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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 30th September & Sunday 1st October, 2017.

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Una McKeever / Tommy Doyle

11a.m. (Sun) Mona Nolan / John Paul Kenny

Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Noreen Keogh



Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Julia O'Neill / Bernie Doogue / Pat Dunne / Mary Hayes

11a.m. (Sun) Mary Vernon / Stephen Fagan / Soley Augustine / Mary Burke

Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Carmel Doyle



This weekend: Baltinglass

Anniversaries

Pat Sleator, Parkmore

Peter & Elizabeth O'Hara & Kit O'Hara, Raheen &

all the deceased members of the O'Hara Family

Phyllis Reddan, Tinoran

Luke & Frances McDonnell, Main Street

John Coogan, Hughestown

Elizabeth Leigh, Grange Con & Baltinglass

Michael & Julia Patterson, Main Street

Mary Brady, Parkmore

Ted O'Neill, Shroughaun

John Barrett, Shroughaun

Sarah (Sally) Hudziak, Graney West

Tony Hudziak, Graney West

All the Lacey Family, Graney West

Harry & Annie O'Reilly, Saggart

Patrick Kelly, Late of Boleylug

Grange Con: Sunday 9.30a.m.

John Patrick Carroll, 13, Mallenswood

Elizabeth Leigh, Grange Con & Baltinglass



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.

**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.

Congratulations to

Darina Barry

&

Paul Redmond

who were married in

St. Joseph's Church

on Friday, 15th September, 2017.



Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie

Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

A Harvest Thanksgiving Prayer



God whose farm is all creation;

Take the gratitude we give.

Take the finest of our harvest,

Crops we grow, that people may live.

Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping

Hopes and fears of sun and rain,

All our thinking, planning, waiting,

Ripened in this fruit and grain.

All our labour, all our watching,

All our calendar of care;

In these crops of your creation,

Take O God, they are our prayer.

**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.

**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 details. Once we know the level of
interest, we hope to host the tuition in a convenient
location within the diocese. If your interested
phone Julie at 059 91 64 084.

Danny Doyle's Corner. The Lalor Centre has
completed the harvest decoration to the right hand
entrance of the Church. The harvest colours are
amazing. "Autumn is a time of harvest, of
gathering together, for nature it is a time of
sowing." (Edwin Way Teale).

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 8p.m.
All are welcome!

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

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.

**Rathvilly & Castledermot Garden &
Flower Club** monthly meeting in Teach
Diarmada, Castledermot, on Thursday 28th
Sept. at 7.30 p.m. There will be an inspiring,
interesting talk & slideshow given by
horticulturalist Mary Keenan on the topic of
"A walk on the Shady Side." Followed by a
raffle, tea, biscuits & chat. All welcome.

**The national Pilgrim statue of Our
Lady of Fatima** will visit the cathedral on
the 6th and 7th of Oct. to celebrate 100 years
since the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima.
The schedule for the visit will be as follows:
6th October 10a.m. Mass celebrated by
Bishop Denis. Holy Hour from 7p.m. -
8p.m. **7th October** 10a.m. Mass for the feast
of Our Lady of the Rosary 12 noon Angelus,
Rosary & Solemn exit of the statue.

**Slow down, Reflect and Renew your
Spirit over a series of days at
Glenstal Abbey.** We begin on Sat., Sept.
30th - 'The Benedict Option & why we need it
now'. Why in the modernity of the 21stc are
people finding a relevance in this 5th man &
his rule? For details phone 061 62 10 05.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Seek the
Lord while He may be found..." While seeking
Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him.
Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as
a priest? If you think He may be offering you this
grace, call Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill on
045 89 74 70 or Email vocations@kandle.ie

**A Healing Mass will be celebrated in
Talbotstown Church** on Wednesday, October,
4th at 7.30 p.m. The Sacrament of Anointing will be
administered during the service. People who are not
able to attend may send petitions which will be
placed on the altar. A number of priests will be in
attendance. All are welcome.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 08, 11, 20, 23.

Jackpot Winner - No winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €6,400.

Match 3 winners - €75 each.

