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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st January 2018.

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) Eileen Channing



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) Noreen Keogh



This weekend: Baltinglass Anniversaries

Mary Hanlon, Broadstown & Main Street,
 Baltinglass & San Francisco
 Alice Farrell, Weaver Square, Baltinglass
 Nick Carthy, Wamfler & Deerpark
 Breda Patterson, Belan Street
 Deirdre O'Connor (née Fleming) Carlow & Baltinglass
 John Kenny, Shroughaun
 Paul O'Brien, Edward Street
 Denis & Kathleen Byrne, 6 Parkmore
 Michael & Sarah O'Keefe, Randalstown
 Annie Gethings, 9 Parkmore
 Jenny McHugh, 6 Parkmore
 Kitty & Tom Burke, Weaver Square
 Joe O'Toole, Main Street
 Patrick Sinnott, Enniscorthy
Grangecon: Sunday 9.30a.m.
 Margaret & Mick Kehoe, Grangecon Hill

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 Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.
On Monday a Celebration of The Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion @ 10a.m. in St. Paul's Oratory.

Carlow Regional Pioneer Mass will take place in St. Paul's Oratory on Friday 9th February @ 7.30p.m. Light refreshments will be served. This will be followed by a meeting. All Pioneers & Friends welcome. For details or if you would like to order a pioneer pin, please phone Mick Kehoe on 087 28 75 011.

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

- Senan Antonio Bidar Murphy
- Conor Maurice Brennan



*With gratitude in your life, life is a blessing.
 When gratitude is absent, life is a burden.*

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

Collectors - Baltinglass Church in January

Saturdays @ 6p.m. Mass:
Main Aisle: Pat Kearney / Billy Norton
Convent Aisle: Hugh Coogan
Lalor Aisle: Kathleen Hanlon
Sunday @ 11a.m. Mass:
Main Aisle: Bobby Lennon / Garrett Byrne
Convent Aisle: Jimmy Humphries
Lalor Aisle: Geraldine Reilly

"The Family is the primary setting for socialization, since it is where we first learn how to relate to others, to listen and share, to be patient and to show respect, to help one another and live as one". *Pope Francis.*

Christmas Collection for our Priest & the supply Priests of the Parish.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to this collection.

Carlow College, St. Patrick's

is running an Introduction to Psychology Evening Course 1 February 2018 - 8 March 2018, every Thursday, from 7-9pm. For more information please contact: Alison Brennan, E: AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie, T: 059 91 53200, or see www.CarlowCollege.ie.

Irelands only Catholic Radio Station

i.e Radio Maria see www.radiomaria.ie and click on listen live. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Eamonn McCarthy. Phone 01 41 23 456.

What in the World? RTE 1 - 11.10pm.

This hard-hitting television documentary series seeks to raise greater public awareness of global economic inequalities and human rights violations.
Tues 16 Jan - Black Genocide in Brazil (Brazil)
Tues 23 Jan - they shoot elephants don't they (Tanzania)
Tues 30 Jan - Pope's World (Uruguay)
Tues 6 Feb - Aleppo - The Most Beautiful & Elegant city in the World (Syria)
 On RTE Player (<http://www.rte.ie/player/ie>)

The Village Pantry is Open

after its Christmas break. It has had a revamp and is now the proud owner of a proper barista coffee machine. We are looking forward to seeing you all again and thank you for your continued support. Our daily SuperValu Baltinglass delivery service is back up and running. If you want to place an order for the next morning delivery phone Angela on 087 64 40 751 or Tess on 087 61 73 879 before 9pm.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages 2018

7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

Baltinglass Parish Bingo

every Monday night in Fatima Hall @ 8.30p.m.
 Your support would be appreciated.

Bigstone National School

will host an Enrolment Evening on Wednesday 24th January from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. All prospective parents and pupils are invited to attend to tour the school and meet with our teachers. We look forward to seeing you.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:

01, 03, 07, 17.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €6,200.

