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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th February 2018.

### Ministers of the Word:

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Francis Balfe / Yvonne Balfe  
11am (Sun) Chris Murray / Janet Gorman  
**Stratford:** 9.30am (Sun) Mary O'Keefe



### 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) Carmel Doyle



### This weekend: Baltinglass Anniversaries

Eileen Lynch, St Anne's, Baltinglass  
Una Timmins, Weaver Square  
Seán Doyle, Graney  
Bridget O'Neill, Newtown  
Jack Gorman, Clough  
Bridie Doyle, Tankardstown & Carrigeen  
Patrick Walsh, Mill Street  
Ann Kehoe, Newtownsaunders & Barronstown  
Jean & Tim Connolly, Lathaleer  
Jack Germaine, Knockpatrick  
Anna Miley, Ballyraggan  
Peter Burke, Carrigeen  
Eileen Donegan, Holdenstown  
Mary & John Byrne, Shroughaun & their Son William  
Elizabeth (Lil) Kinsella, Rampere  
Mary Murphy, Lowtown  
PJ Nolan, Rathtoole House  
**Grangecon: Sunday 9.30a.m.**  
Ciara Hosey, Bessina, Grangecon  
Margaret & Jim O'Hara, Dunlavin  
Michael & Mary Nolan, Lowtown  
Mary Murphy, Lowtown



### 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 Tuesday  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.  
On Monday a Celebration of  
The Liturgy of the Word &  
Holy Communion @ 10a.m. in  
St. Paul's Oratory.**

### Pope Francis Lenten Message.

"Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting & prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew".

### BAPTISMS IN BALTINGLASS PARISH

*If you wish to have your child baptised in the Parish in March please contact the Parish Office by 25th February.*

### Quiz Night in aid of The Kitchen -

*St Clare's Hospitality* - will take place in Horan's Bar, Baltinglass on Friday 23rd Feb. @ 8pm. €40 per table.  
(Poor Clare's Carlow).

Newsletter now available on [www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

Diocesan web site: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

### 2018 ROTAS.

Would all the Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers & Collectors please collect their 2018 Rotas from the Sacristy after Mass. Thank you!

### JPII Volunteer Information and Sig-up Gathering for K&L Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018

Thurs. 22nd Feb. at 7.30pm in Portlaoise Parish Centre. Open to past and present JPII Award participants.

**The Piety Shop.** A new supply of stock for Holy Communion & Confirmation, Baptism & Weddings. Visit us at the main door of Baltinglass Church before & after Mass Saturdays & Sundays.

**An Ideal Gift.** The Land of Saints & Scholars. The story of the Catholic Church in Ireland & also of Kildare & Leighlin. On sale in the Piety Shop & also in the Parish Office for €20.

### Climate Change, What is it?

Why the urgency? What is being done about it? What can we do? What is there to gain in facing up to it? For some answers, attend the Talk & Join the discussion with pupils of Scoil Chonglais in the Cabin in the Tearmann Garden, Baltinglass on Mon. Feb. 19th or Wed. Feb. 21st, both days 2 to 3.05 pm. All are welcome.

### Social Dancing in Imaal Hall,

**Dunlavin** 16th of Feb from 9.30pm to 12am. Adm. €8. Music by The Wicklow Man. In aid of Donard Glen Camogie Club.

### 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

### Please Support the Third National Collection for WMOF2018

which will be taken up in our parish on the weekend of 24 & 25 Feb.

### Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:  
02, 03, 16, 26. **Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**  
**This Week's Jackpot: €7,000.**  
**Match 3 winners - €100 each.**  
Marie Doyle, Liz Doyle & Sarah McGrath.  
**Next draw** is on Monday 12th February  
in Lizzie Kehoe's @ 10p.m. Tickets €2.

### Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

#### Lotto Results:

**Last Week's Winning Numbers:**  
02, 10, 16, 20. **Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**  
**This Week's Jackpot: €7,250.**  
**Match 3 Winners - €85 each.**  
John Bollard, Maggie Case & Brian Byrne.  
**Sellers Prize: €30 - Brianna O'Loan.**  
**Next draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Club House** on Monday 12th Feb. @ 9pm.

