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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
MARCH	2/16/30	9/23
APRIL	13/27	6/20

WE REMEMBER

RECENT DEATH

Felix Heffernan, Eadestown Lodge, Stratford

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Duffy, Parkmore & all the deceased

members of the Duffy Family

Tom Kavanagh, Carrigeen

Patsy Doody & his son Paul, Clough

Peter Burke, Carrigeen, Baltinglass

Matt O'Brien, Carrigeen

Patrick Foster, Parkmore

Kathleen Nolan, Castledermot Road

Eric Whelan, Raheen

Cecil Moore, Deerpark

Anna (Cissie) Burke, Lathaleer

STRATFORD: 9.30AM

MONTHS MIND

Colette Byrne, Golden Fort

ANNIVERSARIES:

John & Christina Staunton, Stratford

Peter Fluskey, Stratford

Peter & Margaret Kehoe, Chapel Street, Stratford

& all deceased members of the Kehoe Family

*Rest in
Peace*



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

Hello, Dia dhuit, Jambo, E nle!

As Fr. Ger said his goodbyes last week, so it is now our turn to say Hallos. But before that, we would like to sincerely thanks Fr. Ger for his priestly ministry here in the parish of Baltinglass and also acknowledge his warm welcome and guidance to us during the handover period.

Frs. John, Lawrence and Vincent. We are all members of St. Patrick's Missionary Society, and are very happy to be here among you in Baltinglass parish. St. Patrick's has had a long history and a close relationship with the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, several Society priests have worked and helped in various parishes, no less here in Baltinglass: Frs. Ned Grace, Billy Fulton and Seamus Whitney.

Some time ago, for the first time in the history of St. Patrick's Missionary Society, the possibility of St. Patrick's entering a contract to work in a parish in the Diocese was talked about. As a result, we now formally begin our ministry among the community of Baltinglass this weekend. We will be working under Bishop Denis Nulty & cooperating with the existing structures of the Diocese Kildare & Leighlin.

As we take up our appointment to Baltinglass Parish we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves; John Heinhold is a native of Co. Cork. He was ordained in 1996 and worked in Kenya and South Sudan, and for the last number of years worked in the Diocese of Cork and Ross in Ireland until called upon to this appointment in Baltinglass. Lawrence Kurgat is from Kenya and was ordained in 2009, he has worked previously in South Sudan and Nigeria until now. Vincent Agunbiade comes from Nigeria and was ordained in 2019 and has worked in South Sudan. We are all very happy to be here and looking forward to the challenge of living as a "Mission team", living in a brotherhood of community life and getting to know the community of Baltinglass and you all. We hope the "Mission team" grows to include many of you, fostering a spirit of collaboration among us.

As Bishop Denis stated at his recent visit to announce this new venture for St. Patrick's and for the Diocese, our hope is that all of us in the parish will embrace Pope Francis' vision of synodality, continuing the work that has gone before and looking at new ways to be people of God, sharing our baptismal calling to bringing closer God's kingdom among us.

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MONDAYS 8PM FATIMA HALL

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers

04, 07, 15, 26



No Jackpot Winner

4 Match 3 Winners - €50 each

Karen & Caoimhe, Tony & Sandra,
Tara McCormack, Thomas Bollard Jnr

Seller's Prize: Maurice Mangan

This week's Jackpot: €11,000

BALTINGLASS GAA LOT-



TO

Winning Numbers

04, 08, 23, 25



No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3 Winners - Share €300

Gillian Farrell, Shane Wall,
Julia O'Neill, Amanda McGeer,
Ann Keogh, Margaret O'Driscoll

TOP TEN WAYS TO HELP POLLINATORS

Don't mow, let it grow! Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. By reducing mowing, even to once a month, you will help them to slowly return, one pocket at a time. Where? Everywhere! Even tiny biodiversity margins are valuable. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/



**JUBILEE
YEAR 2025**

'A call to action!'



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 27th Aug to 3rd Sept. 2025

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

For information contact: Parish Office 059 64 81 254,

Fr. Ger 087 629 8881, Andy Murphy 087 09 00 819



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.

THANK YOU

Fr. Ger would like to thank everyone for their gifts & good wishes. The gift presented on behalf of the parish is much appreciated. A special word of thanks to all who helped with the catering after Mass last Sunday and making it a memorable occasion. Thanks again for your kindness, support, and encouragement during my time among you. Best wishes to Frs. John, Lawrence & Vincent as they begin their ministry in the parish.



World Day of Prayer

Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action

Will be celebrated on Friday 7th March in St. Paul's Oratory, Baltinglass at 7.30pm. The Theme is "I made You Wonderful". All are welcome.



BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The next monthly meeting / AGM will take place on Wednesday 26th February at 3pm in Germaines. Proposed plans for **Summer Holiday Break in Ireland** will also be discussed at this meeting.

CARLOW MEDIATION GROUP

Monday evenings 7 to 7:45 pm

Cathedral Parish Centre, College St, 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, 087 225 1183)

CARLOW REGIONAL PIONEER DINNER DANCE

Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow

Sunday 23rd February 1.30pm.

Tickets €30. Contact Mick Kehoe.

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY - FREE EVENTS

Tuesday 25th February: 3.30 - 5pm yrs.

Crafting with Olha for Children 5 to 8. **B.E.**

Tuesday 25th February: 6.30 - 8pm.

Conversational English - New volunteers welcome - to chat with adult English learners in a friendly, informal setting.

Friday 28th February: 11am to 1pm.

'Great Book Great Film' Movie Club. All welcome!

Saturday 1st March: Crafting with Olha (Adults) Acrylic Painting 11am -1pm.

Embroidery. **Booking Essential.**

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

WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE COMMITTEE

invite you to the A.G.M.

on the 11th March at 8pm

at the Day Care Centre.

Everyone is welcome.

WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE CENTRE

FILL A BAG WEEKEND

Friday 14th & Saturday 15th March

Friday: 9.30am- 12 noon & 2.30 - 5pm.

Saturday: 10am - 2pm.

Get Spring Cleaning & tidy out that hot press.

Bring all your unwanted clothes, shoes, sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers, curtains and towels. No dirty garments please or clothing not suitable for re-wearing.

No duvets, pillows, rugs, blankets or carpets.

Drop off your bags at the old ambulance depot at Baltinglass Hospital please.