Con Murphy, Sheila Fagan, Cluis Foley & Billy Bradley. **Next draw is** in Horan's,

Main Street on Monday, 25th September @ 10p.m. Tickets €2. Play online www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results:

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 01, 05, 19, 20.

No Jackpot Winner. This Week's Jackpot:

€7,500. 1 Match 3 Winner. Winnie Cleary, 19 Ardglass - €250. **Sellers Prizes:** €30 each.

Maurice Mangan & O'Reillys.

Next Draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Club

house on Monday 25th Sept @ 9p.m.

www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Split the Pot Results.

1st Prize: Brigid Bollard.

2nd Prize: Theresa Donohue

3rd Prize: Donal Nolan

4th Prize: Moira Lambe

Grateful thanks from the West Wicklow Daycare Committee

to all sponsors of our recent walk, those who took part or marshalled, the Order of Malta, Ambulance and the Day Care Centre in Baltinglass Hospital for the very welcome refreshments afterwards.

West Wicklow Cancer Support Group meeting

is on Thursday 28th September at 7.30p.m. in the Coimin Centre, Main St. Blessington. A safe place to meet, to talk and be supported during a cancer journey. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend.

****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. & 1.30 to 2.30p.m.

A Community Care Roadshow will take place in Germaine's, Baltinglass on Thursday, 28th September @ 7.30pm. Representatives from An Garda Síochána, HSE and Wicklow County Council will be in attendance. Topics covered will include Rural crime prevention, general crime prevention and "age friendly" information and advice.

The Irish Cancer Society are holding the National Conference for Cancer Survivorship

2017 in the Aviva Stadium, Ballsbridge, Dublin on Friday the 29th September and Saturday 30th September. This is a free event where all are welcome and refreshments will be provided. The theme of the conference this year is "Living well with Cancer." If you would like to attend, please register at www.cancer.ie/living-well. The closing date is Sunday 24th September 2017.

**An Old Time Dance in "Slate Row"
Hall,** Hacketstown on Friday 29th September @ 10p.m. Music by Rickie Halpin. Usual refreshments & raffle. Bring along your friends.

The Weavers' Cottage Museum & garden in Clonegal, has been beautifully restored to its original condition. Come and see the artifacts from bygone days, take a step back in time and listen to the history relayed by our guides. Opening hours Monday and Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30 - 1.30p.m. Saturday - Sunday 12 to 4p.m.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement. We would like to remind members that the following activities have restarted:- **BOWLING:-** Tuesday from 3p.m. to 5p.m. in Fatima Hall. **BRIDGE:-** Wednesdays from 10.30a.m. - 12noon in the Parish Centre. Beginners are welcome to join us. Our next monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th September at 3p.m. in Germaine's. New members are welcome to come along.



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 24th September, 2017

Thanksgiving...Harvest time...awareness of blessings...gratitude for the gifts of life and love...it is necessary for us to think deeply about all we have been given. We can be almost overwhelmed by all that is ours. God is very generous to us. This Autumn season provides us with the opportunity to give thanks for the abundance and fullness of the harvest. Earth's fruitfulness has been harvested and the whole community rejoices.

Everywhere we look, we see the countless blessings God has given us -from the twinkling stars to the rich brown earth, from the spontaneous smile to the spring in someone's step, from the sound of hearty laughter to the smell of sweet perfume. This is a time to honour the abundance and generosity of the earth. We look around at the luscious fruits, the wholesome vegetables and the beautiful flowers and we are in awe. Yes, the generosity of our God strikes all our senses. The sights and smells cause our heads to turn and we can truly shout aloud: The Lord has indeed done great things in providing us with a bountiful harvest, a harvest that provides us with food and drink and clothing and so much more.

There is also the spiritual harvest of our personal lives. Each of us allowed to flower within our being many seeds of goodness and kindness and in doing so nourish each other's lives. Yes, these are the fruits of our spiritual growth for which we are grateful. Now is the time to gather our basket of blessings; the time to remember that we have what we need to give us strength and nourishment during our barren times.

"You Lord have given so much to me;
Give me one thing more - a grateful heart"

**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**