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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May.

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Francis Balfe / Yvonne Balfe
11a.m. (Sun) Alf Gillespie
Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Noreen Keogh



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 Agustine / Mary Burke
Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Carmel Doyle



This weekend: Baltinglass 6p.m.

Months Mind Mass

Pa O'Leary, Spynans, Kiltegan
Gerry Curry, Danesfort, Kiltegan
Lucy O'Sullivan, 8, West Demense, Baltinglass

Anniversaries

Fr Tom McDonnell
Margaret Cullen, 9, Parkmore
Patrick Coogan, Irongrange
Dan McDonnell, Parkmore
Christopher Ryder, Deerpark & all deceased members of the Ryder family

Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun)

Michael Germaine, Bessina
Helena Roache, Griffinstown
Thomas & Mary Moore, Knocknamuck



Cemetery Masses 2017:

Rathbran Cemetery

Sunday, 2nd July @ 7p.m.

Knockpatrick Cemetery

Sunday, 16th July @ 7p.m.

Baltinglass Cemetery

Sunday, 6th August @ 7p.m.

Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery

Tuesday, 15th August @ 11a.m.

The Feast of the Assumption



Ecumenical Taize - Prayer around the Cross for all who will sit exams & those who are praying for them. **Venue:** Baltinglass Parish Centre.
Date: Friday, 12th May. **Time:** 7.30p.m.
All are very welcome to attend.

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 Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. On Tuesdays: A Celebration of The Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion @ 10a.m. in St. Paul's Oratory.

Baptisms in Baltinglass Church

Sunday, 7th May @ 11.45a.m.

Baptisms in Stratford Church.

Sunday, 28th May @ 10.15a.m.

Just a gentle reminder about the rehearsal for the Choir members going on the

Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Sunday, 7th May, in Ballycane Church at 3p.m. Please bring with you, an In Caelo and a copy of the Mass for St. Patrick. If you haven't already booked with me at fds@kandle.ie or 059-91 64 084, please do so if you are wanting to sing with the Choir in Lourdes.

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

Collectors - Baltinglass Church in May Saturdays @ 6p.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Noel Kennedy
Pat Kearney

Convent Aisle: Mikey Keogh

Lalor Aisle: Hugh Kinsella

Sunday @ 11a.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Bobby Lennon
Garrett Byrne

Convent Aisle: Joseph Germaine

Lalor Aisle: Simon Murphy

A Come & See afternoon for those interested in or curious about the priesthood in Kildare & Leighlin will take place in the Cathedral Parish Centre on Sunday, 21st May, from 2.30p.m. - 5p.m. For details log on to www.kandle.priest.com

4th Sunday of Easter. World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, call Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill on 045 89 74 70 or Email vocations@kandle.ie

Lough Derg 2017: Season opens for 1 Day Retreats on Monday 1st May. Retreats continue on May 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 29. Advance booking is essential. Tel. 071 9861518 (from NI 0035371 9861518) or email info@loughderg.org.

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

Lily Kate Farrell
Gerard Pio Brady
Leo Sean Condon
Millie Rose Shanta O'Connell
Emily Olive Nolan Thornton



Graiguercullen / Killeslin Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Clare's Church, Graiguercullen on Monday nights from 24th April - 19th June at 7.30p.m. Rosary at 7.10p.m

Tearmann Community Garden

Summer Celebration on Wednesday, 10th May from 11a.m. - 1p.m. Our theme this year is Earth is our Mother. We must take care of her.
Open to everybody. Light refreshments.

Huge congratulation to the 3rd & 4th class pupils of Grangecon Primary School who entered their Christmas play in the Bord Gais Student Theatre Awards. As a result the whole school won tickets to see 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time' at the Theatre. We headed off last Wednesday and a fantastic time was had by all. *Also we have just been awarded our new Green Flag.* This is the school's 5th green flag. This will be presented to them at an awards ceremony in the Helix on the 24th May. Well done to all the children for their fantastic work.

Al-Anon Meeting starting on 16th May 2017 at 8p.m. in Slí an Chroí Kiltegan.

The Al-Anon family are fellowship of relatives & friends of alcoholics who share their experiences, strength & hope in order to manage their common problems. Alcoholism is a family illness & changed attitudes can aid recovery. Phone Mary on 087-9374549.

Also Inner Child weekend on the 13th & 14th May at Slí an Chroí.

Carlow Choral Society's Summer Concert on Sunday 21st May, at 8.15pm, in Carlow Cathedral. This special performance will include music by three composers including Beethoven's Mass in C Major and performances of Monteverdi's Beatus Vir and Bach's Air on a G String. Tickets €20 and are available at www.eventbrite.ie choir members & Hosey's Post Office, Staplestown Road, Carlow.

Scoil Chonglais, Baltinglass - Office Administration Course 2017 - 2018. Full & Part-Time places available. Collect Application forms at reception. Phone 059 6481449 or email info@baltinglass.org

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 23, 26, 27, 29.

