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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th February.

Minsters of the Word:

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



Minsters of the Eucharist:

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



This weekend: Baltinglass 6p.m.
Months Mind Mass
 Esther McGuinness, Tankardstown &
 Stratford
 Margaret McGeer, Knockrigg



Anniversaries:

Jim Byrne, Carrigeen
 Seán Heenan, Tipperary
 Philip Kavanagh, Broughillstown, Rathvilly
 Brigid & John Salmon, Lowtown
 William Coleman, Castleruddery, Donard
 Michael & Mary Nolan, Lowtown
 Michael Brady, Castleruddery Lower
 Una Timmins, Baltinglass
 Lal Nolan, Rathoe
 Margaret Byrne, Main Street, Baltinglass
 John Kehoe, Clough
 Anthony Kearney, Tuckmill

Grange Con: Sun. 9.30a.m.

Months Mind Mass

Margaret McGeer, Knockrigg

Anniversaries:

Michael Kealy, Ballycore
 Brigid & John Salmon, Lowtown
 Seán O'Riordan, Rathtoole, Moone
 Michael & Mary Nolan, Lowtown

Adoration in Grange Con Church
every Sunday from 3p.m. - 4p.m.
with Rosary.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

World Day for Consecrated Life. "Let your
 light shine before others" perhaps as a priest,
Contact: Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill on
 045 89 74 70 or Email vocations@kandle.ie

Pope Francis has designated 8th
February as the World Day of
Prayer, Reflection and Action against
Human Trafficking. We are asked to
pray for an end to human trafficking
and slavery.

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

Collectors - Baltinglass Church in February

Saturdays @ 6p.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Matt O'Brien / Pat Dunne

Convent Aisle: Seamie Leigh /

Lalor Aisle: Joey Fagan

Sunday @ 11a.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Kevin Kearney / Kevin O'Neill

Convent Aisle: Thomas Burke

Lalor Aisle: Therese Kelly

What's New? Webcams are now installed
in our Parish Church & St. Paul's oratory. All
 ceremonies are broadcast worldwide & can be
 viewed on PC's, laptops, iPad's & Smart
 Phones. Look for www.mcmedia.tv or just
mcmedia.tv (upper or lower case it doesn't
 matter). If someone is housebound, family mem-
 bers may like to set them up. Camera 1 is Parish
 Church & Camera 2 is St. Paul's Oratory.

Pre-Marriage Course. Accord Carlow are
 taking bookings for the following courses - Feb.
 10th & 11th, March 10th & 11th. & can be made
 online at www.accord.ie For
 details please phone Mary on 059 91 38 738.

Tullow Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage

Dates: Wed. 11th - Friday 20th October

Cost: €1,549 per person sharing.

Booking forms: Available at Tullow Parish Office.

Phone: 059 91 51 277 or

MAP Travel at 01 87 83 111.

Booking deposit: €250.

Readers Course: - Tuesday, February 28th,
 March 7th & March 14th. **Venue:** Cairdeas Centre,
 Tullow. This is beside the Grotto in the Church
 Car Park.

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

Aoibhe Catherine Bollard
 David Joseph Bolger



The Parish Pastoral Council

next meeting will take place in the Parish Centre
 on Thursday, 9th February @ 8p.m.

A Quiz Evening in aid of Sophia

Counselling Centre, Kiltegan takes place in
 Horans, Baltinglass on the 17th February. The
 evening will also involve an auction for a signed
 Ireland Rugby Jersey & a raffle with many lovely
 prizes to be won. For more details please contact
 Mary on 087 93 74 549. The centre provides a
 low cost counselling service for the community
 and beyond and needs the support of the local
 community many thanks in advance.

The Cozy Corner Crafters would like to
 thank everyone who bought tickets for our recent
 raffle in aid of the Fr. Mc Verry Homeless Trust.
We raised €233.70. The winners in the raffle
 were: **1st Prize:** Mary Doran; **2nd Prize:** Frances
 Wynne; **3rd Prize:** Rena O'Toole &
4th Prize: Kaede Rose Terry.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

On Sunday 9th April. For further details please
 contact Duffy Coach Hire on 059 64 71 681
 or 087 254 3235.

Divine Mercy Apostolate. Service for
 Healing of the Generations (Family Tree Mass).
Venue: St. Brigid's Church, Coon, Co. Kilkenny.
1. Led by Fr John Delaney & Team. Date: Wed.
 15th Feb. **2.** Led by Fr. John Walsh, P.P.
 Limerick. **Date:** Friday, 10th Feb. Commences
 with Adoration at 6.30p.m. Holy Mass at 7.30p.m.
 Concluding with Solemn Benediction.

O'Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan.

Adult Social Dance on Saturday, 11th
 February. Music by Adrian Ryan.
The Village Pantry is open everyday from
 9.30 - 1p.m. serving toasted sandwiches,
 homemade cakes, Lavazza, coffee etc.

