

Parish Team

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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - 26th & 27th March

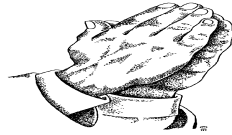
Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Una McKeever
11am (Sun) Mona Nolan
Grangecon 9.30am(Sun) Anita O'Hara



Eucharistic Ministers:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Julia O'Neill/Pat & Marion O'Reilly
11am: (Sun.) John Paul Kenny/Bernie Kilcoyne
Grangecon: 9.30am(Sun) Mick Kehoe



This Weekend:

Baltinglass: 6pm

Anniversaries:

Kitty Foley, Parkmore
Tom, Rita & Rose Harte, Mill Street.

John Miley, Bramble Court, Baltinglass.

Dr. Patrick Lord, Bawnogues

Tom Murphy, Bawnogues

Kathleen Logan, Barronstown

Jack Byrne, Castlehill

Paddy Byrne, Newtown

Peter Doyle, Tinoran

Tim & Bridget Byrne, The Rocks

Michael Campion, Castlecomer

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun)

April Amy Nolan, Ballinatone



Weekend Mass Times.

Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday 11am.

Stratford & Grange Con

Every Second Sunday @ 9.30am.

Next Weekend Mass in Grangecon.

Weekday Mass Times

Daily 10am in St. Paul's Oratory, the Parish Centre, Baltinglass.

MOTHERS' PRAYER

(Mothers coming together to pray for their children) at St. John's Rest, Knock Shrine, Co Mayo, on Saturday the 26th March @ 10am & finishing with Mass at 5 o'clock.

Sunday: 27th March.

10 o'clock & finishing with Mass @ 4 pm. You are very welcome, even if only for a short time. Any queries: 091 771009 or email: mothersprayersireland@gmail.com

Day of Healing.

In Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on **Saturday, 26th March 2011.** Bus departs the Square, Baltinglass @ **7.30a.m.** via Tullow & Carlow. Bring a packed lunch. **Phone 059/ 9151245** for bookings.

The next date for cleaning Baltinglass Church is Friday the 25th March 2011 @ 10.30am.

To all who are sick in our Parish at this time. May God bless them.

Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie

Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

Open Meeting

Our next meeting for our Pastoral Area/ Cluster of Parishes of Baltinglass, Rathvilly & Hacketstown will take place on Tuesday 29th March 2011 @ 8pm in Baltinglass Parish Centre. At this meeting we will have the report from all the open meetings that took place in our Diocese since Sept. 2010. This weekend we mark the anniversary of the Pastoral letter of Pope Benedict to the Catholics of Ireland. With a letter from the Irish Bishops entitled "Towards Healing and Renewal". A small number of copies are available in the Porch or you can read the whole text on our Diocesan Website www.kandle.ie In his letter Pope Benedict called for a new vision to inspire present and future generations to treasure our common faith.

Farm Safety.

The importance of Farm Safety cannot be over emphasised with half of all workplace fatalities taking place on farms in 2010. 26 people lost their lives. Courses will be run by Teagasc Laois/Kildare Area Unit starting 3rd May in Portlaoise & 5th May in Naas, to bring awareness to farmers of the seriousness of the situation. Participants will also meet their legal requirements to complete a Safety Statements / Risk Assessment Document and qualify for a FETAC Certificate. All are welcome, both clients & non clients of Teagasc. Apply to Teagasc, Knockiel, Rathdowney, Co. Laois, or phone 0505 / 46451 for details.

Baptisms in Baltinglass Church 2011.

Sunday 3rd April @ 11.45am, Sunday 1st May @ 11.45am, Sunday 5th June @ 11.45am, Sunday 3rd July @ 11.45am & Sunday 7th Aug. @ 11.45am.

Baptisms in Grange Con Church.

Sunday 27th March @ 12.30pm.

Baltinglass Folk Group

Are looking for new singers & Musicians. If you are interested phone 087 66 57 424.

Daffodil Day 2011.

In aid of the Cancer Society will be held in Baltinglass & Surrounding areas on 25th March. Merchandise will be on sale at different locations in the town. Anyone wishing to help are very welcome. Please come to the main stall at McAlister Monument. Donations of "Fresh Daffodils" gratefully received. Please give as generously as you can, as you always do. Thanking you for your wonderful generosity in the past. Yours Sincerely, Kevin Delaney, Area Organiser.

Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference

Centre. Phone: 057 8626153.

Saturday 26th March, 2011 - Suicide Prevention and Coping with Grief. 2pm - 5pm. The afternoon will focus on the problem & causes of suicide, early warning signs, coping with grief & strategies for preventing suicide, etc. Facilitated by Sr. Kathleen Maguire & Dr. Tony Byrne. There is no charge.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement.

Outing to the Gaiety Theatre on Tuesday, 22nd March to see "Fiddler on the Roof". Bus leaving Weaver Square @ 5.30pm sharp. To Confirm, phone Vera on 059 64 81 469.

Danny' Corner—The Lalor Centre

Would like to thank everyone who supported our Daffodil Coffee Morning on Tuesday 15th March. We raised €1,629.32. All proceed go towards the Irish Cancer Society. Thanks to all those who baked cakes etc & also to the people who donated prizes for our raffle.

Baltinglass GAA Club.

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: **05, 08, 12, 28.**



Jackpot winner: No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot €8,300.

