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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th December 2018

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Mary Hayes
11am (Sun) Michael Cogan / Catherine Burke

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Elizabeth Thompson

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Patricia Carwood / Rena O'Toole / Matt O'Brien
11am (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Bernie Kilcoyne / Seán & John Connolly



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm

Ignatius McDonagh, Edward Street
Jim McKeever, Lathaleere
Angela Smith, 10 Allendale Park
John Kelly, Carrigeen
Paddy & Elizabeth Rooney & their son Colm, Parkmore
Sheila Fitzmaurice, Tuckmill
Mary Hanlon, Broadstown & her daughter Mary Hanlon, Broadstown & San Francisco
Seán McLoughlin, Newtown
Justin Wall, Bawnogues
Kitty Patterson, Old Co. Rd., Baltinglass & her Grand Nephew Devlin Kavanagh, Ballyvass, Castledermot
Julie Dempsey (née Moore), Coolinarrig, Baltinglass
Tom & Christina Byrne, Shroughaun
Jim & Maureen Phillips, Tuckmill & their son Tom Phillips, Manchester
Grangecon: 9.30am



Collections last Weekend
Offertory €762. Development €1,299
Thanks to all who give so generously.

Weekend Mass Times

Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday 11am.

Weekly Confessions

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays
Stratford & Grangetown
Stratford next Sunday 9.30am.

Weekday Mass Times

Daily 10am in St. Paul's Oratory,
The Parish Centre on Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Liturgy of the Word
& Holy Communion
Monday 10am St. Paul's Oratory.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday in St. Paul's Oratory 10.30am 11.30am.
Every Sunday in Grangecon Church 3 - 4pm.

Child Safeguarding - Standard 2

Procedures for Responding to Child Protection Suspicions, Concerns, Knowledge or Allegations. Church bodies have clear procedures and guidance on what to do and how to ensure there is a prompt response when suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations arise regarding a child's safety or welfare. They also enable the Church to meet all national and international legal and practice requirements and guidance.

The Review 2018

is on Sale this weekend. Price €7. We hope you enjoy the read. The Communications Group wish to thank all who supplied articles, gave in photographs and helped in any way to make this bumper edition of The Review possible. Our thanks to the businesses who placed adverts. with us. A special word of thanks to Nigel Gillis who gives us photographs each year and who has supplied us with the cover for this year's Review yet again. The Review 2018 will be available in shops around Baltinglass from Monday 3rd Dec.

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

Collectors in December in Baltinglass

Saturdays @ 6pm Mass
Main Aisle: Paddy Kelly / Pat Kearney
Convent Aisle: Hugh Coogan
Lalor Aisle: Ollie Cuddy
Sunday @ 11am Mass
Main Aisle: Joseph Kavanagh / Seán Smith
Convent Aisle: Thomas Burke
Lalor Aisle: Therése Kelly

The Baltinglass Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul

will hold its Christmas collection at all Masses next weekend 8th & 9th December. All proceeds will go to assist those in need in Baltinglass and the wider area. SVP wishes to thank you for your continued support. Anybody wishing to avail of the services of SVP should contact the Parish office.

Bigstone National School

Annual Christmas Concert in Bigstone Hall
Thursday, 6th December at 7pm sharp.
All are welcome.

Seamus Whitney with his Team of 10 Counsellors

On behalf of the Sophia Counselling Centre we wish to express a big thank you to the parishioners of Baltinglass for their contribution of €274 at the recent Church gate collection. It helps greatly in our fundraising of €45,000 + a year for the Centre.

Christmas Trees for Sale

All sizes available, from 6ft to 16ft. Phone Henry on 087 93 76 878 or 087 93 76 878.
Delivered if required.

**Dates for your Diary
Advent Penitential Services**

Rathvilly Wednesday 19th Dec. @ 7.30pm.
Hacketstown Thursday 20th Dec. @ 7.30pm.
Baltinglass Friday 21st Dec. @ 7.30pm.

A Christmas Gift Ideal

Michael English & his Band in Concert in aid of St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Parishes
Thursday 28th February 2019 @ 8pm.
Doors open at 7pm. Tickets €25 and are now on sale and available from the following - Moore's in Grangecon, Patterson's Butchers & O'Reilly Stores, Baltinglass or also from Fiona 087 68 64 596, Mick 087 28 75 011, Avril 087 41 19 214, Ashling 085 76 79 973.

12 days of Christmas with 'The Priests' Concert

in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise on Sun. 16th December. Admission from 7.15pm. Tickets €25 and available from the Parish Centre. Phone 057 86 21 142.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

Christmas Party: We are hosting a Christmas Party for Senior Citizens and Active Retirement Members on Tuesday 4th December in Germaines. Please arrive at 12.30pm for meal at 1pm sharp. Tickets cost €15 and are available from Committee Members, or by contacting Mary on 086 06 29 435. Music is by Jackie Byrne.
December Coffee Mornings in Bia Blasta on Fridays at 11am. On Friday 21st Kris Kindle exchange of small gifts will take place.

