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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 21st & 22nd April

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Niall Doogue / Laura Egan
11am (Sun) Michael Cogan / Catherine Burke
Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Anne Whelan



Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Clare O'Neill / Theresa Mc Dermott
Anne Leigh / Seamus Kelly
11am (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Bernie Kilcoyne /
Seán Connolly / John Connolly
Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Kay Moore



**This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm
Anniversaries**

Patrick Foley, Carrigeen
David Walsh, Windgap
Kathleen Logan, Baronstown
Holly O'Toole, Australia
Mary Whelan, Holdenstown
Luke Kinsella, Hughestown
Eddie Gahan, Carrigeen & Hughestown
Catherine Fitzgerald, 47 Parkmore
Josie Kearney, Baronstown
Harriette & Myles McDonnell, Coolnarrig
Joe Germaine, Main Street
Mary Kavanagh, Hughestown
Stratford: 9.30am
Mary Hawtin (née Tivenan), Stratford



We pray for
Elizabeth (Lil) Germaine,
Knockpatrick
who has died recently.
May Lil rest in peace.



Rathvilly/Kiltegan Parish

are organising a three day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg from Mon.18th to Wed. 20th June. On Lough Derg the three day Pilgrimage is a faith-filled journey to inner peace. For further information & booking contact Rathvilly Parish Office on 059 91 61 114 or Sophie Kelly on 087 13 02 587.

Weekend Mass Times
**Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm &
Sunday 11am.**

Weekly Confessions
after 6pm Mass on Saturdays.
Stratford & Grange Con
**Grangecon next Sunday @
9.30am.**

Weekday Mass Times
Daily 10am 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 @ 10am in
St. Paul's Oratory.

**Catholic Teaching & Healing
weekend Retreat Seven Oaks**

Hotel Carlow on Friday 20th April 7.30 -
10pm, Saturday 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sun-
day 9.30 am- 6 pm. Mass Celebration
3pm. All are welcome. Contact Catherine
on 086 60 39 806.

Table Quiz in Horan's Pub
Friday 20th April in aid of Bigstone
Community Alert and National School.

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

Accord Carlow Pre-marriage Course

May 11th & 12th and June 8th & 9th.
Couples getting married in the Catholic
Church are required to attend a
Pre-marriage course. Booking can be made
on line at www.accord.ie

**Messenger Celebrates 130 Years
with thanksgiving Masses**

in Portlaoise & Portadown. The Sacred Heart
Messenger is one of Ireland's oldest religious
magazines & still one of the biggest selling
monthlies. On Sun.15 April at 3pm, Bishop
Denis Nulty will be principal celebrant at
Mass in SS Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise.
All are welcome at Mass & for light refresh-
ments afterwards. For more details contact
Caitriona on 01 77 58 52 or by email -
c.maher@messenger.ie

**Graiguecullen / Killeslin Solemn
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual**

Help St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen. 9
Mon. nights from 9th April - 4th June @
7.30pm. (Rosary at 7.10pm). Singing will be
led by Fr. Liam Lawton, accompanied by the
Poor Clare Community and Parish Choirs.

**We welcome into our Christian
Community through the Sacrament
of Baptism, during the month of
March**

Luke Emmanuel Fernandez
Kyle Patrick Foley
Lexie Julia O'Neill
Jacob Donegan



SAVE THE 8th - 54-day Novena

Rosary begins on Sun. 1st April & ends 24th
May (Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians).
Please join us. Phone 087 914 1588.

'Fit Bit' Found in Church Grounds
recently. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Celebrating Earth Day - Satur-
day, April 21st.**

Amanda Dillion will explore the "the greening of the earth" theme from the writings of the great German mystic Hildegard of Bingen.
Venue: Solas Bhríde Centre, Tully Road, Kildare Town. **Time:** 10am - 12.30 pm. **Presenter:** Amanda Dillon.
Suggested Donation: €10 includes tea/coffee. "If we fall in love with creation deeper and deeper, we will respond to its endangerment with passion."
"Hildegard of Bingen".

Grangecon Primary School

Come join us on Tues. 29th May from 6pm-8pm for our open evening. See what our school has to offer & all the lovely thing we have been doing. Enjoy some light refreshments. Speak to our staff, parents & students. We are now enrolling for Sept. Contact the school for an enrolment form on 045 403 111 or email -grangeconns1965@gmail.com

Baltinglass Credit Union

Do you have a Confirmation or 1st Holy Communion coming up? Baltinglass Credit Union are lending. Applying for a loan can be done online on our website, over the phone, or drop into any of our 6 offices. Don't forget to encourage your little ones to come & join up. So many benefits of becoming a Credit Union Member. Visit our website www.baltinglasscu.ie.