Match three winners: €40 each.

Paddy Doyle, B. Collins, M. & E. Ely, Johnny Kenny, Noreen Cullen, Frances Lee, Esther Curran & Kevin O'Brien.

Next draw in Timmin's Pub, Weaver Sq. on Monday 21st March 2011.

Tickets €2.

Stratford/Grangecon



GAA Lotto Results.

Last Week's Numbers 12, 16, 17, 2.

No Jackpot winner. Jackpot this week €3,750. 2 Match 3 Winners - Damien O'Neill, Eadstown, Promoter: Brigid Barrett, Seller: Nick O'Neill and Ann O'Toole, Grangecon, Seller/Promoter: Yvonne Burke. Seller's Prize: Brian Byrne. Next draw Monday 21st March @ 9pm in Moore's Grangecon. Thanks for continued support. Tickets now on sale. Remember lotto results can now be looked up on line on stratford.wicklow.gaa.ie

Barrow Training and Consultancy, Occupational First Aider Fetac Level 5 (Refresher). This 1 day course is aimed at Certified First Aiders who need to re-certify before the expiry of their certificate as per the health and safety regulations. Sat. 16th April—9.30am – 2.30pm. €40 per person. Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow. 059 9721416.

Pieta House Darkness into Light

5k walk/run on 7th May 2011 @ 4.30am in the Phoenix Park. Starting while it's dark & finishing as dawn is breaking. Join us for this symbolic event to give hope to those affected by Suicide and Self-Harm. Entry Fee: Adult €25.00, Students/OAPs €15.00. Children under 12 free (but must be accompanied by an adult). Register on line at darknessintolight.pieta.ie or by post to Pieta House, Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin. Contact 01 6010000.

Irish School of Motoring.

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Maths Grinds available.

Junior Cert Higher and Ordinary level & Leaving Cert Ordinary. Phone Sinead Miley- 087-9259122.

REMINDER

Baltinglass Amateur Dramatics (B.A.D)

are holding their A.G.M. on Thursday, 24th March @ 8pm in Horans' Pub. All new members are very welcome to come along on the night. For information contact Janet on 059 64 81 740.

"Class Reunion '73 - '78.

The Organising Committee of the above would like to thank Scoil Chonglais Principal Rory O'Toole, Dorothy Fox, teaching & ancillary staff for their time, help and kindness to us in the organisation of the reunion. We would also like to thank our former teachers for being there, and to all our former class mates who made it such a special night". If anyone wants a copy of the photo of the group taken on the night please contact Bryan Mulhall direct on 086 3445271.

The West Wicklow Historical Society's

Next lecture on Wed. 23rd March at Timmin's's Baltinglass @ 8.30pm. A talk by Bryan MacMahon entitled 'Richard Crosbie of Baltinglass (1756-1824): Pioneer of Balloon Flight in Ireland'. Richard was born at Crosbie Park (now Slaney Park), Baltinglass. He is celebrated as Ireland's first Aeronaut. There is a small cover charge. All welcome.

NEWSLETTER.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEWSLETTER MUST BE RECEIVED BY **12NOON ON THURSDAYS** TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER. Please include your name and contact details.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Monday to Friday:
9.30am — 1pm & 1.30pm — 2.30pm.

Newsletter



*Baltinglass, Bigstone,
Stratford & Grangecon*

2nd Sunday of Lent.

20th March 2011.

"He abolished death". St. Paul. (Today's Reading).

Many people do something for Lent but find it difficult not to tell others, not to keep their sacrifices secret. This being the season of new growth is also a time for beginning afresh. This beginning may be at the start of each morning. What sacrifice will I make today? Will I be more tolerant of people? Will I live more gently? Will I be more generous? What can I do for someone and not get found out?

During Lent we are invited to "die" quietly to self, so as to live more in Christ.

St. Paul tells us today that Christ abolished death. In the gospel the disciples get a glimpse of the Resurrected Christ—a glimpse of Heaven. As we go into the tomb with Christ, so also do we rise with him to new life to become new people. This is the good news. In Christ death itself has died.

It is good to take time to reflect over our day and how we lived it. Did we move on any little bit in our inner lives? Maybe I listened to someone I would usually pass by. Maybe I prayed in my own secret room of prayer. I need to keep collecting myself over and over again so that I may proclaim the good news by my way of living. Let's make little sacrifices and not get found out. **A.S.**

During Lent.

Mass at 10.00am in St. Paul's Oratory Monday to Friday.
Extra Mass on Fridays of Lent at 7.30am in St. Paul's Oratory.
Mondays and Wednesdays of Lent at 7.30am—Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion in St. Paul's Oratory.

Dates for your Diary.

First Confession.

Grangecon: —Wednesday 30th March @ 7pm.
Baltinglass: Thursday 31st March @ 7.30pm & **Stratford:** Tuesday 5th April @ 7pm.

First Holy Communion.

Stratford: Saturday 7th May @ 11am, Grangecon: Sunday 8th May @ 9.30am & Baltinglass Sunday 15th May @ 11am.

Confirmation.

Stratford: Sunday 15th May @ 9.30am, **Grangecon** Sunday 22nd May @ 9.30am. & Baltinglass Sunday May 22nd @ 12.30pm.

Baltinglass & Bigstone: Sunday 22nd May @ 12.30pm.

