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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th July, 2017.

### **Ministers of the Word:**

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Eileen Channing / Marie Doyle  
11a.m. (Sun) Elaine Byrne / Mary Vernon  
Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Kieran Hosey



### **Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Michael Lennon / Matt O'Brien / Noel Kennedy / Pat Fleming  
11a.m. (Sun) Mary Gohery / Therese Kelly / Catherine Lord  
Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Mary Cronin



### **This weekend: Baltinglass**

#### **Anniversaries**

Frank Foley, Knockfield & all the deceased members of the Foley Family  
Kate Kinsella, Parkmore House  
John O'Brien, Ballynure  
Jack Murphy, Carrigeen  
Alice Kinsella, Grange Con  
Tommy Whittle, Rathbran  
Seán Doyle, Carlow  
Tom Fitzgerald, Main Street, Baltinglass  
Peter, Roseanne & Margaret King, Co. Louth  
**Stratford 9.30a.m. (Sun)**  
Florence & Joe Moore, Winetavern & Scotland  
James Moore, Manger



### **Weekend Mass Times.**

**Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday 11a.m. Weekly Confessions after 6p.m. Mass on Saturdays. Stratford & Grange Con : Grange Con next Sunday @ 9.30a.m.**

#### **Weekday Mass Times:**

**Daily 10a.m. in St. Paul's Oratory, The Parish Centre on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. On Tuesdays: A Celebration of The Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion @ 10a.m. in St. Paul's Oratory.**

### **We pray for**

**Louis Patrick (Paddy) Moore,** Winetavern, Stratford & Clondalkin, Dublin  
**John Paul Flood,** Naas, Co. Kildare  
**Laurence Kelly,** Baltinglass West  
**Kitty Byrne, Carrigeen,** who died in Australia during the week  
**Anthony Byrne,** Parkmore & Rathmoon who died in London during the week  
**May they rest in peace.**



### **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

"The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought." Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill on 045 89 74 70 or Email voca-

**Accord Carlow** have a limited number of places available on the following pre-marriage courses this year. Sept 8th & 9th; Oct 13th & 14th; Nov 17th & 18th. Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Please book now on www.accord.ie For details phone Mary at 059 91 42 590.

### **Cemetery Masses 2017:**

**Baltinglass Cemetery -** Sunday, 6th August @ 7p.m.  
**Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery -** Tuesday, 15th August @ 11a.m.  
**The Feast of the Assumption**

Newsletter now available on [www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

Diocesan web site: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Summer Collection for our Priest & the supply Priests of the Parish.** This envelope is in your box of envelopes & can be dropped into the collecting bags when you wish.

**Youth 2000 Summer Youth Festival in the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co Tipperary from the 17th - 20th August 2017.** A weekend of fun, faith & friendship. Live music; prayer & reconciliation; inspiring talks; workshops & drama. **Donation only.** Ages 16 - 35. Youth 2000 will organise free buses to Roscrea & will stop in the major town's en-route. Details on the Youth 2000 website on [www.youth2000](http://www.youth2000) or phone 01 6753690.

**Whingers forbidden by Pope Francis in Vatican.** Whingers, whiners and moaners have been put on notice by none other than Pope Francis, who has stuck a big sign to the front door of his Vatican apartment that reads: **COMPLAINING IS FORBIDDEN.** The sign says that, "Offenders are subject to a syndrome of victimhood that reduces their sense of humour and capacity to solve problems". The notice concludes: "To become the best of yourself, you must focus on your own potential and not on your limits. So, stop complaining and act to change your life for the better".

**Kildare & Leighlin / Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimages** 13th -15th August. Come Home To The Love Of God's Family on Lough Derg. Pick up in **Monasterevin @ 6.25 am, Kildare Town @ 6.35am, Newbridge @ 6.45am, Naas @ 7am, Sallins @ 7.10am, Clane @ 7.15am, Kilcock @ 7.30am, Maynooth @ 7.45am & Leixlip Parish Church @ 8a.m.** Advance booking is essential. Phone Joe on 087 38 15 887 or Michael on 087 66 97 902 .

**Income & Expenditure sheets are available at the back of the three Churches. Please feel free to take a copy.**

**Family Picnic - Bishop Denis invites families** & extended families to join him for a family picnic on Sunday, August 27th in Punchestown. A great afternoon of entertainment and fun is being planned, so save the date and get your extended family to save it too!

### **Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2017.**

18th - 25th October €629p.p.s. 7 night Pilgrimage package. Departing from Dublin. Full religious programme. For details contact Andy Murphy on 059 64 81 499 / 087 0900 819 / 087 621 4299.

**As Fr. Slavko used to say:** "Medjugorje is a school of learning". No matter how a person lives or explains to people on returning home to one's own country, it is only when a person is in Medjugorje it's true meaning can be appreciated.

### **Church Mountain walk on Sunday**

30th July. Leaving from Donard Church grounds @ 12 noon. Picnic, Prayer and Mass. **In aid of Sophia Counselling Centre.** Phone 086 12 25 198 for details.

### **Tullow Holy Land Pilgrimage - 11th October 2017.**

This is an opportunity to travel to the Holy Land staying in Jerusalem and Tiberias and visiting all of the sacred places associated with the life of Our Lord. During the pilgrimage there will be a unique opportunity to meet with local Christians in Bethlehem and see first-hand the work of Trocaire there. As Archbishop Eamon Martin said "Pilgrimages are visible and concrete ways of showing solidarity and harmony with the Christian people of the land in which Jesus himself lived".

