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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th March.

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Pat Dunne / Jane Keogh
 11a.m. (Sun) Seán O'Reilly / Fiona Kavanagh
Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Elizabeth Thompson



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
Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Anthony McDermot



This weekend: Baltinglass 6p.m.

Anniversaries:

Philomena O'Connor, Baltinglass & Cork
 Annie Kingston, Bantry, Co. Cork
 Chris Callinan, Doonbeg, Co. Clare & Baltinglass
 John Gethings, Parkmore
 Kevin Brophy, Sperrin Road, Drimnagh
 James Murray, Main Street
 Kenneth Bookle, Shepherds Bush
 Thomas & Brigid Alcock, Parkmore
 Jane Healy, Glenmalure
 James Doyle, Kiltegan
 Felix O'Neill, Weaver Square, Baltinglass
 Richard & Lucy Barron, Chapel Hill, Baltinglass
 Joe Murray, St. Peter's Park, Dunboyne, Co. Meath
Grange Con: Sunday 9.30a.m.
 Daniel & Bridget Coughlan, Dunlavin



Weekend Mass Times.

Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday 11a.m.

Weekly Confessions after 6p.m. Mass on Saturdays.

Stratford & Grange Con Mass in Stratford next weekend.

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.

The Intentions of the parishioners from Baltinglass, Grangetown & Stratford will be presented to Our Lady Queen of Peace, March 2nd, @ 8.30a.m. at Mirjana's Apparition in Medjugorje. Presented to Our Lady. **Andy Murphy.**

During the Season of Lent, there will be a Scripture sharing session in the Parish Centre on Thursday mornings from 10.45a.m. - 11.15a.m. All are very welcome.

Grangecon Primary School are holding their Open Evening on 30th March from 6p.m. to 8p.m. Come and join us to view the school and speak to our staff and parents. All welcome.

Baptisms in Baltinglass Church Sunday, 5th March & Sunday, 9th April @ 11.45a.m

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

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017. Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin - Bishop Denis Nulty Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Paddy Byrne.

Dates: 16th - 21st July, 2017. **Cost:** €719. Cost includes Hotel; Air Travel Dublin/Lourdes return; Transfer & assistance between Lourdes airport & your hotel on arrival & departure; full board & accommodation in Lourdes; Airport taxes, charges & government levies; Fully Comprehensive Insurance; Pilgrimage Badge; Representatives of Joe @ Walsh Tours will ensure all pilgrims receive a high standard of service throughout the pilgrimage. Not included: Single room supplement @ €150 - €175. Limited on request. All booking on the Pilgrimage should be made through Joe Walsh Tours Office, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. **Phone:** 01 241 0800. No booking is definite until we have received a completed booking form & a non-refundable deposit & until this deposit is receipted by our office. www.joewalstours.ie

Collectors - Baltinglass Church in March

Saturdays @ 6p.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Jim Kearney / Billy Norton

Convent Aisle: David Leigh

Lalor Aisle: Kathleen Hanlon

Sunday @ 11a.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Joseph Kavanagh/Seán Smith

Convent Aisle: Frank Doyle

Lalor Aisle: Geraldine O'Reilly

ACCORD Marriage Education Facilitator .

Are you interested in becoming a Marriage Education Facilitator with Ireland's leading provider of Marriage Preparation Programs? Would you like to meet couples preparing for Marriage, sharing part of their very special journey? Come along to our Information Evening on Tuesday 28th February at 8p.m. in St. Catherine's Community Services Centre, St. Josephs Road, Carlow. Hear about what's it's like to be a facilitator and let us answer your questions about the role, training etc. Phone Mary, if you wish, on 059 91 38 738.

Lenten Reflections. Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home. **Venue:** Aras Bhride, Kildare Town. **Time:** 8 - 9p.m. **Date:** Thursday 9th March - **Bishop Denis Nulty.** "Pope Francis - A Man of Mercy".

West Wicklow Women's Group presents International Women's Day.

A day of fun for women of all ages in the **Tea Room, Baltinglass from 10.30a.m. on the 8th March.** Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches & Treats served on the day. Entertainment, arts & craft displays; Talk on health; free draw on the day for a Make Over. All made possible with the help of County Wicklow Partnership.

We welcome into our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism, in the Month of February.

Seán Walter Coleborn
 Rosella Anne O'Keefe.



The Holy Year Cross Committee would like to thank most sincerely the people of the town & surrounding areas and the Business people of the town for their generous support for our collection on the 25th & 26th February.

The total sum raised was €2,663.

Congratulations to

Laura Sleator & Ciarán Dowling who were married in **St. Oliver Plunkett's Church** on Friday, 24th February, 2017.



Bigstone National School will hold an Open Evening for new pupils on Tuesday 28th March from 6.30 - 8 p.m. All welcome to attend. Enrolment forms are available from the school. Phone: 059 91 61 171 or come to the school & pick one up. After school care available. Contact Anne Marie on 087 22 38 380.

Danny's Corner: The Lalor Centre would like to congratulate Thomas O' Toole on winning a Gold Medal in the Special Olympics Leinster Games Bowling competition. **Reminder the Lalor Centre will host a coffee morning** on Wednesday 22nd March from 8.45am - 12noon.

