

Parish Team

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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - 2nd & 3rd April.

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Tommy Doyle
11am (Sun) Seán O'Reilly
Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Hilary McDermott



Eucharistic Ministers:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Mary Hayes/Bernie Doogue/Seamus Kelly
11am: (Sun.) Seán Connolly/Margaret Brennan
Stratford: 9.30am(Sun) Brigid Bollard



This Weekend:
Baltinglass: 6pm
Anniversaries:

Gay Halloran, Tinoran
David Connolly, West Demense
Peg Byrne, Walkinstown & formerly of Edward Street
John & Mary Whitty, Hughestown
James Hughes, Dublin
Patricia Burke, Woodfield
Thomas & Michael Curry, Bawnogues
Molly Murphy, Tinoran
Jack & Nan Nolan, Tinoran
Jim Breen, Deerpark
Jim Whelan, Castlehill, Grangecon
Bridget Clynych, Kilalesh
James Murphy, Irongrange
Patrick Leigh, Grangecon
Elizabeth Leigh, Grangecon
May Mc Call, Hacketstown
Joseph & Bridget Doody, Tuckmill
David Bradley, Edward Street
James & Elizabeth Kelly, James Jnr.
& Tom Kelly, Late of Green Lane
Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun)
James Hopkins, Grangecon
Kathleen Logan, Grangecon
Jim & Bridget Byrne, The Rocks



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
takes place the 1st Friday in April (1st April),
in Stratford Church - 7pm to 8pm. Ina
O'Keeffe will Expose & Repose the Blessed
Sacrament.

Weekend Mass Times.

**Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday
11am.**

Stratford & Grange Con

**Every Second Sunday @ 9.30am.
Next Weekend Mass in Stratford.**

Weekday Mass Times

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

Baptisms in Baltinglass Church 2011.

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

CEMETERY MASSES 2011:

Rathbran Cemetery Mass

takes Place on Sunday 3rd July @ 7pm.

Knockpatrick Cemetery Mass

takes place on Sunday 10th July @ 7pm.

Baltinglass Cemetery Mass

takes place in Baltinglass Cemetery
on Sunday 31st July @ 7pm.

Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery.

Vigil Mass: Feast of the Assumption.
14th August @ 6pm.

Collector for Grangecon for April is Jim Cronin.

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

REMINDER

Monday 28th: Second night of the Confirmation programme @ 8pm in the Parish Centre.
Tuesday 29th: Open Pastoral Area meeting @ 8pm in The Parish Centre.
Wednesday 30th: First Penance for Grangecon N. S. @ 7pm.
Thursday 31st: First Penance Baltinglass N.S. @ 7.30pm.

Open Meeting.

Local Parishes working together in Pastoral Areas & Sharing the Lord's Mission. Following on from the meeting held last September you are very welcome to come to a meeting on Tuesday 29th March in Baltinglass Parish Centre @ 8pm. At the meeting we will hear what people said across the diocese in Sept. We will also look ahead to some things that we could concretely begin or continue to do with other parishes in the area. Please consider coming to this important meeting for the parish.

CHILDMINDERS/PROSPECTIVE
CHILDMINDERS & PARENTS.

An information evening in Blessington Education Centre on Thur. 7th April 2011—7.30 – 9.30 pm. This free event will cover all aspects of establishing a childminding service from home, including tax exemption, training & support. All welcome. **Booking advisable to: Bridie Clancy, Childminders Advisory Service. 045 907851 Email: bridie.clancy@hse.ie**

Danny's Corner.

On behalf of the KARE Equestrian Centre, I would like to thank the transition year students for their kind donation of a €500 voucher. This will be used to buy new equipment for the equestrian centre & is much appreciated by all at the Lalor Centre. Thanks to Bryan Mulhall for photographing the presentation. Don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hour on **Saturday, 26th March.**



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

Collectors in Baltinglass for April 2011:

Saturday 6pm.
Main Aisle: Noel Kennedy / Pat Gahan
Convent Aisle: Seamie Leigh
Lalor Aisle: Gus Kinsella
Sunday 11am.
Main Aisle: Bobby Lennon / Donal Kavanagh
Convent Aisle: Kevin Kelly

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Easter Revision Courses: 18th—22nd April.
Spaces are filling up fast so book now.
www.leinsterseniocollege.ie

Carlow Little Theatre Society

Presents 'Table Manners' by Alan Ayckbourn at The GB Shaw Theatre, Carlow on Wed. March 30th – Sat April 2nd @ 8pm. €15 (adult) / €12 (concession – retired). To book phone **059 91 72 400.**

How to mind your mental health.

Are you worried or finding it difficult to cope? Are you concerned about a family member, friend or colleague? We are inviting women who value health and wellbeing to join a **2 day course** to learn & develop essential life skills to deal with the stresses of today's tough times. **Dates:** Saturday April 30th and Saturday May 7th. **Time:** 10 am to 6 pm. **Venue:** Kilkenny. Cost: €175. Call Barrow Training on **059 97 21 416** to book your place!

Lalor Centre Auction Meeting

Will be held in the Lalor Centre on Wednesday, 30th March @ 8.30 pm to plan upcoming auction. Anyone interested in helping out please come along to the meeting.

