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### MASSES

St. Paul's Oratory  
Mon. - 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>
MARCH	16/30	9/23
APRIL	13/27	6/20

### WE REMEMBER

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Jules & Kathleen Logan, Grangecon  
Mary Nolan, St. Joseph's Road, Blessington  
Mick Lennon, Parkmore  
Ann McGrath, Carrigeen  
John O'Connor, 7 Parkmore  
Kathleen Nolan, Glencannon  
Felix O'Neill, Weavers Square  
Denis Murray, Broadstown  
Paul Rowe, Bawnogues & his parents John &  
Mary Rowe  
James O'Brien, Carrigeen  
Mick Duggan, 7 Parkmore  
Joe Murray, Dunboyne, Co Meath

#### STRATFORD: 9.30AM

Christina Loughlin, Ballinacrow

*Rest in  
Peace*

#### CONFIRMATION

Saturday 5th April St. Joseph's Church,

#### FIRST CONFESSION

**Stratford:** Tuesday 11th March

**Baltinglass/Bigstone:** Tuesday 25th March

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Stratford:** Saturday 10th May

**Baltinglass/Bigstone:** Saturday 17th May

#### PLEASE NOTE

During Lent there will be Mass  
on Monday mornings at 10am.



BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9TH MARCH 2025

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Last Wednesday, we gathered to receive ashes and heard the words, "repent and believe in the Gospels." During Lent, it's a good time to repent, believe, and remember as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Lent gives us a chance to pause, reassess our lives, and reconnect with God, making Easter more meaningful.

On this first Sunday of Lent, Jesus shows us how he faced temptations. He was tempted by materialism, glory, and power. These are common temptations we all face.

Lent is a reminder that we have a relationship with God. We are God's beloved children and part of His plan. This Lent let's think about how we can let Jesus help us overcome sin in our lives. Let's remember that we are all God's children and in a relationship with each other too.

Every day is a new start. May this Lent help us strengthen and renew our trust in God.

#### Thinks you can do as a Family for Lent:

#### GIVING:

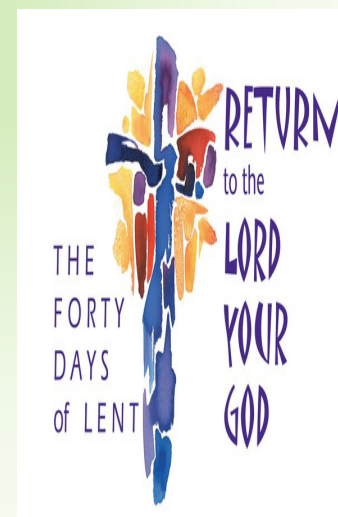
- Give a family member a hug
- Help a family member with their Chore
- Do something nice for Mom/Dad
- Do something kind for the planet earth
- Set aside some of your own money for the poor

#### FASTING:

- Fast from TV
- Fast from dessert or sweets
- Fast from a bad habit
- Fast from gaming (Children) or social media (Adults)

#### PRAYING:

- Praise God for who He is to your family
- Confess something to God that you feel bad about
- Thank God for your favourite people
- Pray for someone who is sick
- Read a Bible story together as a family once a week.



### WEST WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

will host a Roundtable Discussion on "Stratford on Slaney -Exploring its history" on Tuesday 11th March at 8pm in Stratford Community Room. Everyone is welcome. The WWHS will talk through the published research on the village, and historical images and photographs. Everyone is invited to bring any photographs or artifacts or stories they have, and to take part and share insights and information about the history of Stratford. The event is free of charge. It is hoped that this event will be the precursor to a heritage walk in the village planned for later in 2025.

