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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th March.

Minsters of the Word:

Baltinglass: 7.30p.m. (Thu) Pat Dunne / Jane Keogh
 11a.m. (Fri) Mag Nolan / Fiona Kavanagh
Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Fri) Eileen Channing
Grange Con: 11a.m. (Fri) Margaret Kealy



Minsters of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 7.30p.m. (Thu) Mags Byrne / Rena O'Toole
 Patricia Carwood / Pat Dunne
 11a.m. (Fri) Una McKeever / Mary Hayes
 Therese Kelly / Mary Vernon
Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Fri) Noreen Keogh
Grange Con : 11a.m. (Fri) Mick Kehoe



Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th March.

Minsters of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Francis Balfe / Yvonne Balfe
 11a.m. (Sun) Alf Gillespie / Mags Nolan
Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Mary Ross



Minsters of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Julia O'Neill / Bernie Doogue
 Pat Dunne / Mary Hayes
 11a.m. (Sun) Mary Vernon / Stephen Fagan
 Soley Agustine / Mary Burke
Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Mary O'Riordan



This weekend: Baltinglass 6p.m. Months Mind Mass of

Seán Doyle, Graney
 Johnny Doody, Hartestown & Dublin

Anniversaries:

Patrick Doyle, Graney
 Anthony Leigh, Bawnogues
 Maureen Molloy (née) Nolan, The Wood, Celbridge
 Madge & Hal Dunne, Shroughaun
 Mick Lennon, Parkmore
 Noel Sleator, Barronstown, Grange Con
 Paul Rowe, Bawnogues
 Peter Kelly, Eadestown
 Denis Murray, Broadstown
 Pat, Peter & Mary O'Brien, Irongrange
 Liam Fitzgerald, Bawnogues
 Ann McGrath, Carrigeen



Anniversaries continued:

Stratford: Sunday 9.30a.m.
 Michael & Catherine Loughlin, Manger
St. Patrick's Day - Anniversaries
Baltinglass:
 Mary Josephine & Edward Hanlon, Tuckmill
Stratford:
 Brian & Julia Tivenan, Stratford
 Susan Byrne, Randalstown
 Tom Moore & Family, Winetavern & London
 Elizabeth Nolan, Dr's Road, Stratford
 John Nolan, Manger
Grange Con:
 Maura Coleman, Knoxters Hill

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

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

Weekend Mass Times.

Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday 11a.m.
Weekly Confessions after 6p.m. Mass on Saturdays.
Stratford & Grange Con
Mass in Grange Con next weekend.
Weekday Mass Times
Daily 10a.m. in St. Paul's Oratory, The Parish
Centre, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays & Fridays.

Mass times for St. Patrick's Day.

Vigil Mass in Baltinglass Church on
 Thursday, 16th March @ 7.30p.m.
Mass in Baltinglass Church
 on Friday, 17th March @ 11a.m.
Mass in Stratford Church
 on Friday, 17th March @ 9.30a.m.
Mass in Baltinglass Hospital
 On Friday 17th March @ 10a.m.
Mass in Grange Con Church
 on Friday, 17th March @ 11a.m.

2nd Sunday in Lent. "God has called us
 with a holy calling ... according to His own
 purpose & grace." If you think God is offer-
 ing you the grace of a vocation to the
 Priesthood, Please **contact** Fr. Ruairi
 O'Domhnaill on 045 89 74 70 or Email
 vocations@kandle.ie

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 welcome.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on Sunday 9th
 April. For details please contact Duffy Coach Hire
 on 059 64 71 681 or 087 254 3235.

We pray for
Jim Leigh, Lincolnshire, England.
& Rathbran, Grange Con
 who has died during the week.
May he rest in peace.



Pre-Marriage Course at Sli an Chroí
 on the 1st & 2nd April. For details please
 phone Fr Seamus Whitney on 086 12 25 198.

**Lenten/Easter 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.

Carlow Regional Pioneer Mass will take
 place in St. Joseph's Church at 6p.m. on
 Saturday, 25th March. A Meeting will take place
 afterwards & light refreshments will be served in
 the Parish Centre. *All Pioneers & Friends are*
welcome. For details please contact Mick Kehoe
 on 087 28 75 011.

**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. All booking should be made through
 Joe Walsh Tours Office, 143 Lower Baggot Street,
 Dublin 2. **Phone:** 01 241 0800.

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 availa-
 ble. Contact Anne Marie on 087 22 38 380.

Danny's Corner. Wishing everyone a happy
 St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget the Lalor Centre's
 Coffee Morning on the 22nd March @ 8.45 -
 12 noon. Lots of buns, cakes and goodies. A
 raffle will take place on the day. Lines €2.

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.

**The next day for cleaning the Parish
 Church** is Thursday, 16th March @ 10.30a.m.

**Bacon, Colcannon, song, laughter,
 music & dance.** Celebrate St. Patrick's day in
 O' Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan, starting
 @ 6p.m. This should be a great evening of
 celebrating all that makes us Irish. Everyone is
 welcome to this event. It is being sponsored by
 The Village Pantry

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 21, 27, 29, 30.
No Jackpot winner. This Week's Jackpot €12,500.