Baltinglass Cub Scouts will be hosting a Bake Sale in the **Parish Centre** after 11a.m. Mass this Sunday, 5th of March. **All proceeds will be donated to ASH animal Rescue Centre .**

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 01, 06, 14, 16.
No Jackpot winner. This Week's Jackpot €12,300.
Match 3 winners - €60 each. Dick Barrett,
Mrs Kennedy, Chapel Hill, Lucy Darby, Frank Hunt
& Matt CP Chris. Next draw on Monday, 6th March
@ 10p.m. in Germaines. Tickets €2.
Play online at www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto

Results. Last Week's Winning Numbers:

09, 13, 19, 22. No Jackpot Winner. This Week's
Jackpot: €7,250. 5 Match 3 winners €50 each.
Jim Cronin, Nora Byrne, L. O' Donnell, John Kelly &
Fionn O'Neill. Sellers Prizes: €30 each.
Paddy Keane & Dee Caplice. Next Draw is in
Stratford-Grange Con Clubhouse on Monday, 6th
March @ 9p.m. Play online at
www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

St. Patrick's Day Parade on Friday, 17th
March, commencing @ 12.30. It's time to start think-
ing about your float, your clubs, your walking groups,
your bands & musicians, your window display. You
the Community will make the Parade a Fun Day for all
the family. Contact Pat on 087 27 32 268 for details.

Kiltegan Drama final two performance of

"Them" a 3 act play by Thomas Coffey on Friday
10th & Saturday 11th March, 2017. Time: 8p.m.
Tickets on sale in Burke's Newsagents @ €10.

Enrolments - Kid's Aloud Pre-School

are now taking bookings for September, 2017. If
your child was born between January 2013 -
August 2014 you can avail of a free ECCE place.
Limited places available. You can drop in to Carmel
or Mary. Phone 086 055 3699.

Family Carers Ireland are holding an Infor-
mation Morning on Wednesday 8th March 2017
from 10am- 12.30pm in the Seven Oaks Hotel
Carlow. We will have a number of speakers on the
day. HSE on the Fair Deal Scheme, Citizens
Advice, and also Emergency Response. Free Tea
and Coffee will be served afterwards.

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.

Daffodil Day in aid of the Irish Cancer

Society will be held in Baltinglass &
surrounding areas on Friday, 24th March. All
volunteer helpers would be gratefully appreciated.
If you wish to help in anyway, please leave your
name & number into Patterson's Butchers.
Donations of fresh daffodils would be very
gratefully received. *Emma Hayden, area organiser
for the Irish Cancer Society.*

The Monthly Meeting of the West Wicklow Voluntary Day Care Centre

will take place at 8.30p.m. in the Day Care
Centre Baltinglass Hospital on Wednesday,
8th March. New members welcome.

Split the Pot Results: 1st Prize:

Josie Byrne. 2nd Prize: Georgina Doyle.
3rd Prize: Ann Sleator.

Kinsella Grass Machinery: Get your
lawnmower & other equipment ready with one of
our Pre-season Service Deals. For this month
only we do minor repairs to decks etc. . We re-
pair all types of small engines & garden
machinery. Phone: 089 44 30 276.

Creative Living Fair - Saturday, 11th March.

*The Cozy Corner Crafters, The Men's Shed and
the Tearmann Garden are linking together to
hold a Creative Living Fair from 11a.m. - 3p.m.*

Each group will be in their own premises.
The Cozy Corner will have a variety of items for
sale including up-cycled furniture, patchwork,
knitted & crocheted, decoupaged, embroidered
items, handmade cards & St. Patrick's day
badges & flags.

The Men's Shed will have wood turning items,
Garden Furniture & kindling for sale. They will
also have a display of work done, ongoing
projects including a pony trap which they are
restoring.

The Tearmann Garden will have a selection of
home produce for sale, along with a display of
work done.

The T.Y. Mini Company Enterprise Group will
be displaying & selling their products. Visitors
are welcome to walk around the gardens.
Light refreshments will be available.

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Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

1st Sunday in Lent.

5th March, 2017

The Message of Trocaire for this season of Lent .

Lent is a time for us all to think about our lives and our relationship with God.
During Lent, we take the time to think about the plan that God has for each
and every one of us. We also think about the ways in which we have not
responded to God's love and care for us.

*Jesus did the exact same thing when he went into the desert for forty
days. He prayed for guidance and protection. Each year during Lent We
give up something. During Lent, we challenge ourselves to change
something in our daily lives so that we can become as close to God as
possible. This Lent, why not take on a challenge that faces all of God's
creation-climate change!*

Across the world, many young people are affected by climate change every day:
They may have no water to drink, or to wash clothes in,
or to cook food in; they may have very little to eat because
their parents can no longer grow crops as their land is too
dry; they might even have had to move away from their
homes because of flooding or extreme weather caused by
climate change.



*This Lent, remember that we are all affected by climate change-but not
equally. Here on this island of Ireland, we are more fortunate than many
nations in the world, as we are able to cope with most changes in our
environment. But children and families in places where Trócaire works,
such as Honduras, Kenya and Pakistan, are not as fortunate as us. Let's
remember them this Lent.*

We encourage each family to take home a Trócaire box for Lent.

MASS DURING THE LENTEN SEASON.

Monday to Friday @ 10a.m. in St. Paul's Oratory.
Mass at 7.30a.m. & 10a.m. on Fridays in St. Paul's Oratory.