On behalf of Epilepsy Ireland

I wish to say a big thank you to all who supported our annual Church Gate Collection the 7th & 8th April. We collected €1,010.70 in total for Epilepsy Ireland. This is a voluntary organisation & Epilepsy is a condition that affects over 37,000 people in Ireland. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers:
08, 17, 18, 22.

Jackpot Winner - No winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €7,300.

2 Match 3 winners - €150 each.

Tony & Marie Kealy & Jim Turner.

Next draw is in Germaines on Monday 16th April @ 10p.m. Tickets €2.
Play online at www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers:
08, 11, 17, 26.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €9,500.

5 Match 3 Winners - €50 each.

Dylan O'Neill, Tommy Moore, Elaine McGrath, Michael Price & Tommy Blake.

Sellers Prize: €30 - Maurice Mangan.

Next draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Club House on Monday 16th April @ 8.45pm.

Tickets €2.

www.stratfordgrangeconkaa.ie

Your support is appreciated.

Split the Pot Results - 9th April

1st Prize €100 - Nellie Barrett

2nd Prize €50 - Masha & Alfie

3rd Prize €25 - Alice McLoughlin

4th Prize €25 - Jason & Bryan Foster

Split the Pot Results - 2nd April

1st Prize €100 - Bryan & Jason Foster

2nd Prize €50 - Tom Lennon

3rd Prize €25 - Ettie Curran

4th Prize €25 - Claire Walsh

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.

Danny's Corner. We will be hosting our Cake Sale & Coffee morning in aid of Daffodil Day in the Lalor Centre on Wed. 25th April from 9am -12 noon. Each year we raise in excess of €1500 & we would greatly appreciate your support again to enable us to raise funds for this very worthy cause. If you are handy with a wooden spoon & mixing bowl, any home cooked cakes, buns etc. would go down a treat. We will also be having our raffle with numerous prizes to be won.

Kids Aloud Community Childcare Service

has been providing preschool and school aged childcare in Baltinglass since 2004. We are looking to broaden the expertise of our Board of Directors. In addition to existing service expertise we are looking for someone with a background in business/marketing/innovation who is interested in bringing this to a challenging and rewarding community service. As a not for profit charitable organisation, board membership is voluntary with no remuneration. If you are interested in contributing to this West Wicklow childcare community as a board member please give Liam a ring on 086 24 56 836.

West Wicklow Classic & Vintage Vehicle Club held its A.G.M

on Tuesday March 27th. The club reviewed a successful year, the highlight being our annual Baltinglass Classic Run last Aug. Planning is under way for this year's Baltinglass Classic Run which will take place on Sun. Aug.12th.

Anyone who'd like to help organise or plan this event or sponsor it is more than welcome to get in touch with the club. The Baltinglass event incorporates a classic road run, followed by dinner, prize giving, raffle etc. There will be indoor & outdoor trading & auto jumble areas as well as a special parking zone for 4 x 4 vehicles. The Club handed over cheques to two deserving causes at our AGM. Baltinglass Day-Care Centre & Solas Dunlavin were each given cheques for half the proceeds of Baltinglass Classic Run which totalled €5,320.00, giving each organisation €2,660.00. The club wishes to thank our sponsors & all who took part in the event.



*Baltinglass, Bigstone,
Stratford & Grangecon*

3rd Sunday after Easter

15th April 2018

'They recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread'.

Today's Gospel.

I have memories of my Grandmother combing her long grey hair and of her putting it into a bun at the back of her head. I also remember her sitting with her Prayer Book full of Novenas and the cross that she kept under her pillow.

'They recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread'.

Do I recognise Jesus at the breaking of bread? Do I realise that this is what is happening at Mass? - Jesus the WORD being shared with each of us, Jesus the BREAD - His body being broken as it was broken and as it is being broken. Sharing of the WORD and sharing of the BREAD. 'Why are you so agitated, why are these doubts rising in your hearts?' This is what the resurrected Jesus said to his disciples. But he is also saying it to each of us. We are his disciples of today. What can I do as his disciple? Each person will have a different answer as each of us lives this gift of faith and discipleship uniquely in life.

My Grandmother prayed the Jesus Prayer constantly. May our doubts be put to rest and may each of us embrace the Resurrected Jesus.

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CONFIRMATION 2018

Next Sunday April 22nd, we welcome Bishop Denis Nulty to the Parish. 57 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Mass at 12.30pm.

