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**Mass Times and Ministers - St Patrick's Day - Friday 16th & Saturday 17th March**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 7.30pm (Fri) Pat Dunne / Mary Hayes  
 11am (Sat) Alf Gillespie / Elaine Byrne  
**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sat) Kieran Hosey  
**Stratford:** 11am (Sat) Carmel Doyle



**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**Baltinglass:** 7.30pm (Fri) Rena O'Toole / Seamus Kelly / Bernie Doogue  
 11am (Sat) Maureen Plant / Kieran Cogan/ Mags Byrne  
**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sat) Mary O'Riordan  
**Stratford:** 11am (Sat) Breda Kelly



**Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th March**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Una McKeever / Tommy Doyle  
 11am (Sun) Helena Dowling / Ciara O'Neill  
**Stratford:** 9.30am (Sun)



**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Julia O'Neill / Bernie Doogue / Pat Dunne / Mary Hayes  
 11am (Sun) Mary Vernon / Soley Augustine / Mary Burke  
**Stratford:** 9.30am (Sun)



**This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm**

**Anniversaries**

Maureen Molloy, Celbridge  
 Noel Sleator, Barronstown  
 Billy O'Brien, Raheen  
 Margaret & Henry Dunne, Shroughaun  
 Mary Nolan, 6 St. Joseph's Road, Blessington  
 Anthony Leigh, Bawnogues  
 Mick Lennon, Parkmore  
 Patrick Coffey, Carrigeen & deceased members of  
 the Coffey & O'Shea family, Kerry  
 Peter Kelly, Eadestown  
 Anne McGrath, Carrigeen, Baltinglass  
 Felix O'Neill, Weaver Square  
 Jane Healy, Glenmalure  
 Paul Rowe, Bawnogues  
 Pat, Peter & Mary O'Brien, Irongrange  
 Denis Murray, Broadstown  
 Chris Callinan, Doonbeg, Co Clare & Main Street,  
 Baltinglass  
 Joe Murray, 17 St. Peter's Park, Dunboyne, Co.  
 Meath



**Anniversaries continued**

**Grangecon: Sunday 9.30a.m.**  
 Noel Sleator, Barronstown

**Anniversaries St. Patrick's Day**

**Grangecon 9.30am.**  
 Maura Coleman, Knoxters Hill  
**Stratford 11am.**  
 Brian & Julia Tivenan, Stratford

**The visit of the Icon of the Holy Family**

has been extended and it will now be  
 visiting the Diocese between 27th April  
 & 7th May.

**Diocesan Family Fun Day,**

Carlow College Sat. June 16th, details  
 soon.

You miss 100 per cent of the shots  
 you never take. (*Wayne Gretzky*)

Newsletter now available on [www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)  
 Diocesan web site: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**World Meeting of Families**

For information follow  
[www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)



*Congrats to all the children who  
 celebrated the Sacrament of  
 Penance in Baltinglass Parish  
 during the week.*

**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.**

**HOLY WEEK 2018**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

It is customary during the Mass of the Lord's Supper that the feet of twelve people are washed recalling Jesus washing his apostle's feet.

In the past people have been approached and asked if they would participate in this. We would like to invite people this year who would have liked to do this but have never been approached.

Please give your name to Fr. Ger, Sr. Eileen or the Parish Office.

**CHRISM MASS 2018 – SAVE THE DATE!**

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis & the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7:30 p.m. on Mon. March 26 to celebrate the Chrism Mass. In this year of the World Meeting of Families we gather as a family of parishes from across the diocese for one of the highlights of the diocesan calendar. All are welcome.

**“Motherhood:** All love begins & ends there” - Robert Browning. This Mothering Sunday we pray for mothers across the developing world who strive to create a better future for their children. Mothers like those in Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan & Ethiopia where a hunger crisis still grips the land. Mothers there are doing without food so their children can have a little more to eat. To find out more about Trócaire's Lenten campaign visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

**Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Bishop Denis Nulty. Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Paddy Byrne. 16 - 21 July. Price - €739. Single room supplement @ €155 - €180. Limited on request. All booking should be made through Joe Walsh Tours Office. Phone 01 241 0802.

**Baltinglass & District Active Retired**

Due to the severe weather event, our Feb. Meeting was held on 7th March.

**Coffee Mornings** for March will be in Horans each Friday at 11am.

**Parade** - This year we will be inviting members to don the appropriate costumes to commemorate The Suffragettes, in the Baltinglass St Patrick's Day Parade.

**Yoga Class** will commence on Thurs. 5th April for 6 weeks in the Parish Centre at 1.30pm. Details from Mary on 087 29 99 571.

**Outing** - Thursday 12th April to Watergate Theatre, Kilkenny to see Sister Act, starting at 7.30pm. Further details from Mary on 087 29 99 571.

**Summer Holiday** - Athlone – Hudson Bay Hotel, Monday 4th June for 4 nights. Cost €370. Single supplement €15 per night.

