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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October, 2017.

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Myra Kearney / Jim Kearney
11a.m. (Sun) Helena Dowling / Ciara O'Neill
Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Anita O'Hara



Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Clare O'Neill / Theresa McDermott / Anne Leigh / Seamus Kelly
11a.m. (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Bernie Kilcoyne / Seán Connolly / John Connolly
Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Marguerite Salmon



This weekend: Baltinglass

Anniversaries

Patrick & Mary Kearney, Tinoran & their daughter Kathleen Tyndall
Michael Byrne, Fryanstown, Dunlavin
Robert Barrett, Ballinatone
James Coleman, Castleruddery
Denis (Dinny) Byrne, Glencannon
Tim Long, Rathfarnham
Daniel, Mary, Margaret & Thomas Somers, Irongrange
Stratford: Sunday 9.30a.m.
Robert Barrett, Ballinatone
James Coleman, Castleruddery



We pray for
Thomas Miley,
Birmingham & Ballyraggan
who has died during the week.
May he rest in peace



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - "He humbled Himself and became obedient..." If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? 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.

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.

Harvest Thanksgiving & the blessing of all animals will take place in Stratford Community Garden on Sunday, 1st October @ 9.30a.m. All types of animals are welcome. Tea & Cake sale afterwards in Scallywags Playschool.

Sunday, 1st October 2017: Mission Month of October 2017. Today marks the first day of the Mission Month of October. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and is responsible for co-ordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland. A calendar of events has been put in place by World Missions Ireland throughout the month of October, details of which can be found on our website (www.wmi.ie)

Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie

Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

Collectors - Baltinglass Church in October.

Saturdays @ 6p.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Matt O'Brien / Pat Dunne

Convent Aisle: Mikey Keogh

Lalor Aisle: Joey Fagan

Sunday @ 11a.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Bobby Lennon / Garrett Byrne

Convent Aisle: Joseph Germaine

Lalor Aisle: Simon Murphy

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.

There will be a special meeting of the parents of children from Baltinglass, Bigstone, Grangecon and Stratford who are preparing to celebrate First Penance and First Holy Communion this Monday night, October 2nd in the Parish Centre at 8pm.

There will be a meeting of the Parish Liturgy group in the Parish Centre on Thursday, October 5th at & 7.30 pm.

Much appreciation and gratitude to the wonderful team of parishioners who prepared and served a delicious 'Food Tasting Harvest Lunch' in the Parish Centre on the 21st September. There was a full house and those who came along thoroughly enjoyed all the homemade produce. Well done to one and all!

Many thanks to each of the groups who helped to decorate each of the Churches for the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival. It's so good to stop, reflect and pray in a spirit of Thanksgiving for all the fruits of the earth and the fruits of our various ministries across the entire Parish. In truth it can be said 'Thanksgiving is Thanksgiving'. We are indeed truly blessed by the abundance of the fruits of the earth and the generosity of so many. Of course we are also challenged to share the fruits of the earth and the fruits of our lives with those who are not so fortunate.

Al-Anon weekly meetings starting Tuesday 3rd October @ 8pm at Sophia Counselling Centre, Sli an Chroi. All welcome. Phone Mary on 087 93 745 49 or Seamus on 086 12 25 198.

Clonfert: Day of Prayer for Healing in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on Saturday **7th October**. Speakers: Fr. Michael Kennedy and Eddie Stone. Bus departs Church Car Park Tullow at 8a.m. via Killerig Cross, Clish Stores and bus stop Barrack Street, Carlow. Bring packed lunch. To book a seat phone Lily on 059 91 51 245.

There is a new Library of books in the kitchen of the Parish Centre. Some are spiritual books, others are novels. Feel free to borrow a book next time you visit the Parish Centre. This service is for free.

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

Saoirse Bernadette McGough
Odhran Laurence McGrath
Kayden Dean Foster



On Monday 2nd October Carlow College will mark Foundation Day during Convocation time with the unveiling of a plaque in honour of Bishop James Doyle and his contribution to education. Bishop Nulty will unveil the plaque in the front porch at 1.45pm, the unveiling will be followed by a lecture by the present writer in the James Doyle room on "Bishop Doyle and Irish Education". All are welcome.