What seems to us bitter trials are often
 blessings in disguise. Oscar Wilde.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:

04, 16, 19, 20.

No Jackpot winner.

This Week's Jackpot €11,500.

11 Match 3 winners €30 each.

Next draw on Monday, 6th February

@ 10p.m. in Horan's, Main Street. Tickets €2 each.

Play online at www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club

Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:

04, 14, 17, 24.

No Jackpot Winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €6,250.

3 Match 3 winners €85 each.

Mark Byrne, Mary Hamilton & John Kelly.

Sellers Prizes: €30 each.

Annette Mangan & Mick Moore.

Next Draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Clubhouse on

Monday, 6th February @ 9p.m. Play online at

www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Bigstone Community Centre. A Recycling Clothing Collection will take place in Bigstone Hall on Friday 10th & Saturday, 11th February in aid of Bigstone Community Centre. We are asking you to donate clean unwanted clothes, bed linen, towels & shoes (in pairs) please. (No duvets or pillows). This collection will aid Bigstone Community Centre & The National Council for the Blind. If you are unable to drop bags to the Community Centre on the 10th & 11th, please contact Mary on 086 084 2143.

The Willoughby Brothers in Concert in *Germaine's, Baltinglass* - Friday, 10th February @ 8p.m. Entrance fee: €20. Proceeds in aid of the Day Care Centre at Baltinglass Hospital. For tickets phone Ann on 087 61 56 993 or Seán on 087 24 08 367 or contact Baltinglass Hospital.

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.

Baltinglass Credit Union Annual Schools

Quiz was held on Friday 27th January in Scoil Chonglais Sports Hall. 31 teams from 16 primary schools in our Common Bond, 124 students battled it out. The questions were compiled by the Irish League Of Credit Unions. The overall winners were Rathcoyle National School, (Rathdangan) in the U-13 category & Scoil Diarmuda (Castledermot) in the U-11 category. Both teams will go forward to Stage 2 - Chapter Level, which will take place in March - The very Best of Luck to you all. A sincere "Thank You" to the support we received on the night from all the schools, volunteers, teachers & parents. It is much appreciated.

New RAD Ballet Classes starting on Wednesday **15th February** in the Parish Centre.
Tiny Tots (3 - 4.5yrs) 2.30p.m. - 3p.m.
Junior Infants (4.5 - 6yrs) 3p.m. - 3.30p.m.
(7yrs+) 3.30p.m. - 4.15p.m.

Home Instead Senior Care is running a **Free Dementia Workshop** in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow on Wednesday 22nd February from 7 - 9pm. This **FREE** educational workshop helps Family Carers and those concerned about **DEMENTIA** how to provide individualised relationship based care that helps maintain a safe and calm environment for the person with dementia; Encourages engagement; Helps minimise symptoms; Honours who the person was in earlier life; Supports the entire family. To book your place call Jillian on 056/7800508 or www.homeinstead.ie

Aspiro Inspired' Adult Community Choir of all ages - Fridays 10 - 11.15a.m., Éire Óg GAA Clubhouse, O'Brien Road, Carlow. Sing away in a fun environment. Performance opportunities also. Phone 085-7451111.

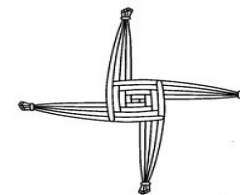
*Every second brings a fresh beginning.
Every hour holds a new promise.
Every night our dreams can bring hope.
Everyday is what you choose to make it.*



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sunday, 5th February, 2017

'Brigid Brings the Spring'



May St. Brigid's example empower us to commit ourselves to live in a way that values and cares for the earth and all its eco-systems. Brigid, woman of contemplation, inspire us to be still and to recognise in our lives the treasures and opportunities we have not seen before. May we respond to those around us with some of your wisdom and insight. May your vision gift us with far- seeing eyes, to notice and to touch to-day's issues in our country and in our world.

Brigid, may the nourishing spirit of your generosity open us to sharing our gifts with others. Brigid, Keeper of the Hearth, gather us as a Parish community beneath your mantle of Mercy. Encompass and protect us. Brigid, woman of Peace, help us to realise that the raw material of peace-making is all around us, in our hearts and in our relationships. Brigid, friend of the poor, may your example help us to rekindle our desire to care passionately and mercifully for the poor, the homeless, the refugees.

A number of people have been busily harvesting rushes and making St. Brigid's Crosses in recent weeks. The Crosses are available in the Church porches for two euro or whatever donation you wish to make. All the money raised is for the Peter McVerry Homeless Trust. Many thanks to those who have given of their time and talents in helping to make these crosses available.



Baptisms in Baltinglass Church in 2017.

Sunday, 5th February @ 11.45a.m. Sunday, 5th March @ 11.45 a.m.