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**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Fiona Kavanagh & Ann Leigh.

Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th April.

#### **Minsters of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 6p.m. (Sat) Eileen Channing / Marie Doyle  
11a.m. (Sun) Elaine Byrne / Mary Vernon  
**Stratford:** 9.30a.m. (Sun) Mary Poll



#### **Minsters of the Eucharist:**

**Baltinglass:** 6p.m. (Sat) Michael Lennon / Matt O'Brien / Noel Kennedy / Pat Fleming  
11a.m. (Sun) Mary Gohery / Therese Kelly / Catherine Lord  
**Stratford:** 9.30a.m. (Sun) Ina O'Keeffe



*This weekend: Baltinglass 6p.m.*

#### **Anniversaries:**

Seán Dempsey, Coolhenry, Co. Carlow  
Rose Dempsey (Byrne), Carrigeen  
William & Molly Whyte  
Thomas & Kathleen Hegarty, 32, Parkmore  
Patricia Burke, Woodfield  
Michael Nolan, Bawnogues  
Pat Leigh, Grange Con  
Margaret Crampton, Parkmore  
Bridget Dawson, Tuckmill  
Paddy & Breda Whelan, Raheen.  
**Grange Con:** 9.30a.m. (Sun)  
Pat Leigh, Grange Con  
May Salmon, Lowtown



#### **Weekend Mass Times.**

**Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm &  
Sunday 11a.m.**

**Weekly Confessions after 6p.m.**

**Mass on Saturdays.**

**Stratford & Grange Con**

**Mass in Stratford next weekend.**

**Weekday Mass Times**

**Daily 10a.m. in St. Paul's  
Oratory, The Parish Centre, on  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays,  
Thursdays & Fridays.**

**Lenten/Easter collection for our  
Priest & the supply Priests of the  
Parish.** Sincere thanks to all for your very  
generous contributions to this collection.

**We welcome into our Christian  
Community through the Sacrament  
of Baptism, during the  
month of March, 2017.**  
Nicholas Daniel Leigh  
Lily Rose O'Neill



**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be  
conferred on 46 young people of the Parish at  
the special 12.30p.m. Mass this Sunday, April  
2nd. We congratulate each one and pray  
God's blessings in abundance on them.

**Pope Francis has personally chosen  
Dublin** to be the host diocese for the World  
Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018.  
Planning for this great national and international  
celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting  
this important event requires an enormous  
amount of planning and funding. *In this regard a  
second national collection will be held this  
weekend (1st and 2 April).* Your support for this  
collection would be appreciated.

**5th Sunday in Lent.** "Did I not assure you  
that if you believed you would see the glory of  
God?" Do you believe Christ may be calling you  
to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a  
vocation to the Priesthood? If so, please **contact**  
Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill on 045 89 74 70 or  
Email vocations@kandle.ie

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

#### **St. Joseph's Parish, Baltinglass - Holy Week Ceremonies Timetable 2017:** Parish Service of Reconciliation (Confessions) Tuesday, 11th April @ 7.30p.m.

#### **Holy Thursday - 13th April.**

(No morning Mass). **Baltinglass:** Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7.30p.m.  
**Confessions:** 6.45p.m. - 7.15p.m.

#### **Good Friday - 14 April.**

**A Day of Fast & Abstinence - (No morning Mass).**

**3p.m. Stations of the Cross.** This Ceremony will be very different & special again this year as  
Parishioners from St. Mary's Church of Ireland & St. Joseph's Parish are joining together to  
make the Stations throughout the Parish. We will begin at St. Mary's Church & end at  
St. Joseph's Church. It will be great to join as one Community to reflect on The  
Passion of Jesus & to pray for our suffering world. We encourage all families with our young  
people to take part in this special ceremony.

**7.30p.m. The Solemn Celebration of The Lord's Passion** in the Parish Church.  
**Confessions:** 6.45p.m. - 7.15p.m.

#### **Holy Saturday - 15th April.**

**Baltinglass 7.30p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil. Confessions:** 6.30p.m. - 7.10p.m.

#### **Easter Sunday: 16th April.**

**Stratford:** 9.30a.m. **Hospital:** 10a.m. **Grange Con:** 11a.m. **Baltinglass:** 11a.m.

**Bishop Denis Nulty will be celebrating  
the special Mass of the Lord's Supper on  
Holy Thursday, 13th April** in St. Joseph's  
Church @ 7.30p.m. It's an occasion for the  
entire Parish Community to give thanks for the  
many ministry groups who are active in the  
Community.

#### **Don't Forget! Chrism Mass 2017.**

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop  
Denis for the annual celebration of the  
Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Carlow on  
Monday, April 10 at 7:30 followed by a  
cuppa in Carlow College. Please come early  
to be sure of a seat! Parking available in  
Carlow College; entrance opposite the  
Court House on the Old Dublin Road.

#### **Collectors for Baltinglass Church in April.**

##### **Saturdays @ 6p.m. Mass:**

**Main Aisle:** Donal Kavanagh / John Connolly

**Convent Aisle:** John Burke

**Lalor Aisle:** Geraldine O'Reilly

##### **Sunday @ 11a.m. Mass:**

**Main Aisle:** Paddy Kelly / Liam Burke

**Convent Aisle:** Noel Keogh

**Lalor Aisle:** Martin Donegan

**St Vincent De Paul** would sincerely like  
to thank all those who contributed so  
generously to last week's collection.  
**The total amount collected was €1565.**

**The world renowned High Kings** as  
seen on The Late Late Show play a Concert  
on Saturday 29th April at Inisfáil in  
Germaines Baltinglass starting at 8p.m.  
Tickets cost €26.50 & are available by  
contacting or calling in person to Germaines  
on 059 6481005 or the office at Talbotstown  
National School on 059 64 73 179.