The national Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima will visit the cathedral on the 6th & 7th of Oct. to celebrate 100 years since the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. The schedule for the visit will be - 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.

Danny's Corner: A reminder to everyone. Now that the long evenings are here, there are a variety of night classes starting in the VEC to keep you busy for the winter. For a list of classes, please contact Annette Mangan on 059 64 82 642 or on 086 84 62 771.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:
04, 17, 20, 23.

Jackpot Winner - No winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €6,600.

Match 3 winner - €300 - Breeda Kealy.

Next draw is in Germaines, Main Street
on Monday, 2nd October @ 10p.m. Tickets €2.

Play online www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results: Last Week's Winning
Numbers: 03, 10, 15, 18. **No Jackpot Winner -**
This Week's Jackpot: €7,750. Match 3 Winners
- €65 each. Chris O'Loan, Anita Barrett,
Michael Farrell, Englishtown, Ina & Ann Marie
O'Keeffe. **Sellers Prizes:** €30 each.

Mike Moore & Ellen O'Neill

Next Draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Club
house on Monday, 2nd October @ 9p.m.
www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Congratulations to Baltinglass Senior

Football team who beat Eire Og,
Greystones in Aughrim on Sunday last.
A great day for all involved!

Split the Pot Results. 1st Prize: Josie Byrne.
2nd Prize: Christy Redmond. **3rd Prize:**
Emily Keogh. **4th Prize:** Nancy Doody.

Elst Cancer Support Centre are having a
coffee morning to celebrate their 5th Anniversary
on Friday 6th October 2017 from 10 a.m. - 1p.m
KCLR will broadcast from the centre on the day.

Ciorcal Cainte. The Irish speaking circle has
resumed in St. Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan every
second Monday from 11a.m. to 12 noon. The
next date is October 2nd. Phone 087 99 02 218.

****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.

Fundraising Fun Walk or run at Bigstone
on Sunday, 8th October at 12.30p.m.
Money raised will help with pupils activities
at Bigstone School. Bigstone parents
association thank you for your support.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement.

Coffee Morning venue for October - every
Friday at 11a.m. in Bia Blasta.

Cake Sale in aid of *St Brigid's Hospice*,
Kildare on Friday 20th October from
10.30am - 12noon in The Parish Centre. -
Members of the public are welcome to attend.
Contributions of buns or cakes from members of
our Active Retirement Group would be gratefully
received. Further information from Mary on
087 69 13 257.

Outing to see 'Philadelphia Here I Come' at The
G.B.S. Theatre, Carlow, is being organised for
Thursday 26th October. Further information from
Mary on 087 29 99 571.

Baltinglass Piano Academy

is still enrolling for Autumn/Winter term.
Places are scarce so do enquire soon.
All ages and abilities welcome.
Contact 087 67 26 436.

Music by Catherine & the Images

at the adult social dance in O'Toole Hall,
Rathdangan on Saturday 14th October.

The next Ramblers Seisun takes place on
Friday, 17th November in O'Toole Hall. A fun
filled night of music, dance & laughter.

Over 3 years ago, the Village Pantry in **Rathdangan opened.**

The same volunteers have been managing it ever
since, which consumes a lot of their own personal
time. They at this stage would like to see new
blood take it on and also in doing so come up
with fresh ideas that will hopefully enhance its
presence in Rathdangan. Would you like to give
it a go? If so, phone Tess on 087 61 73 879 or
contact any community council member.

Thank you!

FOUND! Car Keys / House keys found
upstairs in Quinn's on Wednesday, 20th
September. If they are yours, please phone
Quinns on 059 64 81 266.



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st October, 2017

*Day for life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland.
It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and
value of human life at every stage and in every condition.
"The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a
mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection
and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life. By serenely
contemplating the ultimate fulfilment of each human person, parents
will be even more aware of the precious gift entrusted to them.
For God allows parents to choose the name by which he himself will
call their child for all eternity."
(Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 166).*



**Prayer to Mary,
Mother of the Life Within.**
O Mary, Mother of the Life Within,
all life we entrust to you;
The life of every expectant mother
and the child within her womb:
The life of every human body,
The life of every human soul;
The life of every newborn child
and the life of all grown old.
You held the Lord to your own heart and
drew him so close in.
So draw us now in all our needs,
O Mother of the Life Within.
Amen.

**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**