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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December, 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) Mary O'Keefe



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) Carmel Doyle



This weekend: Baltinglass

Anniversaries

Jim McKeever, Lathaleer
 John & Mary Connolly, Carrigeen
 Elizabeth Coogan, Irongrange
 Sheila Fitzmaurice, Tuckmill
 The Kearney Family, Lathaleer
 John & Mary Connolly, Carrigeen
 Seán McLoughlin, Newtown
 Justin Wall, Bawnogues
 Henry & Sarah Norton, Knockrigg
 Mary Hanlon, Broadstown & her daughter Mary,
 Broadstown & San Francisco
Grangecon: Sunday 9.30a.m.
 Margaret Germaine, Bessina
 Henry & Sarah Norton, Knockrigg



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 Tuesday

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

On Monday a Celebration of

The Liturgy of the Word &

Holy Communion @ 10a.m. in

St. Paul's Oratory.

REVIEW 2017

The Review 2017 is on sale in the Parish Office, local shops & newsagents around Baltinglass at its usual price of €5. The Communications group wish to thank all who contributed to the production of this years Review – people who wrote articles, who gave photographs and the businesses who continue to support us by placing advertisements with us. The shops for selling the magazine and the local schools for participating in the Art Competition. A special word of thanks to Nigel Gillis who provided us with photographs and yet again the spectacular cover for this years Review.

Parish Pastoral Council.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 7th December in the Parish Centre at 8.15pm.

Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie
 Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

Collectors - Baltinglass Church in December 2017

Saturdays @ 6p.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Liam Burke / Paddy Kelly

Convent Aisle: David Leigh

Lalor Aisle: Martin Donegan

Sunday @ 11a.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Kevin Kearney / Kevin O'Neill

Convent Aisle: Thomas Burke

Lalor Aisle: Therese Kelly

Accord Carlow have some place available on the following

courses - Jan 12th & 13th, Feb, 2nd & 3rd; Mar 2nd & 3rd. Couples getting married in spring or early summer 2018 should book their course now. Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie or phone 059 91 38 738.

We welcome into our Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism, during the month of November 2017.

Sophie Marie McNamara
 Kevin Patrick Miranda Simpson
 Amy Ellen O'Rourke
 Summer Lexi Abigail Fogarty Liston



West Wicklow Voices Christmas Concert

On Friday 8th December @ 8pm in the Church of The Holy Trinity (Catholic), Donard. Mulled Wine & Mince Pies to follow.

Scoil Chonglais Christmas Fair.

A fun-filled festive fair will be held in Scoil Chonglais on Sunday December 3rd. The event will take place in the school hall from 11a.m.- 4p.m. Items on sale on the day will include seasonal fare, arts & crafts, cakes, yule logs & jewellery. Try your luck at the wheel of fortune or the bottle stall! Why not enjoy a mug of hot chocolate & listen to Christmas Carols while the children have their faces painted? Anyone who would like to set up a stall (at a cost of €20) and sell their items at the fair is asked to contact the school at 059 64 81 449. Payment for stalls must be made before Friday 24th November.

Now the natural world is dormant

Now is the time of darkness

Sunlight is waning

Life is in seeming stasis

And in this dark time

This time of dormancy and

twilight

The Church moves into Advent.

Carlow Choral Society

Presents Missa Carolae by James Whitourm. Handel's Messiah Favourites Singalong Carols. Cathedral Organ. Full Brass Ensemble. On Dec. 10th at 8.15pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Tickets €20 (accompanied children free) From Eventbrite.ie & Choir Members.

An Aspiro Christmas' -

20th Anniversary Christmas Retrospective, Saturday 23rd December 8pm, Carlow Cathedral. Experience the renowned sounds of Aspiro's ensembles and past members singing some of their all-time specially selected Christmas carols. Audience participation included. Tickets: €12/€10, Family (2+2) €35, available in Graiguecullen and Cathedral Parish Centres & from choir members.

The Remembrance Candles

which were lighting during the month of November on the Altar of Remembrance in the Parish Church, are available for any family members who may wish to take them home this weekend or during the coming week.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:
12, 17, 19, 20.

Jackpot Winner - No winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €8,400.