#### **Epilepsy Ireland's Annual Church**

Gate Collection takes place, next  
weekend, Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th  
April at all Masses. Your support would  
be gratefully appreciated.

### Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:

05, 15, 21, 28. No Jackpot winner.

This Week's Jackpot €13,100.

8 Match 3 winners - €40 each.

Next draw on Monday, 3rd April @ 10p.m. in

Timmins Pub, Weaver Square. Tickets €2.

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

### Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 11, 15, 18, 28.

No Jackpot Winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €8,250.

3 Match 3 winners €85 each.

Julie Dunne, Gerard & Colin O'Keeffe &

D. Evans. **Sellers Prizes:** €30 each.

Annette Mangan & Shane O'Neill

Next Draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Clubhouse

on Monday, 3rd April @ 9p.m.

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

**Easter Revision Courses** for Leaving & Junior Cert. at Leinster Senior College, Newbridge from Mon 10th to Fri 14th April. Excellent Teachers - Excellent Results. Book online: [www.leinsterseniiorcollege.ie](http://www.leinsterseniiorcollege.ie) or 045 487 811.

**The Cozy Corner Crafters** would like to thank the People's Shop, Baltinglass for their generous donation.

### Upstairs at Quinns, Main Street.

Local School Uniforms in stock all year round. Deposits taken. Open Monday - Saturday from 9.30a.m. - 6p.m. Phone 059 64 81 266.

**Grange Con Primary School** are now taking enrolments for 2017. Forms are available from the School.

### 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 & must include your name & contact details. **Parish Office Opening Hours:**

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

### Enrolment in Scoil Naomh Iosaf

Scoil Naomh Iosaf Baltinglass, is open for enrolment for September 2017. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

Contact Rachel on 059 64 81083 or email the school principal Mairead Hennessy at [sniprincipal@gmail.com](mailto:sniprincipal@gmail.com) for an enrolment form or to discuss any questions you may have. Please enrol by April 25th if possible so we can organise classes. New parents and pupils are invited to the school to meet the principal and teachers on Wed. May 17th.

**Danny's Corner:** We would like to thank everyone who supported the Daffodil Day Coffee Morning last Wednesday in the Lalor Centre. We Raised €2,303.98. A special thank you to all the Lalor Centre staff and service users who worked so hard to organise the coffee morning and make it such a success! We want to thank all the people who baked cakes, buns, bread and deserts for our cake sale. A big thank you to all the people who donated wonderful prizes for our raffle & also to members of the community who helped out in any way. All the €2,303.98 which was raised will go directly to the Irish Cancer Society.

### Baltinglass & District Active Retired

AGM took place Wed. 29th March in Germaine's.

The National President, Mai Quaid was in attendance. Mai will be stepping down this year after a 5 year term in office, and we wish her continued success in her future plans. **Officer Election Results. Chairperson:** Michael Cogan;

**Vice Chairperson:** Mary Hayes; **Secretary:**

Maisie Farrell; **Assistant Secretary:** Maura O'Halloran. **Both Treasurer and Assistant were re-elected. PRO:** Mary Hickson **Committee:**

Mary Vernon, Rose Lawlor, Peg Lennon, Patricia Norton, Mary Hickson & Sean Smith. **Outings:**

A visit to Kilkenny City on Thursday 6th April - details from Mary on 087-299-9571. Sat. 22nd

April at 8pm, to GBS Theatre Carlow to drama

'By The Bog of Cats', by Marina Carr, Details

from Mary on 086-062-9435. Sat. 22nd April to

The National Concert Hall musical 'Me and My

Girl', by The Rathmines & Rathgar Music

Society. Details from Mary - 087-299-9571.



## Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

5th Sunday in Lent.

2nd April, 2017

"Unbind him, let him go free". *Today's Gospel.*

One of the most common questions we are asked is what do you do? We may feel that we have to account for ourselves, explaining to others how we spend our time and whether or not we are living a fruitful life.

Let's look at the Resurrection story of Lazarus when Jesus raised him from death to life. This is the story of each person. "Unbind him, let him go free," Jesus said, and he is saying this for us too. He invites us to total freedom, to wholeness and holiness, to full maturity in our Christian life. It's an ongoing journey and if we keep desiring to be at the end of the journey then we miss out on the eternal now. This is it. We need to continue to say "yes" to God - all we own and have is a gift. Life is a gift - Eternal Life is a gift. We do not earn it. What we can do is love the giver and be thankful.

Lazarus is ourselves and through Jesus we are all raised to new Life. This is the reason we celebrate Easter and the reason we attend the Eucharist.

So maybe I could ask myself Who am I? Rather than focus constantly on what it is that I do.

"Unbind him, let him go free". Gospel.  
A.S.

### Penitential Services for Easter

**Rathvilly:** Wednesday, 5th April @ 7.30p.m.

**Tullow:** Thursday 6th April @ 8p.m.

**Stratford:** Tuesday, 11th April @ 7.30p.m.

**Hacketstown:** Wednesday, 12th April @ 7.30p.m.



Reconciliation

**Baptisms in Baltinglass Church**  
Sunday, 9th April @ 11.45a.m.