Sonásámh Montessori Pre-School,

Baltinglass. Free places under C.C.E. Scheme. New toddler Room. Enrolling now for September. 2011—2012. **059 64 82 555** or **087 68 25 754.**

Musical Meditation on the

Gospels In Carlow Cathedral on Thurs 31st. March. This evening of reflection will be led by Fr. Columba McCann OSB & will include readings & congregational singing..

Baltinglass GAA Club.

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 02- 03-15- 30.



Jackpot winner: No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot €8,450.

Match three winners: €60 each.

Bridget Byrne, Oonagh Browne, Bawnogues, Mary Hayes, Liam Fitzgerald, Bawnogues & Oliver Phelan, Shroughaun.

Next Draw on Monday, 28th March, in Harbournes' Pub, Main Street. Tickets €2.

Stratford/Grangecon



GAA Lotto Results.

Last Week's Numbers 15, 17, 18, 29. There was no Jackpot winner. Jackpot this week €4,000.

1 Match 3 Winner €150 – Karen Kavanagh. Next draw on Monday 28th March in The Stratford Arms. Thanks for your continued support. Tickets now on sale. Remember lotto results can now be looked up on line on stratford.wicklow.gaa.ie

Co. Wicklow Summer Activities Directory 2011.

Is currently being compiled for 2011. The directory is a guide to highlight the activities & camps being run in Wicklow for children & youths this summer. If you wish to advertise your summer activity camp in the Directory contact Co. Wicklow VEC Sports Promotion Unit on 01 20 50 596 or log on to www.wicklowsp.ie. This is a free publication. Closing date for entries is 5pm on the 12st of April 2010.

Carlow-Dance Classes for over 60's.

Come dance with expanse! **The George Bernard Shaw Theatre**, Carlow. Keep fit, maintain flexibility, strength & balance. Classes every Wednesday from March 30th, from 11am to 1pm, for 8-weeks. €5 per session. Alicia Christofi-Walsh - 087 666 6632. 059 917 2400.

Thank You!

To all who supported the table quiz in Quinn's Pub in aid of the Irish Cancer Society on Fri 11th March & to all the businesses who donated towards the raffle. Amount raised was €800.

SEED POTATOES.

Kerr pinks & Roosters for sale.
Phone 087 22 85 737.

Rathvilly Garden and Flower Club

Will meet on Wed. 30th. March @ 8pm in St Patrick's Sports & Community Centre, Rathvilly. Special guest Seamus O'Brien, Curator of Kilmacurragh Arboretum, Rathdrum. Usual cup of tea & chat. All welcome. Adm.€5.

Carlow Farmers Hunt

Are holding their annual Point to Point races on **Sunday 10th April at Borris House**. First race is at 2pm.

There will be an action packed day with a Special Parade of Champion Racehorses @ 3pm, including the wonderful Moscow Flyer and Hardy Eustace. There is also a great new competition for all the ladies going racing, "Most Appropriately Dressed Lady" out. Phone: Liz Doran on 086 1992457.

Terrace Café, Rathvilly.

Terrace Café at Rathvilly Garden Centre, open 7 days a week for breakfast & lunch. Sunday lunch specials. Now taking bookings for Mothers' Day. Complimentary glass of wine & free gift for all Mothers. 059-91 61 347.

Mount St. Anne's Retreat Centre, Portarlinton. Card Making Classes.

Thursdays 24th & 31st March & 7th April, 2011. 8-10pm. Facilitated by Sr. Róisín Gannon. Cost: €70 & includes all materials. Phone: 057 86 26 153.

Byrnes' Boarding Kennels.

Stratford On-Slaney. Our aim is to provide the best & most professional service to dog owners so they don't have to worry about leaving their pets behind while they enjoy a holiday. Prices from as little as €10 per night. Contact Noel on 087 41 15 883. Please check out our website. www.byrnesboardingkennels.com

NEWSLETTER.

Items for inclusion in the newsletter must be received in the Parish Office by **12 NOON ON THURSDAYS**. Please include your name & contact details. **PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:**
Monday to Friday:
9.30am — 1pm & 1.30pm — 2.30pm.

Newsletter



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

3rd Sunday of Lent.

27th March 2011.

Did you ever groom an animal- a horse, a pony or maybe a dog? Well, it's a most therapeutic experience, especially if one is in a state of mental or physical anguish.

Today's Gospel story is that of the Samaritan woman. Jesus met her at Jacob's well and they had a great discussion. Jesus revealed himself to her as being the Messiah-the Christ who was to come into the world. Our first reading tells of the rock from which the water flows.

This rock is Christ and we are all invited to drink of this living water. We are also invited to have a personal relationship with Christ, to converse with him, just as the Samaritan woman did.

God sends people our way each day. They may teach us to be kind, patient, forgiving, loving etc. We can feel hungry or thirsty in our hearts but this is not satisfied by things or by people. It is only filled by prayer, faith and by Christ himself. He accepted the Samaritan woman just as she was. We are asked to do likewise. So often we want to change other people. No, let them be. Gradually we change our own attitude into Christ's attitude. He must increase, I must decrease. God is waiting for us to turn towards him. We have no guarantee of tomorrow, now is the time, so have a go at grooming that pony or dog. It's a worthwhile experience. Take care of God's creation.
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.