Rathdangan Local History Book Launch

'Heather, Hills & Hearths' is the title of a new book containing a compilation of history & memories from the Rathdangan area. All are welcome to attend the official launch Fri. 7th Dec. in O'Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan at 7.30pm. The book will be available to purchase on the night & thereafter.

Christmas Wreaths

To order your Christmas Cemetery Wreaths phone 086 34 59 984.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers - 11, 21, 24, 25.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot - €9,500.

3 Match 3 winners - €100 each.

Julia O'Neill, Michael McGrath &
Margaret Kenny.

Next draw on Monday 3rd December in
Germaines, Main Street @ 10pm. Tickets €2.
Play online - www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers - 02, 03, 05, 19.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This week's Jackpot - €17,750.

Match 3 Winners - €50 each.

Daniel O'Neill, Henry Murphy, Tommy Byrne,
John Eager, John Wynne.

Sellers Prize: €30 - Pattersons.

Next draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Club
House on Monday 3rd Dec. @ 8.45pm. Tickets
€2. www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Mary O'Sullivan

2nd Prize: €50 - Tadhg Curry

3rd Prize: €25 - Alina Hegarty

4th Prize: €25 - Bruno

Baltinglass Community Development.

We are getting ready to light up Baltinglass for
Christmas. We will be turning on the lights on
the 8th Dec. at 5pm. Carol singing, face
painting & Santa will come visit. All are
welcome to come along.

NEWSLETTER

Articles for the newsletter **must be
received before 12 noon on Thursday.**

Articles can be emailed or left into the
Parish Office. They must include your name
& contact details.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Mon. Wed. & Fri. - 9.30am - 1pm.

& Thurs. 9.30am - 1pm

& 1.30pm. - 2.30pm.

The office will be closed this Tuesday.

Carlow Farmers Hunt

Point to Point Sun. 9th Dec. in Borris House. First
race 12pm. Santa's Grotto & Christmas Market.
Santa arriving at 2pm on his horse & Sleigh. €100
Voucher from Red Mills Cillin Hill for "Most
Appropriately Dressed Lady" Great Family day.
Phone Liz Doran on 086 19 92 457 for details.

Kilranelagh Cemetery Public Meeting

in The Hub, Kiltegan Tues. 4th Dec. at 8 p.m.
Discussion on upgrading the road to Kilranelagh
Cemetery, i.e. draining, tarmacadam & public
carpark. Anyone with family members buried in
Kilranelagh or have an interest in the Cemetery
are welcome to attend. For this to go ahead the
council require a show of interest from the people
so come along & give your support.

Eist Centre - 059 91 39 684

Thanks to all who supported the Eist Candlelight
Walk of Hope. The next event on the Eist calendar
is the Celebration of Christmas Variety Concert in
the Arboretum Garden Centre, Leighlinbridge,
Wed. 5th Dec. at 8pm. Special guest is singer
Derek Ryan. The Vocal Academy Choir
Newbridge and Pat Byrne of the Voice of Ireland
will take part. Mulled wine reception at 7.30pm.
Door prizes. Tickets from Eist Centre & the
Arboretum Garden Centre @ €20 each.

O'Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan

Teenage Christmas Disco Fri. Dec. 14th
8 - 11pm. Tickets €10 & available on the door.
Money raised will go to Sophia Counselling
Centre. Fully supervised.

Get fit in 2019

Have you an interest in these classes. Yoga,
boxercise, comfit, circuit training/cross fit style,
self defence/KRAV Maga, pregnancy yoga, baby
massage, weight loss club, better health program 6
week nutrition exercise lifestyle program. Classes
& times decided by demand. Classes given by
experienced tutors in the health & fitness industry
& who between then hold numerous qualifications
including nutritional therapy, strength condition-
ing, yoga meditation, neuromuscular therapy etc.

For details text Sarah on 087 06 27 563.

Adult Social Dance

Sat. Dec. 8th, 9.30pm - midnight.

*Baltinglass, Bigstone,
Stratford & Grangecon*

First Sunday in Advent

2nd December 2018

ADVENT REFLECTION

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning once again of the Church's Liturgical Year. This is a sacred time and space which provides us with the opportunity to stand back from the busyness of our lives and to become aware of who we really are. It is intended to be an oasis of calm that enables us to reflect on the deeper questions of life. Unfortunately, in our modern world of excessive commercialism it is difficult, particularly at this time of approaching Christmas, to find a quiet spot in which to shut out the noise and to reflect. Perhaps we could strive in these weeks of Advent to pause and reflect:

Who am I at the core of my being?

What is the purpose of my life?

What am I called to be?



Advent Prayer Service

A reminder that Bishop Denis is celebrating an Advent Evening Prayer Service this Sunday 2nd December at 5pm in Carlow Cathedral, choir to be in place by 4.30pm. Parking is available in Carlow College.