### Stratford Grangecon GAA AGM

is on Sunday 11th February @ 3pm.

### Dinner Dance & Monster Raffle

is on Saturday 24th Feb. in Germaines @ 8pm.  
Meal at 8pm. Band is Rewired & DJ.  
Tickets €26 and on sale online or from  
Club Members.

### Get Creative with West Wicklow

**Women's Group.** Come along free of charge & join in the learning of a new creative skill such as colour therapy, art & crafts & natural skin-care. Tuesday mornings from 9.30am - 12 noon.  
Venue: Tea Room/Community Space, Main Street, Baltinglass. To book a place & for details contact Veronica on 087 68 80 770 or Frances on 085 800 6872. This course is brought to you by Wicklow Partnership in association with West Wicklow Women's Group.

**Facing the Challenges and Changes Together in Kildare and Leighlin DOES IT REALLY MATTER? IS IT OUR CONCERN?** - A recent meeting to discuss Bishop Nulty's Pastoral letter on the challenges and changes that face the diocese was attended by 24 people from the parish (3 under 50 years and 15 over 70). People made valuable contributions and suggestions on how we might respond to the changed reality of parish life.

The discussion will continue on a diocesan level at a meeting in Mt. St. Anne's Retreat Centre, Killinard this Monday at 7.30pm with Bishop Nulty. All are welcome to attend.

### Tractor Run in aid of Bigstone

**Community Hall** Sunday 25th Feb.  
Lorries, tractors, cars are welcome.  
Registration from 12pm at Bigstone Hall.  
Departing 2pm. Fun run for all the family.  
Raffle on the day. Please Support.  
For details phone 087 25 86 139.

### Baltinglass Further Education and Training Centre

- 086 84 62 771 or 059 64 82 642. Classes starting Feb. day & night time. Gardening Class; Computers; Beginners ESOL; English for speakers of other languages. This is an intensive class twice a week, 3 hours each day, for 10 weeks. It includes writing, reading & conversation. Classes are free, friendly & flexible. Small groups make learning a better experience. Meet others & learn at your own pace. QQI accreditation is an option.  
Email: abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie

**West Wicklow Cancer Support** are running a Cancer Support Awareness event on Tues. 13th Feb. from 9.15am to 12noon in the Coimín Centre, Main St. Blessington. Please call in, be informed, have a friendly chat and enjoy a cuppa and pancake at no charge  
West Wicklow Cancer Support present an evening of entertainment, music and storytelling on Thurs. 15th Feb. from 8pm to 10pm in the Coimín Centre. All welcome. This is a free event. Refreshments provided.

### Split the Pot Winners.

**1st Prize:** Martin Doyle  
**2nd Prize:** Nellie Barrett  
**3rd Prize:** Georgina Doyle  
**4th Prize:** Patricia Smithers



*Baltinglass, Bigstone,  
Stratford & Grangecon*

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th February 2018

### ASH WEDNESDAY

14th February - Baltinglass Church Mass at 10a.m. & 7.30p.m.  
**Ash Wednesday is a day of fast & abstinence.**

**TROCAIRE BOXES** will be available at the three Churches and at the Parish Centre. We encourage each family to give it a central place in their home during Lent, as we ensure others have a decent quality of life.

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds. The miracle of inner change is possible. History and literature are full of examples: Paul on the road to Damascus, Charles Dickens' miser Scrooge, Matt Talbot the alcoholic. Something happened inside each of these, and they became new people. Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self discipline. You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer. 'Lord, each spring you renew the face of the earth. May you also renew each of us, so that we may be able to celebrate Easter in newness of mind and heart.

### LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

#### Daily Mass

St. Paul's Oratory  
Monday 7.30pm  
Tuesday-Friday 10am  
**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.

#### Family Prayer

Take some time to pray as a family, perhaps around the table after the evening meal using the icon and prayer you received at Christmas for World Meeting of Families.



#### Trócaire Box

Have a box in your home and support this year's Lenten Campaign.  
(€3,164 in 2017)

#### Fast and Abstinence

One day a week.  
Give up something you enjoy.