## BINGO



### MONDAYS 8PM FATIMA HALL

### STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

01, 03, 16, 22



#### No Jackpot Winner

**2 Match 3 Winners - €100 each**

Rena Doyle & Johnny Molloy

**Seller's Prize:** P.J. O'Reilly

**This week's Jackpot:** €11,600.

### BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



#### Winning Numbers

03, 09, 16, 20



#### No Jackpot Winner

**7 Match 3 Winners - Share €300**

Niamh O'Brien, Podge Humphries

Claire Kenny, Mary McDermott

Mark Ashton, Liam McLoughlin

& Rena Doyle

**This week's Jackpot:** €9,200



### DAFFODIL DAY 2025

In aid of the Irish Cancer Society will be held in Baltinglass and surrounding areas on Friday 28th March from 8am. Merchandise will be on sale at different locations in the town. Anyone wishing to help with sales are very welcome. Please come to the main stall at McAllister Monument of leave your name and number in Pattersons Butchers, Main Street. Donations of fresh daffodils would be very much appreciated. You can leave them at the Maint Street Stall or in Pattersons on Thursday 27th March. Thank you! Emma Hayden - Area Organiser for the Irish Cancer Society.

### WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE COMMITTEE

invite you to the A.G.M. on the 11th March at 8pm at the Day Care Centre. All are welcome.



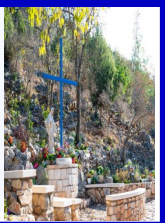
## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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 LIBRARY - FREE EVENTS

**Tuesday 11th March:** 3.30 - 5pm. Crafting with Olha Ages 5-8. (B.E.)

**Tuesday 11th March:** 6.30 - 8pm.

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

**Friday 14th March:** 3pm - 5pm Crafting with Olha (Adults) - Watercolours. B.E.

**Saturday 15th March:** 11am -12.30pm.

Crafting with Olha (Adults) Quilling.

Embroidery. (B.E.) B.E. = **Booking Essential**

Please book at the Library on

059 648 2300 or [baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie)

### VOICES FOR PALESTINE

#### A Concert of Love and Support

Featuring Maksym Lozovyi, Indie Celtic, members of encore, John Gleeson, Nuala Foley, Louise Keegan.  
Musical Director - Ollie Hennessy.

**Venue:** St. Mary's Church, Carlow (R93 YW77)

**Date:** Friday 14th March at 8pm.

Tickets €25 and are available from Celine - 086 2268141 /Noelline - 085 7274378 or Revd. Paul - 086 4113989.  
[www.gr8events.ie/palestineconcert](http://www.gr8events.ie/palestineconcert)

### TOP TEN WAYS TO HELP POLLINATORS

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/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

### TRÓCAIRE BOXES

available in all Churches and at the Parish Centre.

We encourage each family to give it a central place in their home during Lent, as we ensure others have a decent quality of life.

(€3,065.donated in 2024)



### PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN LENT

follow and like the Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Facebook and X accounts for daily posts on hope in Lent.

### WEST WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK

**Venue:** Stratford Community Hall, W91EY16

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, 11 March at 8 p.m.

**Admission:** Free.

Rather than a lecture, this event will be a chaired or roundtable discussion. It will commence with an introductory address which will also mention published research and historical images relating to the village of Stratford. Attendees will be encouraged to ask questions and share their insights and information. It is hoped that this will stimulate discussion and create more awareness of Stratford's rich past. This event will serve as a precursor to a heritage walk in the village planned for later in 2025.

### GENERAL OPERATIVES REQUIRED

at Modeco Ltd. for our Timber Frame Factory, outside Baltinglass. We are looking for hard working individuals to join our growing team. Training provided. Immediate Start. Please Email [jobs@modeco.ie](mailto:jobs@modeco.ie)

### 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 & 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.

### TEARMANN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Invite you to a Fruit Tree Pruning demonstration with Colm O'Callaghan (Chartered Horticulturist) on Saturday 15th March from 11am - 1pm.

A National Tree Week Event.

Wicklow County Council!

### BALTINGLASS WOMEN'S GROUP

are delighted to welcome Denise Pender (ZoMe Menopause Coaching) for a talk on menopause coaching Saturday 5th April in the Old School House Church Lane W91KX75 @7pm Pre-book with Wendy on 087 6548689 Entry Fee €15

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

12th April - 19th April. For details contact Duffy Coach Hire on 087 254 3235 or 059 64 71 681.