tickets: €15 including raffle entry.

1st Prize: Weekend break for two in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow.

Full Bar & large Dance floor.

Tickets available from the Parish Office, Patterson's, P.J. O'Reilly's and Fisher's Centra.



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th January at 3pm in Germaine's. **Nominations** for the AGM are invited for submission at this meeting. The AGM itself will be held at the February Meeting.

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY - FREE EVENTS

Tues. 28th January: 3.30pm - 5pm Crafting with Olha for Children (aged 5-9) **(B. E.)**

Tues. 28th January: 6.30pm - 8pm Conversational English - New volunteers welcome - to chat with adult English learners in a friendly, informal setting.

Friday 31st Jan. 11am -1pm - Relaunch of the 'Great Book - Great Film' Movie Club. Contact Library for details. All welcome. Booking not required

Friday 31st January: Crafting with Olha (Adults) First week of a 6 week Crochet Course for Beginners- 3.00pm - 4.30pm . All Materials Provided. **(B. E.)**

B.E = Booking Essential

Please book at the Library on 059 648 2300 or baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie

IMPORTANT SYNOD

The Final Document of the **Universal Synod** can be viewed on www.kandle.ie/synod. This document is now part of the ordinary Magisterium (teaching) of the Church and Pope Francis has asked members of the Church across the world to accept and implement its findings. This is now a key task for members of parishes, dioceses and national conferences. The Diocesan Pastoral Council and Council of Priests will study and reflect on this document and they invite parishioners, especially members of parish pastoral councils, to take up and begin to reflect and act upon this document also.