**Next Meeting** is our AGM on Wednesday 28th March.

**Prepare to give your taste buds a treat!**

The unique Country Boy Bakes range of cookies, cakes & breads, home baked using locally sourced ingredients free from preservatives & artificial additives by Andrew Friedel in Baltinglass. To order phone Andrew on 087 75 69 855 or Email [countryboybakes@gmail.com](mailto:countryboybakes@gmail.com)

### **Baltinglass GAA Club**

#### **Lotto Results**

Last Week's Winning Numbers:  
02, 11, 15, 24.

**Big Congratulations to the Jackpot Winner -  
Tom Whelan, Barronstown (€7,600)**

This Week's Jackpot: €6,000.

**Match 3 winners** - €50 each.

Mary Hayes, Fionn O'Toole, Michelle Bible,  
Anne Marie Doran, Lefter10nut & Bernard  
Bowes.

Next draw is in Lizzie Kehoe's Pub  
on Monday 12th March @ 10p.m.

Tickets €2.

Play online at [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

### **Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club**

#### **Lotto Results:**

Last Week's Winning Numbers:  
02, 07, 14, 22.

**Jackpot Winner** - No Winner.

**This Week's Jackpot:** €8,250.

**Match 3 Winners** - €65 each.

Karen Mangan, Seán Phelan, Joe Moore &  
Ann Marie Linnane.

**Sellers Prize:** €30 - Jim Fluskey

Next draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Club  
House on Monday 12th March  
@ 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

#### **Reminder that Moll by JB Keane**

is Rathdangan Drama Group's production  
for 2018 directed by John Rossiter. This is a  
very funny play and will hit the stage in  
O'Toole Memorial Hall on 16th, 17th, 18th,  
23rd, 24th & 25th of March. Phone Tess on  
087 61 7 38 79 for tickets or further details.

**Parish Bingo in** Fatima Hall  
every Monday night @ 8.30pm.

#### **Notices for the newsletter**

must be received in the Parish Office  
by 12 noon on Thursdays.  
**The Parish Office Opening Hours.**  
Monday to Friday from  
9.30am - 1pm  
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

### **Daffodil Day in aid of the Irish Cancer**

**Society** will be held in Baltinglass & surrounding  
areas on Friday, 23rd March. All volunteer helpers  
would be gratefully appreciated. If you wish to help  
in anyway, please leave your name & number into  
Patterson's Butchers or come along on the morning  
to McAlister. Donations of fresh daffodils would be  
very gratefully received. **Emma Hayden, area  
organiser for the Irish Cancer Society.**

### **KWETB Healthy Ireland Week & Baltinglass Further Education & Training Centre invite you to Live Well.**

3 Simple Steps.

Positive Choices to improve your health.

For more information, contact: 059-6482642 or  
086-8462771 [abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie](mailto:abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie)

**Tues 20th March, 9.30-1pm.**

Eat your way to healthy living - Cook and Dine\*  
- free cookery demonstration by qualified chef.

Watch how it's done - see how it tastes!

Tips for healthy options/speciality diets

**Mon 26th March, 7-9pm.**

Free your mind to enjoy your life. Believe in  
yourself and be more confident. Learn simple  
relaxation techniques.

**Wed 28th March, 7-9pm.**

Get active, get physical. Get fit without joining a  
gym. Practise bodyweight exercises - you don't  
need expensive equipment. For more infor-  
mation, contact: 059-6482642 or 086-8462771  
[abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie](mailto:abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie)

**St. Patrick's Day Parade** on Sat. 17th  
March. Starting from Lathaleere Industrial  
Estate & finishing at Centra, Edward Street.  
**Prizes awarded for best categories.** Business /  
Commercial Float; Walking/ Sports Club;  
Community / Society Float; Creche / Pre-  
school Float & best window display. **Some  
entrants may like to reflect that this is the  
centenary of the Suffragettes Movement!**

#### **Baltinglass Golf Club**

Celebrating its 90th Anniversary  
1928 -2018

Annual Table Quiz

Sat March 10th @ 8pm

Table of 4 €40



*Baltinglass, Bigstone,  
Stratford & Grangecon*

4th Sunday in Lent

11th March 2018

Today God we honour all mothers and we thank you  
for the many things that are ours because of them.

A mother is someone who cares about you;

She's someone you could always run to as a child;

Someone you can always turn to as you grow up.

Whatever the situation, a mother seems to know

just what you need; And whatever the need,

she's willing to help, ready to listen, able to understand,

she's someone who encourages you to be all you can be,

yet accepts you just as you are.

A mother is someone who will always have a  
special place in your heart and life;

Lord, as a mother looks after her young so you look after us.

Blessed are you always, God of life and love.

**Happy Mother's Day!**



### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY - Next Saturday 17th March**

*is 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 of 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.*



#### **Daily Mass**

Monday 7.30pm - St. Joseph's Church

Tuesday-Friday 10am - St. Paul's Oratory

**Please Note: No Prayer Service**

**on Mondays**

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Spend some time in the  
presence of the Lord.

St. Pauls - Friday 10.30-11.30am

Grangecon - Sunday 3 - 4pm

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Visit the church daily/weekly and meditate  
on the Way of the Cross

