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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th September,

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) Anne Whelan



Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Michael Lennon / Matt O'Brien / Noel Kennedy / Pat Fleming

11a.m. (Sun) Mary Gohery / Therése Kelly / Catherine Lord

Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Mary O'Riordan



This weekend: Baltinglass

Months Mind Mass

Nan Maguire (née Donohoe), Tinoran & Dublin

Anniversaries

Mona Clynych, Castledermot Road

Joe Quirke, Parkmore

Turlough Quinn, Tuckmill

Mai Kinsella, Hughestown

Elizabeth Nolan, The Wood

Ann & Ger O'Reilly, Kildangan

Stratford: Sunday 9.30a.m.

Elizabeth Coleman, Stratford & her Grandson

Richard Wilkie, Manchester

Jack Byrne, Randlestown

Sadie Burke, Winetavern

Edward & Martin Dowling, Stratford



We pray for

John (Johnny) Ross, Grange Con
& **Imelda Kavanagh,** Athy & Castledermot

That have died during the week.

May they rest in peace.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself." How is God calling you to live for others? Could it be as a priest? Call Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill on 045 89 74 70 or Email vocations@kandle.ie

Laos Pro Life talk and training with Sarah Ekada, Paddy Manning & Michael Dwyer of Family & Life on Tuesday September 26th in the Portlaoise Parish Centre at 8pm. All are welcome!

Choir Practice has resumed every Wednesday night @ 8p.m. in the Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.

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.

Our annual celebration of thanksgiving for the Harvest will take place in **St. Joseph's Church,** Baltinglass the weekend of the 23rd & 24th September & in **Grangecon** on the **24th September** & in **Stratford** on **October 1st.** If your community group wishes to have a Harvest display in the Church, please contact the Parish Office so that a space can be allocated.

National Ploughing Championship from Tue. 19th Sept. - 21st at Statscraggen, Tullamore. Our Lady Queen of peace, Medjugorje stand will be located in Slaney & Suir, block no 3, row no 30, stand on 647, unit no 4. Books, leaflets & messages. Phone 087 0900 819 or 059 64 81 499.

Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie

Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

Autumn 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.

Saturday, 18th November @ 7.30pm sees the return of the RTÉ Concert Orchestra to present Handel's 'Iconic' Messiah at Knock Basilica. Conducted by Proinnsias Ó Duinn. Presented by Liz Nolan, RTE lyric fm. Tickets available now at www.knockmessiah.com & at the Witness to Hope office Knock Shrine and Downtown Records Castlebar & Westport.

Glenstal Liturgical Conference: 'Living Stones, Sacramentality in a Secularised World', October 20th – 22nd, celebrating 90 years of Monastic life at Glenstal Abbey. Information at www.glenstal.org or by emailing litcon@glenstal.org

A Weekend with Marian Carrol at Knock House Hotel. 'I was Cured at Knock' taking place on Friday, 3rd Nov - Sun 5th Nov. at Knock House Hotel. Phone Karen on 094 93 88 088.

Tearmann Community Garden

Harvest Thanksgiving Food Tasting on **Thursday, 21st September** from 12.30 - 2.30p.m. in the Parish Centre. **Contribution €5.** All proceeds for the upkeep & maintenance of the garden. All are welcome.

Tearmann Community Garden and Wildlife Area

are having a Workshop on Pollination and Seed Saving in the garden on Tuesday, 26th September. We have two sessions: **First session** from 9a.m. – 10.20 a.m. **Repeat of this session** from 2.40 - 4p.m. The workshop is directed by Sarah Rubalcava and well worth attending.

Culture Night on Friday 22nd September 2017. **WEST WICKLOW VOICES** (conducted by Music Director Conor O'Reilly) are holding a Concert in the Church of Ireland, Donard on Friday 22nd September at 8p.m. in celebration of Culture Night. Admission is free. Please come along.

The diocese is looking for expressions of interest in an organ tuition programme organised by the Advisory Committee on Church Music, based at the National Centre for Liturgy, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. This course requires a basic competence in the keyboard (grade 4/5). See kandle.ie for further details. Once we know the level of interest, we hope to host the tuition in a convenient location within the diocese. To indicate your interest please contact Julieat Julie.kavanagh@kandle.ie or 059 91 64 084.

Baltinglass Lion's Club Annual Cycle.

The Tour of the Falling Leaves on Saturday 30th September. There are 2 events - The Langer Trek is over 70K & starts at 10a.m. & is €15. The 16K fun cycle begins at 11a.m. & is €10. Both starting points are the GAA grounds. Proceeds go to Baltinglass Hospital Patient Comfort Fund. Reductions for families. Contact Maureen Plant on 059 64 81 351 / 087 699 5022.

Stratford/Grangecon Local Community Employment has vacancies for the following position's.

