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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

### VISIT BALTINGLASS PARISH WEBSITE

For Weekly Newsletter, Information,  
to make a donation etc.  
[www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

### SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>GRANGECON</u>	<u>STRATFORD</u>
FEBRUARY	2/16	9/23
MARCH	2/16/31	9/23

### WE REMEMBER

#### RECENT DEATH

Colette Byrne, Goldenfort  
Mary Moore, Randalstown

#### ANNIVERSARIES

P.J. Nolan, Rathtoole House, Moone  
Pat Coffey, Carrigeen House & all  
deceased members of his family  
Philip Kavanagh, Broughillstown, Rathvilly  
Jack & Lil Germaine, Knockpatrick  
Lorcan & Paddy Cogan, & all deceased  
members of the Cogan Family, Kilmurry  
Tommie Dooley, Chapel Hill  
John Kehoe, Clough  
Margaret Byrne, Main Street  
Michael Sinnott, Shroughaun  
Bridget Doyle, Clough  
Seán Heenan, Tipperary  
Imelda Whelan, Tinoran  
John Swayne, Hughestown & Ballyoliver,  
Rathvilly  
Jim Barrett, Shroughaun

#### GRANGECON: 9.30AM

Margaret Nolan, Grangecon  
Michael Kealy, Ballycore  
Bridget Salmon, Lowtown  
Ned Doyle, Mallens Wood, Grangecon



### 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



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2ND FEBRUARY 2025



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

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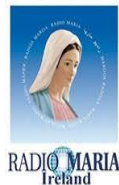
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**THIS BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 3PM**

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

16, 18, 19, 20



#### No Jackpot Winner

**1 Match 3 Winner - €200 - Ray Nolan**

**Seller's Prize:** Baltinglass Pharmacy

**This week's Jackpot:** €10,100

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

03, 07, 21, 28



#### No Jackpot Winner

**15 Match 3 Winners - Share €300**

William Murphy, Grace Burke,  
Michael Nolan, Colette Mannix,  
Audrey Dunne, Samantha Lennon,  
Brendan Doogue, Fergal Doogue,  
Tom Goff, Richard Lynch, Eimear Morrin,  
Jack Tobin, Harry Germaine, John O'Brien

**This week's Jackpot:** €8,200

### TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN AGM

**will be held in the Garden Cabin on  
Tuesday the 4th February at 12 noon.**

**New members are invited.**

**If you have an interest in  
gardening please come  
and join us.**



**JUBILEE YEAR 2025**  
**'A call to action!'**  
The celebration of Jubilee 2025 has now begun throughout the universal Catholic Church on the theme: **'Pilgrims of Hope'**.

Everyone is invited to participate in this special year of faith. Specifically, Pope Francis is encouraging each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world during this holy year. In our Christian tradition, the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation & renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can experience it at least once in a lifetime. In dioceses and parishes around Ireland people are celebrating specific jubilee occasions both locally & in Rome. Reflecting the Jubilee Year in the Universal Church, the Irish Synodal Pathway will also focus on hope ahead of the national pre-synodal assembly in Kilkenny on 18 October next.

For further information on Jubilee 2025 Year of Hope, see the dedicated page on [Catholic-Bishops.ie](http://Catholic-Bishops.ie) for all Jubilee-related updates, including a live calendar featuring events happening across the island.

Scan QR code here (see attached) to see the dedicated Jubilee 2025 page.

Hashtags to use on social media:

#Jubilee2025

#PilgrimsofHope

@Jubilaeum\_25



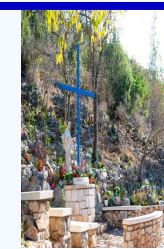
## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

**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**



### St. Brigid's Camino Walk Monasterevin Parish

Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice (W34 X529) at 11am this Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> finishing in Saints Peter & Paul Church Monasterevin with a Service of Light at 12.30pm. St. Brigid's Crosses and refreshments will be provided on the day.



### BALTINGLASS PARISH FUNDRAISING DANCE

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

**Music:** Tommy B from 8.30pm - 9.30pm.

**Music:** Limelite from 9.30pm - 12am.

**Tickets:** €15 including raffle entry.

**1st Prize:** Weekend break for two in Woodford Dolmen Hotel.

**Full Bar & large Dancefloor**

Tickets available from the Parish Office, Pattersons, P.J. O'Reillys and Fishers Centra.



### MAGIC SHOW

**3pm Fatima Hall—Sunday 9th Feb**

**Adm: €12 pp / Family of Four €40**

Pay on the door. Tickets available 30 minutes prior to showtime.

Don't miss our Macaw Parrot as he talks to the audience. All new 2025 show!

For info phone 087 002 5899.



### BALTINGLASS MEN'S SHED

Warm welcome for any man wanting to join the group. Gatherings take place in the building beside the Tearmann Gardens on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12noon.

### Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

**Coffee Mornings:** 11am Horan's - Fridays in Feb.

**Summer Holiday Plans:** Trip to the Yorkshire Dales at end of May/early June for 5 nights (6 days). Cost €925 p.p.s. Single supplement €35 per night. Price includes ferry crossing, Hotel with Dinner/B & B. Deposit of €200 per person is required, at your earliest convenience, in order to secure booking. Actual date to be confirmed. Further information from Mary on 087-299-9571

#### Activities:

**Yoga:** Classes resume on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

**Bridge:** Wednesdays 10.30am–12noon in the Parish Centre.

**Bowling:** Tuesdays 3–4pm in Fatima Hall

**Annual General Meeting:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 3pm in Germaine's.

### BALTINGLASS WELCOMES UPDATE

Just to let you know that the family we brought from the Lebanon in April 2022 are now settled happily in Baltinglass in good accommodation and are enjoying being part of this welcoming community. The youngest boy, who is now 14, is in Second Year in Scoil Chonglais, is an enthusiastic member of the local GAA club and also likes playing soccer for the school team. Of the two older boys Mohammad (20) is in the Education and Training Centre in Blessington. Hussein (24) has already found some work and is continuing to improve his English. Both parents are learning English in the Adult Education Centre. All of this success is due to the exceptional generosity of this very special community and myself and the team wish to express our deep gratitude for the great support we received in engaging with this project. We have now completed our two year commitment and are delighted to see how the family are now flourishing independently in our town.