No Jackpot winner. 4 Match 3 winners: €75 each. Eamonn Dunne, Kevin Hennessy, Hannah & Chloe Brown & Seamus Kavanagh.
This Week's Jackpot €14,400. Next draw is in Germaines on Monday, 8th May @ 10p.m. Tickets €2. Play online www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 05, 08, 18, 30.

Jackpot Winner - Jessica & Jack Bolger.

This Week's Jackpot: €6,000.

Match 3 winners €65. Kyle & Leah Cronin, Liz Lee, Jack, Luke & Danny c/o Kathleen Bolger, Juanita Nolan & Jim Kenny.
Sellers Prizes: €30 each. Brigid Bollard & F.H. O'Neill. **Next Draw** is in Stratford-Grange Con Clubhouse on Monday, 8th May @ 9p.m. Play online at www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Stratford/Grangecon Community Employment has vacancies for the following Positions.

General Maintenance & Caretaker/Cleaner (positions local and Dunlavin).

Childcare position in Stratford Scallywags, experience would be an advantage but not essential. **Training will be provided.**

To qualify for any of the above positions you must be in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for at least a year and be over 25 years of age.

For further details contact Tom Whittle on 087 92 27 051 or Email Stratfordce@gmail.com

Irish Red Cross – Baltinglass Branch Church Gate Collection is on 13/14th May to maintain and stock our Ambulances used for local Sporting and Community events. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

NEWSLETTER

Articles for inclusion in the newsletter **must be received before 12 noon on Thursday.** Articles can be emailed or dropped into the Parish Office & include your name & contact details.

Parish Office Opening Hours.

Monday to Friday - 9.30a.m. - 1p.m.
& 1.30p.m. - 2.30p.m.

V.H.I. Women's Mini Marathon.

If you are doing the mini marathon on the 5th June, Scoil Naomh Iosaf would be delighted if you would take a sponsorship card for the school. Cards are available from the school office.

Split the Pot Results.

1st Prize: €200 - Declan Nolan

2nd Prize: €25 - Rebecca Donoghue

3rd Prize: €25 - Sarah English

Look out for red boxes in shops. €2 per envelope.

Your support is gratefully appreciated.

Baltinglass & Further Education & Training Centre. New Courses starting in May 2017.

Basic Blow Drying Hair Technique; Gardening Class; Practical Maths. Small group classes, friendly, free & fun. For further details please contact Annette or Maeve on 059 64 82 642 or 086 84 62 771.

O'Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan.

Adult Social Dance in Rathdangan.

Date: Saturday May 13th.

Music by: Mary Prendergast.

Our Ramblers Seisun takes place on Friday 19th

May. All are very welcome.

The village Pantry opens daily from 9.30a.m. -

1p.m. serving delicious homebakes, lavazza coffee and a selection of teas. If you have 4 hours to spare and would like to make a difference in your community maybe you might consider becoming a volunteer in The Village Pantry. Phone Margaret on 087 95 55 928.

Carlow Fibromyalgia Support Group

will be holding an open coffee morning in the Talbot Hotel on Thursday 11th May from 11a.m. - 12.30p.m. – to mark International Fibromyalgia Awareness Day. There will be a balloon release in the hotel car park. All welcome. Phone 0894387283 for details.

Baltinglass & District Active Retired.

Visit to Patients in Baltinglass Hospital on

Thursday 18th May at 2.30p.m. We will celebrate Bealtaine Festival with the patients.

REMINDER:- Summer Break to Dungarvan, please note Full payment is now due. **COFFEE MORNING** venue for **May is Bia Blasta.**



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

4th Sunday of Easter.

7th May, 2017.

Welcome.

You have come to this house where God lives.

Whoever you are,

He welcomes you.

With your gladness and your sadness

Your successes and failures,

Your hopes and your disappointments

Be Welcome!

Before you generations have loved this place,

Helped to build it and make it beautiful and

They have prayed here.

Respect it, be silent.

If you believe, pray!

If you are seeking, think!"

If you are doubting, ask for light!

If you are suffering, ask for strength!

If you are joyful, give thanks to God, and may your happiness continue.

In this house you may meet others and be able to pray with them.

May your stay in this place remain in your heart!

Whoever you are, He welcomes you. Welcome Him too.

We congratulate the Children from Grange Con N.S. who are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday, the 7th May. May they and their families be blessed with joy and happiness.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017.

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin - Bishop Denis Nulty

Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Paddy Byrne. Dates: 16th - 21st July, 2017.

Cost: €719. Cost includes Hotel; Air Travel Dublin/Lourdes return;

Transfer & assistance between Lourdes airport & your hotel on arrival & departure; full board & accommodation in Lourdes; Airport taxes, charges & government levies; Fully Comprehensive Insurance; Pilgrimage Badge; Representatives of Joe @Walsh Tours All booking on the Pilgrimage should be made through Joe Walsh Tours Office, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. **Phone: 01 241 0800.**