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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May.

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Niall Doogue / Laura Egan
11a.m. (Sun) Chris Murray / Janet Gorman
Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Margaret Kealy



Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Clare O'Neill / Theresa McDermott / Anne Leigh / Seamus Kelly
11a.m. (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Bernie Kilcoyne / Seán Connolly / John Connolly
Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Katie O'Hara



This weekend: Baltinglass 6p.m.

Months Mind Mass

Willie Twyford, London & Rathmoon

Anniversaries

Annie Murphy, Carrigeen
Bridget O'Neill, The Wood
Jim Keogh, Parkmore
James McHugh, 13, West Park, Blessington
Peter O'Keeffe, 2, Camac Park, Bluebell, Dublin
Pat Farrell, 3, Beech Avenue
Paddy Prendergast, Kyle, Kiltegan
Joan O'Neill, Tuckmill
Paddy Reilly, Carrigeen
Mary O'Keeffe, Parkmore
Mary & Annie Groves, Parkmore
Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun)



We pray for
Eugene Dunne,
Belan Street, Baltinglass
who has died recently.
May he rest in peace.



5th Sunday of Easter. "Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these." Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a Priest? Contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill on 045 89 74 70 or Email vocations@kandle.ie

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

Weekend Mass Times.

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

**Weekly Confessions after 6p.m.
Mass on Saturdays.**

**Stratford & Grange Con :
Grange Con 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.**

**Many thanks to all who
contributed to the recent Trócaire
collection.** The amount raised in
Baltinglass Parish was €3,164.

**Carlow / Kildare Christmas
Pilgrimage to the Holy land
20th - 28th December 2017** for 8
nights. Ex Dublin. Taking in Bethlehem,
Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, Garden of
Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and
Calvary), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth,
Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea
of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 061-92
14 70 or 086 05 72 216.

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

Baptisms in Baltinglass Church

Sunday, 4th June @ 11.45a.m.

Baptisms in Stratford Church.

Sunday, 28th May @ 10.15a.m.

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

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
recently 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.

St Oliver's Pilgrim Walk

is organised
by the Knights of St Columbanus and
involves a pilgrim walk around
Drogheda's 7 beautiful Churches
(3.2Km). It takes place on Friday May
26th & Saturday May 27th starting at Our
Lady of Lourdes Church via, St Peter's
Church of Ireland, Augustinian Church,
St Mary's, Holy Family Church, St Mary
Magdalene's Dominican Church and
finishing at St Peter's Church where the
Shrine of St Oliver Plunkett and his holy
relics are located. Pilgrims can complete
the walk on either day between 10.30 am
and 4.30 pm or can be completed over the
two days. Enjoy a walk around the
historic town of Drogheda with the Boyne
Valley and the many Christian Heritage
sites of the Boyne Valley located nearby.
see www.stolierswalk.com
Phone: 041 9872843.

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow are currently taking booking
for the Autumn Courses -
September 8th & 9th,
October 13th & 14th,
November 17th & 18th.

There will be no courses in July and August.

If you are getting married in the Catholic Church,
you are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course
& should book a place on one of the above Courses
now. Booking on www.accord.ie or phone Mary
at 059 9138738 for further information.

Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) seeks
volunteers to help out with their bucket
collections countrywide. IWA was founded in 1960
and is Ireland's leading representative organisation
and service provider for people with physical
disabilities. Our fundraising efforts from last year
helped with the purchase of 11 new accessible buses,
which means that members can travel to and from
our centres on a daily basis. This kind of support
literally changes lives for people and we strive to
continue this enhanced quality of life for our
members. Are you available to help out? If so, call
or email Alison for more information.
Mobile: 087 26 76 688. Landline: 01 81 86 418.
Email: alison.mcdonnell@iwa.ie

The 14th Annual Charity Auction

in aid of St. Vincent's Hospital, Athy
Patients' Comfort Fund
will take place in the Athy G.A.A. Centre
on Sunday May 21st May at 2.15 p.m.
Viewing from 11a.m.
Your support and presence at the Auction
would be greatly appreciated.
Further information is available from
St. Vincent's Hospital at 059 86 43 000.