**This 9 night pilgrimage will be accompanied by a local spiritual director.**

Full details from Tullow Parish Office (059) 9151277 or from MAP Travel (01) 8783111 or [www.maptravel.ie](http://www.maptravel.ie)

**Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.**

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 01, 19, 20, 29.  
**No Jackpot winner. This Week's Jackpot:**  
 €16,600. **6 Match 3 winners. - €50 each.**  
 Mary O'Sullivan, Cian Bollard,  
 Kevin Lord, Kevin O'Neill, Julia O'Neill  
 & Lucy & Lily Moran.  
**Next draw is** in Horan's Pub, Main Street  
 on Monday, 24th July @ 10p.m.  
 Tickets €2. Play online [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

**Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results**

Last Week's Winning Numbers:  
 02, 21, 25, 26. **No Jackpot Winner.**  
**This Week's Jackpot: €4,750. No Match 3**  
**Winners. Sellers Prizes: €30 each.**  
 Ellen O'Neill & Kavanagh's.  
**Next Draw** is in Stratford-Grange Con  
 Clubhouse on Monday, 24th July @ 9p.m.  
 Play online at [www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie)

**Split the Pot Results.**

**1st Prize:** €200 - Paddy Simpson  
**2nd Prize:** €25 - Teresa O'Neill  
**3rd Prize:** €25 - Mai Faulkner.

**Attention all walkers - Annual sponsored Walk in aid of West Wicklow Day Care Centre**

will be held on Sunday 3rd September at  
 2.30p.m. Assembly point & registration at  
 Fishers car park. Cards available from Day Care  
 Centre; Mary Jackson - 085 7154262; Anne Aspill  
 - 087 6156993; Rena O'Toole - 086 8477319 or  
 any committee member.

**West Wicklow Cancer Support**

drop-in meeting is on Thursday 27th July  
 at 7.30pm in the Coimin Centre, Main St.  
 Blessington. A safe place to meet, to talk  
 and be supported during a cancer journey. All are  
 welcome and feel free to bring a friend.

**\*\*NEWSLETTER\*\***

Articles for inclusion in the newsletter must be  
received before 12 noon on Thursday. Articles  
 can be emailed or dropped into the Parish Office  
 & must include your name & contact details.

**Parish Office Opening Hours.**

Monday to Friday - 9.30a.m. - 1p.m.  
 & 1.30p.m. - 2.30p.m.

**TOMMY FLEMING IN CONCERT**

*in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass*  
*on Thursday, 30th November, 2017 @ 8p.m.*  
*Doors open at 7p.m.*  
**No support - Unreserved Seating.**  
**Tickets €30 each.**

*Tickets are on sale now in the Parish Office,*  
*& in the following local shops - O'Reilly's,*  
*Burkes Newsagents & Centra.*  
*[www.tommyfleming.net](http://www.tommyfleming.net)*

**BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT.**

Members are invited to a *Summer Tea Party*  
 in Baltinglass Golf Club on Tuesday  
**1st August at 5pm.** Hope to see you there.

**Dunlavin's Farmers Market** - following  
 the great success of the Market, the next one  
 will take place on Saturday, August 5th from  
 10a.m. to 2p.m. outside Meitheal Coffee  
 Shop. No trading allowed, only own grown,  
 own made items. Get sowing and growing,  
 baking and making if you would like to be  
 part of this event.

**Would you like to of win €100 and a prestigious title while also having a bit of craic?**

If so Rathdangan is the place to be for  
 our **1st King & Queen of the wellies event.** This  
 will take place on Sunday, August 6th & will be a  
 race approx. 2km long followed by an obstacle  
 course. The 1st 3 home qualify for a final short  
 decider race. The girls & guys will walk run or  
 crawl separately with a break in between races.  
 There will be kiddies races on the day including a  
 diaper derby. Prize for best homemade fancy  
 dress outfit prince and princess title for under  
 14s. Will be decided by funniest outfits. All mon-  
 ey raised will go to Baltinglass hospitals patient  
 comfort fund. Registration is €5 for big race &  
 starts at 3p.m. in the community field & is for  
 aged 14 upwards only. All competitors must be in  
 full length wellies and optional fancy dress. Feel  
 free to bring a picnic & enjoy it in the park. All  
 this will be followed by prize giving & a  
 Cross roads dance in the village with Hillbilly  
 Porter supplying some lively music.



*Baltinglass, Bigstone,*  
*Stratford & Grangecon*

16th Sunday in Ordinary time.

22nd July, 2017.

**FR. TOMMY'S FAREWELL!**

*We ask you all to mark in your calendar this important date,*  
*'Friday 28th July 7.30 p.m.'* We will have a celebration  
*to express our appreciation of Fr. Tommy and his long ministry among*  
*us. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 7.30 pm in the*  
*Parish Church and this will be followed by refreshments etc.*  
*in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome.*

**It is with a great sense of sadness and deep gratitude  
 that We say goodbye to Sisters Brigid and Carmel this  
 week. Their presence among us has been such a  
 blessing for so many years. Our prayers go with them  
 and We hope they will be happy and content in their  
 new Mercy Sister's Community in Eccles Street, Dublin.**

This weekend, an emergency Church appeal is being made across  
 the country which will be directed towards Trocaire's work in  
 Eastern Africa. "Trocaire is currently responding to prolonged  
 drought which has led to severe food shortages across East  
 Africa. Our response to South Sudan, Kenya and Ethiopia  
 focuses on food and water, while in Somalia we are also running  
 health clinics treating people for malnutrition, cholera and other  
 health issues. Currently Trocaire, on behalf of the faithful of  
 Ireland, are reaching out to approximately 150,000 people" This  
 weekend's emergency Church collection will ensure that Trócaire  
 can continue to scale up its relief efforts and respond to dire  
 needs of our brothers and sisters across these four countries.

**The second collection at all Masses will be for this  
 special relief fund.**