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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August, 2017.

### Ministers of the Word:

**Baltinglass:** 6p.m. (Sat) Micheál Lalor / Fiona Dunne

11a.m. (Sun) Monica Brophy / Jacqui Kenny

**Stratford:** 9.30a.m. (Sun) Margaret Cronin



### Ministers of the Eucharist:

**Baltinglass:** 6p.m. (Sat) Patricia Carwood / Rena O'Toole / Mary Leigh

11a.m. (Sun) Mona Nolan / Maureen Plant / Kieran Cogan

**Stratford:** 9.30a.m. (Sun) Ina O'Keeffe



*This weekend: Baltinglass*

### Anniversaries

Mary J. McDonagh, Edward Street

Denis Patterson, Belan Street

Dan Kearney, Barronstown

Helen Corcoran, Beech Avenue, Parkmore

Frank & Josephine Gibbons, Athy

Jack & Peg Deegan, Athy

Sandy Donnelly, Toronto, Canada

Patrick & Annie Humphries, Shroughaun

Michael & Eileen O'Brien, Tuckmill

Patrick & Brigid Cullen, Raheen

Paddy & Mary Bermingham, Shroughaun

Patricia Cullen, Castledermot Road

Gerard Duffy, Parkmore

Frank Foley, Knockfield

Clement O'Toole, Main Street

Florence McCormack, Castledermot Road

Paddy O'Shea, Weaver Square

Frank & Nan Glynn, Mill Street

**Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun)**

Sandra Doyle, Mallons Wood, Grange Con

Tony Harte, Dublin & Barronstown

Dan Kearney, Barronstown



We pray for  
**Anthony Byrne**

London, U.K. & Parkmore, Baltinglass  
*who has died recently.*

May Anthony rest in peace.



**St. Joseph's Piety Shop** - for all your religious items. Visit the shop at the main door before and after the 11a.m. Mass every Sunday or at other times on request. Phone Kay on 087 79 71 726.

### Weekend Mass Times.

**Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday**

**11a.m. Weekly Confessions after**

**6p.m. Mass on Saturdays.**

**Stratford & Grange Con :**

**Stratford 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.**

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary time.

"Get hold of yourselves! It is I.

Do not be afraid!" Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, call Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill on 045 89 74 70 or Email vocations@kandle.ie

### A variety of fresh Vegetables

**and Eggs are for sale** in the

**Tearmann Community Garden,**

Monday to Friday from

9.30a.m. - 12 noon. All are welcome.

**Think globally, act locally.**

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

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

### Pre-marriage Courses.

Accord Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses. October 13th & 14th, November 17th & 18th 2017, January 12th & 13th 2018. You are required to attend a Pre-marriage course if you are getting married in the Catholic Church. Booking can be made online at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 91 42 590 for further information.

### 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!

### Grandparents National Annual

**Pilgrimage** September 10th 2017, Knock Shrine 2.30p.m. Everybody is welcome to honour & thank

Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages.

Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin - Ballina School Choir - Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'.

### National Novena Knock,

August 21st. The national launch of the year of preparation takes place on this day. We will be officially represented by a family from the diocese. There is also an open invitation to all to travel to knock for this occasion.

**If anyone has left plates or dishes from recent social functions etc in the Parish**

**Centre,** please collect them any day after the 10a.m. Mass. A small **black leather jacket** was also left behind in the Parish Centre recently.

**The Hospitality Group** would like to say a **big thank you** to everyone who helped out with the Party for Sr. Brigid & Sr. Carmel & also at the Party for Fr. Tommy. Thanks to all who brought beautiful cakes etc, everyone who helped out so much in making the parties so light hearted and enjoyable. We join with you all in wishing the Sisters and Fr. Tommy every happiness & good health in the future.

### Youth 2000 Summer Festival,

Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from 17th to 20th August, 2017. For young people aged 16 - 35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. For info or to book online, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or phone 01 67 53 690.

### Aspiro choir is celebrating its 20th Anniversary!

Come join us for an exciting year of singing and celebrating as we reflect on the last 20 years and reimagine the next 20! Membership available for boys and girls age 4 - 18+ in all after-school ensembles. Especially welcome are tenors and basses to maintain our exciting and challenging mixed voice ensemble at youth level. Adults who enjoy singing are welcome to attend our weekly Aspiro Inspired sessions Friday 10a.m. For further details re schedule of rehearsals contact info@aspirochoir.ie or phone 085-74 51 111.

### Blackcurrants for sale

at €3 a lb. Evening collection preferred. Mary Cronin, Ballymaconey, Rathdangan. Please order by phone between 8p.m. - 9p.m. on 059 64 73 487.