2 Match 3 winners - €150 each.

Kelly's Irongrange & Mary O'Halloran.

Next draw on Monday, 13th March @ 10p.m. in
Timmins Bar, Weaver Square. Tickets €2.

Play online at www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:
04, 09, 27, 29. No Jackpot Winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €7,500. Match 3 winners

€85 each. Cogan Family, Eamon Dunne &

Amanda Butler. Sellers Prizes: €30 each.

O'Reilly's Shop & David Cush. Next Draw is in

Stratford-Grange Con Clubhouse on Monday,

13th March @ 9p.m. Play online at

www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

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.

Split the Pot Results: 1st Prize: Mary Moore

2nd Prize: Bruno. 3rd Prize: Ettie Curran.

**Baltinglass lights committee are looking for more
volunteers to help.** If you have an hour to spare,
community driven, or have ideas, we would like to
hear. Contact 087 64 72 652.

St. Patrick's Day Parade on Friday, 17th
March, commencing @ 12.30. It's time to start
thinking 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.

**PLEASE NOTE **NEWSLETTER:

Articles for inclusion in the newsletter this week
MUST be received **before 12 noon on Wednesday.**

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.

The 1st meeting of West Wicklow

Classic & Vintage Vehicle Club of 2017

took Tues. Feb 28th in Baltinglass. The Club's AGM
will take place Tues. March 14th at 8p.m. in
Germaine's, Baltinglass. The proceeds of Last year's
Fundraising will be presented to two deserving local
causes before the meeting. All members & anyone
with an interest in classic motoring are welcome to
attend. We will be happy to welcome new members
at the meeting. Our Annual Baltinglass Classic Run
was an outstanding success last year with the biggest
ever attendance. This event is one of the biggest
classic road runs in the country. We plan to run it for
the 8th time Sunday August 13th. For information on
the club or its activities please contact
westwicklowclassics@gmail.com or Ned on
089 21 60 673 or Ciara on 087 35 95 469.

Baltinglass & District Active Retired.

Coffee Mornings in March:- Golf Club on Fridays
@ 11a.m. **Outings:** Mon. 13th March - visiting
Newcastle, Co Dublin to celebrate St Patrick's Day in
advance - with entertainment, refreshments & raffle.
Bus leaves Weaver's Square at 9.45a.m. Cost €3 plus
charge for transport. Phone Mary on 086-062-9435.
An outing will take place on Saturday 22nd April to
The National Concert Hall to see the musical 'Me
and My Girl', performed by The Rathmines &
Rathgar Music Society. We are hoping to book early
for best value in tickets. Phone Mary on
087-299-9571. **Our summer holiday** is 22nd - 26th
May in Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co Waterford. Cost
€350 p.p.s. Single supplement €15 per night. Booking
Deposit of €50 is due for payment at meeting on
29th March. **Our AGM** is in Germaines on Wed.
29th March at 3pm. New members are welcome.

Maths Grinds to all levels from a very experienced
Maths Teacher, Phone 086 31 12 843.

Baltinglass & District Country Market

will open for the 2017 Season on Saturday, 18th
March at 10a.m. in Stratford Lodge Hall, Church
Lane, Baltinglass. Come join us for a healthy
breakfast of Kilbeggan Organic Porridge topped
with crunchy homemade granola & local honey.
We will have our freshly produced range of bread,
cakes, fresh farm eggs, honey, jam and crafts
available.

Brownshill Art Studio, Carlow - Art Classes for
Children. Register online at www.muralmayhem.com.
Phone 086 86 86 783 for further information.



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

2nd Sunday in Lent.

12th March, 2017

"Master, it is wonderful for us to be here" Today's Gospel.

I remember the times we had retreats in secondary school and weren't they only
wonderful - with beautiful hymns, inspiring talks, discussions and prayers. We
were invited to bring what we experienced out into the everyday world.

Well in today's Gospel, Peter says to Jesus 'Master it is wonderful for us to
be here. He is referring to the 'mountain top' experience that the disciples
had - a preview of the Risen Christ. Lent is a time of renewal, a time to
make new our hearts and minds, a time to go up the mountain to pray as
Jesus and the disciples did.

We too can get a glimpse of Heaven and this glimpse can keep us going during
difficult times. We can bring Heaven into the lives of others by accepting them
just as they are. So often we want to change others telling them what they should
do. Jesus accepts each of us totally just as we are, just now, each one so
different, so unique.

'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here' Perhaps we can say these words
when we attend the Eucharist. Yes Lord it is wonderful for us to be
here...and my Grandmother often commented on how much nicer I was during
the days of the school retreats. A.S.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY - 17th March



*To-day, the feast of our national patron, is a day to celebrate all that is good in
our lives and around us. It is a time to be proud of our Spiritual heritage and
traditions. St. Patrick had great devotion to God and was always sensitive to God's
presence in creation. In to-day's world where many people drift aimlessly in life,
Patrick is a voice of hope. He took great confidence from God's presence in his
life. This then is a time for each of us to acknowledge God's gentle presence in our
lives. It is a time to pause for a moment in prayer and like Patrick, not to be
afraid to ask God for guidance, direction and an abundance of blessings.*

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.