5 Match 3 winners - €60 each.

Kenneth Quirke x 2; Andy Heaslip;
Jim Whelan; Ann Salmon.

Next draw is in Germaines, Main Street on
Monday, 4th December @ 10p.m. Tickets €2.
Play online www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results:

Last Week's Winning Numbers:
02, 03, 08, 24.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €4,750.

Match 3 Winners - €50 each. John Wynne;
The Barrett Family; Len O'Connell;
Martina Moore; Mary Brady.

Sellers Prize: €30 - Gay Kinsella.

**Next Draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Club
house** on Monday 4th December @ 9p.m.
www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Split the Pot Results.

1st Prize: Olivia Cooney

2nd Prize: Brigid Bolland

3rd Prize: Buddy Smithers

4th Prize: F & B O'Neill

Mature lady wanted to do 10 hours
housework per week. Responsible and
trustworthy. Own transport essential.
Mornings only. Contact 087 77 14 110.

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 Thursday
9.30a.m. - 1p.m. & 1.30pm to 2.30p.m.
The Parish Office will be closed on
the Holy Day Friday December 8th.

Ruth Shine School of Dance

Royal Academy of Dance Ballet Classes.
New term starting; Saturdays in Baltinglass
Phone 086 40 62 618 or email
ruthshineschoolofdance1@gmail.com

'Bigstone N.S. will perform their
Christmas Panto on Wednesday 13th Dec.
at 7pm in Bigstone Community Hall.
Everyone is welcome and your support
would be appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE.

On Sunday Dec 10th @ 4 pm, the
Christmas lights will be officially switched on
by Fr Ger and Rev Mairt. Festivities will start
at 3.30pm with carol singing around the
tree. Baltinglass Community Development
have also arranged a visit from the man himself
and will meet children in Fatima hall where
there be entertainment and refreshments.

The Annual turning on of the Christmas lights at the Grotto in Rathdangan

takes place on Thurs. 7th
Dec at 7pm. All are welcome. Christmas
Carols will be led by the Children of
Rathcoyle N.S. There will be a warm
cuppa and goodies served in the hall
afterwards. A special ho ho ho guest
might make it that night too. Hope to see
you all there.

Music by Derek Mc Evoy at the Social
Dance in O'Toole Memorial Hall, on
Saturday 9th Dec. Refreshments served .

The Village Pantry needs a revamp. We
are going to close from Friday 15th Dec
to Mon 15th Jan. Thanks for your support
the last few years. Thanks to our
volunteers who work hard to keep it open.
We hope to see you all back next year but
in the meantime Happy Christmas and
A Happy Healthy 2018.

Christmas Trees for Sale.

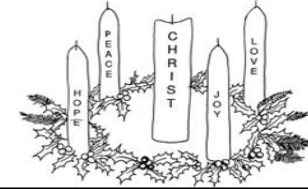
Nordmann & Noble Firs. All sizes
available. Phone Henry on 087 93 76 878.



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

1st Sunday in Advent

3rd December 2017



"We wait in joyful hope..."

Advent is a season of hope, just when we need it most.
Lord, the light I choose to let into my life today is based on my hope in you.
It is a small flame but I believe it can dispel a bit more darkness today.
It is through us that Christ's light will shine, in the midst of the
struggles and cares of our world.

Our Family Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Loving God, on this Advent day we turn to you in prayer. As we wait for the
coming of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us. Free us from any worry
or distress that we may have and help us to welcome your light into our lives,
a light that gives us the gift of hope.
May your hope fill our heart, our mind and our home.
"Where there is despair may we bring hope".

Change of Times from Monday 4th December 2017

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion Service
Monday 10am.

Mass

Tuesday to Friday 10am.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady
is on Friday 8th December and it is a Holy Day of obligation.
The Vigil Mass will be in the Parish Church Thursday 7th Dec @ 7.30pm.
Mass as usual on **Thursday morning** 7th Dec @ 10am in St. Paul's Oratory.
On the day Mass will be in
Grangecon Church @ 9.30am
Stratford Church @ 9.30am
Baltinglass Church @ 11am

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

in St. Joseph's Church @ 7.30pm on Sunday December 17th 2017.