5 Match 3 winners - €60 each.

Enda Hallahan, Rose Coffey, Joe Nolan,
Dan Kavanagh, Christy & Mary Doran.

Next draw is on Monday 15th January in

Lizzie Kehoe's Pub, Weaver Square

@ 10p.m. Tickets €2.

Play online www.localotto.ie

Thank you for your continued support.

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results:

Last Week's Winning Numbers:

02, 04, 20, 26.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €6,250.

2 Match 3 Winners - €125 each.

Muriel Pearson & Tommy Duffy.

Sellers Prize: €30 - Hugh O'Keeffe.

Next draw is in

Stratford-Grange Con Club House on

Monday January 15th @ 9pm.

www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Split the Pot Winners.

Jay Farrell

Helen Jones

Timmy O'Neill

Aoife McDermott.

NEWSLETTER

Articles for inclusion in the newsletter

MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE

12 NOON ON THURSDAY.

Articles can be emailed or left into the
Parish Office & must include name &
contact details.

PARISH OFFICE

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday

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

Social Dancing Classes

in Stratford Arms, Stratford-on-Slaney.

Starts Saturday 20th January 2018.

Time: 8pm - 9:30pm.

Admission - €10.

Learn to dance the quickstep, waltz,
slow waltz, slosh, cha cha etc.

For further information please contact

Anita on 087 77 08 267.

An Ideal Christmas Present

Daniel O'Donnell's Concert

15th & 16th August 2018.

Includes 2 nights dinner bed & breakfast
& Show. Details from Duffy Coach Hire
on 059 64 71 681 or 087 25 43 235.

Adult Jiving, Quickstep & Waltzing Dance Classes

commencing on
Thursday 25th January 2018. Course runs
for 6 weeks from 8 - 9pm every Thursday.
No Partner Required. Registration & Full
Payment (€60) on the night.

Academy of Dance, Carlow Youth &
Community Centre, Green Lane, Carlow.
Phone Fiona @ 087 27 27 315.

Ruth Shine School of Dance

Ballet classes for boys and girls age
3-10yrs on Saturdays in the Parish Centre.
Contact Ruth 086 40 62 618 or email
ruthshineschoolofdance1@gmail.com

Open eir Silver Surfer Awards 2018

Don't Delay, Nominate Today!

The closing Date is fast approaching -
Wednesday 21st February.

The public can nominate someone for
an award by filling in a form online at <http://www.ageaction.ie/about-us/open-eir-silver-surfer-awards> or by phoning Anne-Marie in
Age Action on 01 475 6989.

"Do your little bit of good where you are.
It's those little bits of good put together that
overwhelm the world". *Desmond Tutu.*



*Baltinglass, Bigstone,
Stratford & Grangecon*

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. 14th January 2018.

The Body is for the Lord and the Lord for the Body'.

Today's Reading.

*Many of us know what it's like to have eaten too much, to have drunk too much
or to have over done something such as training in sports or being a workaholic.*

*Well today St. Paul gives us a very direct message - to respect our bodies. He
tells us 'the body is for the Lord and the Lord for the body.' We are asked to
keep our bodies for the Lord. While in a partnership each one of us is asked to
respect the other deeply in every way - in thought, word and deeds as our way of
demonstrating total love to the other.*

*Every person wants to love and be loved and often times we can just settle for
less. St. Paul tells us 'your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit', the Temple
being a place of Worship.*

*We also need to pay heed to messages from our bodies as there is such a thing as
body wisdom. St. Paul also tells us 'to use your body for the glory of God' as
you belong to God.*

*So just ask myself now, 'How do I treat my body? Do I treat it well one
day and badly the next day?*

Do I realise it is a member of the Body of Christ?

A.S.

**Bishop Denis is recommending the temporary suspension
of the "Sign of Peace" at all Masses
until the current flu season has abated.
Parishioners are reminded there is no obligation to
attend Mass when ill. Many thanks for your co-operation.**