### **Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.**

Last Week's Winning Numbers:  
03, 13, 19, 29.

**No Jackpot winner.**

**This Week's Jackpot:** €17,200.

**9 Match 3 winners.** - €35 each.

Pat Dolan, Surduc Catalin, Seán O'Brien,  
Johanthan McLoughlin, Lorna Molloy, Marie  
O'Shea, Elizabeth Carroll, Christine Lennon  
& B & James, Liam & Bren.

**Next draw is** in Horan's Pub, Main Street  
on Monday 14th August @ 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, 05, 21, 30.

**No Jackpot Winner.**

**This Week's Jackpot:** €5,500.

**Match 3 Winner** - €125 each.

**Ciara Hanly & Lindsey Bailly.**

**Sellers Prizes:** €30 each.

Ronan Fanning & F.H. O'Neill.

**Next Draw** is in Stratford-Grange Con  
Clubhouse on Monday, 14th August @ 9p.m.  
Play online at [www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie)

### **Split the Pot Results.**

**1st Prize:** €200 - Bridget Prendergast

**2nd Prize:** €25 - Keith Pender

**3rd Prize:** €25 - Edward Wall

### **Barbeque outside the Tea Room,**

Main Street, Baltinglass on

**Wednesday 23rd August, 2017**

from 12 noon to 3p.m.

### **\*\*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.

### **Baltinglass Classic Car & Motorcycle run takes place this Sunday, Aug 13th.**

Vehicles will be on display from 11a.m. until the run gets under way at 2p.m. Please come along and see all the older vehicles on show. *There will also be an auto jumble and trade stands in Fatima Hall.* Admission is free. Car parts, care equipment, lawnmower and tractor parts, vintage crockery etc. on sale. This event is organised by West Wicklow Classic Club in aid of Solas Dunlavin special class for Autism and Baltinglass Daycare Centre. If anybody wishes to make a donation if not taking part in the run, you can drop in to the lobby of Germaine's Inisfáil between 11a.m. & 2 p.m. Everybody is welcome to come along and view the cars and bikes and browse the auto jumble. The event is open to all makes and models of cars and bikes including vintage, classic, retro, sports, kits and all interesting vehicles.

### **Thank you so much to all the brave souls who came out in desperate weather conditions Sunday to support our first king and Queen of the Wellies event in Rathdangan.**

It was good fun and all for a good cause - Baltinglass hospital Comfort Fund. Colm Keogh and Lorraine O'Toole were our winners on the day after completing the 2km cross country race and obstacle course in their wellies of course. A massive thank you to our main sponsors Junior's Bar, Gillespie's SuperValu, Morrins Mill, Neantog creams, Kearney Fuels and The Village Pantry. Thanks to all the hard workers who created the obstacle course, did all the paper work, stewarding & helped with the Cross Roads Dance. It's impossible to thank everyone but we really appreciate your help.

### **Next Rambler's Session is in**

**O'Toole Hall,** Rathdangan on the  
18th of August. Refreshments served.  
Always a great fun night.



## *Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon*

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

13th August, 2017.

### **Celebrate Every Day.**

Make every day a day to celebrate life and be thankful.

Look to everyday as a day of new beginnings,  
opening your heart to positive hope and unlimited potential.

Take time to pull yourself away from all the noise  
and just look around you.

Take inventory.

Appreciate those who have enhanced the quality of your life,  
and remember that they have been a gift to you.

Also remember that you are a gift to them too.

Go outside and look at the sky.

Soak in the atmosphere.

Enjoy the colours of the landscape.

Feel the textures of every place you are and be thankful.

Smile at the world.

Don't allow negative feelings to creep into your  
consciousness.

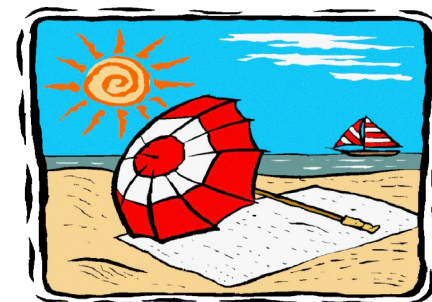
Feel the power of your own acceptance.

Put a positive spin on every though you have.

Make very day special. Own it. Enjoy it.

Bask in the glory of life.

Appreciate the gift of your own life.



### **Tuesday, 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption.**

The *Vigil Mass for the Feast day* will take place in *St. Joseph's Church*  
on *Monday 14th August at 7.30p.m.*

On *Tuesday, 15th August*, Mass will *take place* at the Grotto/Nun's Cemetery at 11a.m.

*There will be no 10a.m. Mass on Monday morning, 14th August.*