Gardening/ Maintenance; Cafe Assistant. These positions are located in Stratford/Dunlavin/Donard & Grangecon. To qualify for any of the above positions you must be in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for 12 months & be over 21 years of age. Contact Tom Whittle - 087 92 27 051 or email stratfordce@gmail.com

Baltinglass Golf Club. Beginners Golf Lessons for Ladies of all ages. All equipment supplied. Fun friendly environment. Free Taster Session on Tuesday, 26th September from 10a.m. – 12 noon. 6 Lessons - Cost €50. Contact Bernie on 087 64 44 677 or 086 10 63 025.

If you wish to use Bigstone Hall over the coming months for classes or activities, please phone Mary on 086 08 42 143.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 07, 14, 23, 27.

Jackpot Winner - No winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €6,200.

Match 3 winners - €50 each.

Jack, Grace & PJ Norton; Paddy Sinnott;
Alice Byrne, Samantha Wybrant; Ann Healy;
Alan Howard.

Next draw is in Timmins Pub, Weaver Square
on Monday, 18th September @ 10p.m.

Tickets €2. Play online www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results:

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 08, 18, 23, 27.

No Jackpot Winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €7,250.

No Match 3 Winner. Sellers Prizes: €30 each.

Gabrielle Kinsella & Caroline Nolan.

Next Draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Clubhouse

on Monday 18th Sept @ 9p.m.

www.stratfordgrangeconga.ie

Split the Pot Results.

1st Prize: Jim Lawlor. 2nd Prize: Rev Máirt

3rd Prize: Mary Furlong.

4th Prize: Breda Keogh.

Thank you for your constant support!

Baltinglass Town Development would like to thank everyone who has given their time to help clean up our town. This week we cleaned up around the Mall at the Post Office and along the Bridge. Next week we are meeting again at McAllister on Wednesday @ 6.30p.m. to clean more areas. So if you have an hour to spare, please come along.

****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.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be

CLOSED on Tuesday, 19th September.

OPEN - Monday /Wednesday/

Thursday & Friday

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

A Music Evening in Davidstown

Church on Saturday, 23rd September, 2017 at 8p.m. **Fundraiser for Davidstown Old School.** Tickets €10 and are available in local shops in the Glen of Imaal & Donard. Your support will be very welcome.

Annual Mini Market in the Tearmann Community Garden

on this Tuesday, 19th September from 10a.m. - 1p.m. Box of fresh vegetables €5.

Organised by the Transition year students in Scoil Chonglais.

Kiltegan community & surrounding areas will come together to host "Kiltegan Dances for Friends"

Benefit Night on Friday 29th Sept. @ 8.30pm till late in local pubs; Talk of the Town & Katie Lowes. Free admission but donations welcome. Local band "Jorum" will provide the entertainment in the Talk of the Town. For one night only "Kiltegan Goes Strictly" will reform & do a special one off performance. A raffle, an Auction, Spot prizes & a BBQ on the night. Your support would be greatly appreciated. If any of the local businesses would like to come on board or for details contact Damien Byrne (087) 6792761 / Siobhan Doyle (087) 2372050. Please keep an eye on Facebook for further updates.

West Wicklow Historical Society -

Lecture on Wednesday, 20th September @ 8.30p.m. "Vanishing Ireland Chronicles" by Turtle Bubury. An engaging reflection on Irish life, identity & personalities from the past, recreating a poignant & fascinating world of music, emigration, humour & resilience. The tale Turtle weaves, features photographs of old Ireland & portraits of Irish characters from the award winning Vanishing Ireland series.
Venue: Timmins Bar (upstairs), Baltinglass.
Charge: €5 - includes tea/Coffee.

Baltinglass Active Retired Bowling

re-commences in Fatima Hall on Tuesday, 19th September from 3p.m. - 5p.m. New members always welcome.



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 17th September, 2017

A Time to Celebrate the Fruits of the Harvest.

"Gardening is an active participation in the deepest mystery of the Universe". *Thomas Berry.*

What a special time to celebrate and to give thanks to our Creator God for the gift and blessing of the Harvest! Across the land a wide variety of fruits and vegetables are harvested and we are nourished and sustained by these gifts and by those who labour to plant and to reap. Pope Francis, in his encyclical "Laudato Si" asks all of us to cherish and to protect the earth and to be generous in sharing the fruits of the earth with our brothers and sisters,

A Prayer at Harvest time.

Creator God,
for daily bread and all who work
to bring your harvest home,
We give you thanks today.

Forgive our ingratitude.
We, who have so much
and often waste what you have given us.

Comfort those whose harvest is poor.
Open our hearts and hands to their needs
and bestow on us a spirit of generosity,
so that all may share from your garden.

Creator God, provider of all,
We bring our thanks today.
(John Birch)



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