Tearmann Community Garden want to say
thanks to all who attended and helped in their
'Celebration Day' on Wednesday last. A special
thanks to the school children & their teachers, The
Men's Shed, the Cozy Corner Crafters, Tom & his
African Drummers, Patricia & her Zumba
Dancers, Liam Ciarán & Aaron for all their help, &
to all who baked & helped with the catering. With
great weather a most enjoyable day was had by all.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:
04, 06, 15, 26. **No Jackpot winner.**
2 x Match 3 winners: €150 each.
Martina Gibbons & Michael Howard Junior.
This Week's Jackpot €14,600.
Next draw is in Timmins Pub
on Monday, 15th May @ 10p.m.
Tickets €2. Play online www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:
04, 06, 07, 16. **Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**
This Week's Jackpot: €6,250.
Match 3 winners €85 each. Jenny Foley, Enid
Cush & Eugene O'Neill. **Sellers Prizes:** €30
each. Evolution & David Byrne.
Next Draw is in Stratford-Grange Con
Clubhouse on Monday, 15th May @ 9p.m.
Play online at www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Split the Pot Results.

1st Prize: €200 - Lorraine Bowes. **2nd Prize:** €25
- Winnie Byrne. **3rd Prize:** €25 - Josie Byrne.

West Wicklow Cancer Support Group next Meeting is on Thurs. 18th May at 7.30p.m. in the Coimin Centre, Main St. Blessington. Speaker: Helen Daly - Spiritual Healer for the past 17 years. Helen comes from a background in Nursing, Counselling, Philosophy, Theology & Energy Healing. Theme of the meeting is: -

Try hand painting on silk fabric with art teacher Jean Robertson. Starting Wed. May 17th from 10a.m. to 12p.m. 4 week course. Cost €80. Contact Carlow Fabric Shop on 059 913 1995.

A 1916 Badge was found in the Tearmann Community Garden on Wednesday, 10th May. If it is your, please contact the Parish Office.

****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.

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

ASL Safety & Training Limited - Arklow. Upcoming courses include: **Occupational First Aid Refresher:** 16th May. If you wish to book a place on that course, phone 0402-33505 or by email. Any other courses - check our new schedule on: www.aslsafety.com/training Book online at: www.aslsafety.com/training

Daffodil Day 2017. On behalf of the Irish Cancer Society, I wish to acknowledge cheque for €15,700, received on Friday 28th April, 2017. (Lalor Centre was €2,303 & Daffodil €13,397). Total €15,700. I wish to thank all volunteers, Active Retirement, Men's Shed etc, to you the Community of Baltinglass & surrounding areas who support us so generously every year and for all the beautiful fresh daffodils donated to us on the day. Sincere thanks to everyone. **Emma Hayden, area organiser on behalf of the Irish Cancer Society.**

Rathdangan community council AGM takes place on Monday 29th May at 8p.m. in O'Toole Memorial Hall. All are welcome to come along. We would love to see new faces bringing new ideas to the table.

Kids Aloud Community Childcare Service. Breakfast Cub (7.45-9.15a.m.) Preschool (9.15-12.15a.m.) & afterschool service (1.40-6.00p.m.) offering affordable childcare. Free EC-CE preschool places available. We offer a Golden Hour service where we can collect your child from school at 1.40p.m. & care for them until 2.40p.m. giving you that extra hour & saving you two journeys to the school. €4 per day. A homework club from 1.40-2.40 and from 2.40-3.40 is also provided. We offer CETS to facilitate opportunities for all working parents/guardians and those returning to training, education. Nutritious breakfast & snack provided. If you are in receipt of social welfare benefits you may be entitled to a discount. Phone (086) 05 53 699 or call into 16 Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Date for your diary - Sunday, 4th June. **Alzheimer's Tea Day** in Tom & Rena O'Toole's home, Tankardstown from 11a.m. - 5p.m. All are welcome.



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

5th Sunday of Easter.

14th May, 2017.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". Today's Gospel.

Most of us know what it's like to be parting company from another whom we love and wondering if we will ever see them again.

Well, today Jesus is preparing his disciples for his leaving them and so our Gospel has a sad, yet wonderful atmosphere to it. Jesus tells them this is not the end and in doing so is telling us too. There is more to us than our material lives -we each have an inner, spiritual aspect and our lives on earth are a preparation for the place Jesus has prepared for each of us for "There are many Rooms in my Father's house". Our earthly existence is not permanent. Christ became flesh and he too had to move on from this life.

Thomas questions Jesus "We do not know where you are going so how can we know the way? And so we hear the beautiful consoling words from Jesus "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". We tend to look outwardly for the Way just as the disciples did but the "Kingdom of Heaven is within." Philip wants to see the Father even though Christ has been teaching him and with him for so long. Everything Christ is and says is from the Father for I am in the Father and the Father is in me". Christ has nothing his own no more that we have, nor can we do anything of value on our own.

Our Gospel today may be tinged with sadness, mystery and wonder but it invites us today to "Trust in God still, and trust in me".
Gospel. A.S.

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



We congratulate the Children from Stratford N.S. who are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday, the 14th May. May they and their families be blessed with joy and happiness.