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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th February.

Minsters of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Myra Kearney / Jim Kearney
 11a.m. (Sun) Helena Dowling / Ciara O'Neill
Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Carmel Doyle



Minsters of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Clare O'Neill / Theresa McDermott
 Ann Leigh / Seamus Kelly
 11a.m. (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Bernie Kilcoyne
 Seán Connolly / John Connolly
Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Liam Brady



*This weekend: Baltinglass 6p.m.
 Months Mind Mass*

Anniversaries:

Christina Lennon, Parkmore
 William & Maureen Doran, Mill Street
 Mary Murphy, Lowntown
 Jack Gorman, Clough
 Matt O'Brien, Carrigeen
 Fr. Dick Kelly, Boleylug
 Terence Kelly, Boleylug
 Annie & Harry O'Reilly, Saggart
Grange Con: Sun. 9.30a.m.
 Ciara Hosey, Bessina
 Mary Murphy, Lowntown
 Willie Bourke, Grange Con
 Pat & Dora O'Toole, Grange Con
 Larry O'Toole, Griffinstown, Grange Con



*We pray for
 Jim Halloran, Tinoran
 &*

*Seán Doyle, Graney
 who have died during the week.
 May they rest in peace.*



Women's World Day of Prayer

Venue: St. Paul's Oratory, The Parish Centre.

Date: Friday, 3rd March @ 8p.m.

A cup of tea will be served after the Prayer Service. **Women, Men, Young people and Children are welcome to attend.**

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."
 Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest? **Contact:** Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill on 045 89 74 70 or Email vocations@kandle.ie

Adoration in Grange Con Church

every Sunday from 3p.m. - 4p.m. with Rosary.

Pre-Marriage Course. Accord Carlow are taking bookings for the following courses - April 7th & 8th; May 5th & 6th; June 9th & 10th. There will be no courses in July & August. Bookings can be made online at www.accord.ie For details please phone Mary on 059 91 38 738.

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

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 members may like to set them up. Camera 1 is Parish Church & Camera 2 is St. Paul's Oratory.

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

The Holy Year Cross on the Hill

Committee are holding a collection at both Masses on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th February at the Church. All donations will be gratefully received. Please support.

Readers Course: - Tuesday, February 28th, March 7th & March 14th.

Venue: Cairdeas Centre, Tullow. This is beside the Grotto in the Church.

Weaver's Cottage Museum is situated in the beautiful village of Clonegal. The cottages which were once the home to local weavers, have been restored and now house artefacts of the Cottage Weaving Industry. Open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm and Saturday and Sunday 12.00 to 4.00pm. Why not visit and step back in time. For more information contact weaverscottage1@gmail.com

Talbotstown School News: Kiltegan Drama Group are kindly staging their three act play "Them" by Tom Coffey next Saturday night 25th Feb in St Tegan's Hall, Killtegan at 8p.m. to benefit the school. Great raffle prizes on the night! Tickets €10, children under 16 free entry when accompanied by an adult. Performance is ticket only. Tickets may be purchased by phoning 059 64 73 179; 087 63 097 84; 087 76 19 502. A great night's entertainment guaranteed!

Scoil Naomh Iósaf, Baltinglass, is now open for enrolment for September 2017.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office (Contact Rachel at 059 64 81083) or on our school website snibaltinglass.ie You may also contact the school Principal Mairéad Hennessy at sniprincipal@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns. If your child has any special educational needs we would ask you to contact the Principal at your earliest convenience so we can organise any necessary supports for your child. We look forward to meeting you and your child in the coming months.

Baltinglass Further Education and Training Centre - 059 64 82 642 0868462771.

Are you free Mondays 11a.m. to 1.30 & interested in learning or improving Art skills? A few spaces still available in Art Class. A friendly, fun, small group Monday 20th from 11 to 1.30pm Contact Annette or Maeve: 059-64 82 642 or 086-84 62 77.

Baltinglass & District Active Retired.

We would like to remind members that Membership Fees, €15 per person, are due for collection at our next meeting on Wednesday 22nd February in Germaines @ 3p.m. **New members are always welcome to join us at our meetings, just come along.**

St. Patrick's Day Parade on

Friday, 17th March, commencing @ 12.30. It is time to start thinking about your float, your clubs, your walking groups, your bands & musicians, your window display. You the Community will make the Parade a Fun Day for all the family. Contact Pat on 087 27 32 268 for details.

*To your enemy - forgiveness
 To your opponent - tolerance
 To a friend - your heart
 To a customer - service
 To all people - charity
 To every child - good example
 To yourself - respect*

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 03, 14, 16, 23.

No Jackpot winner.

This Week's Jackpot €11,900.

7 Match 3 winners €45 each.

Susan Dowling, Leonora Doyle, Tom Nolan,
Jane Hanbidge, Eamon Horan, Lorraine Doyle
& Ger Foley.

Next draw on Monday, 20th February
in Timmins Pub, Weaver Square @ 10p.m.
Tickets €2. Play online at www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning
Numbers: 19, 23, 27, 29. *No Jackpot Winner.*

This Week's Jackpot: €6,750.

Match 3 winners €250. Pat Murphy.

Sellers Prizes: €30 each.

Eoin O'Neill & Jim Bollard.

Next Draw is in Stratford-Grange Con
Clubhouse on Monday, 20th February @ 9p.m.
Play online at www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Stratford Grange Con GAA Club Juvenile Registration day

takes place on Saturday, 25th February
at the Club Grounds.

Time: 11a.m.-1p.m.

For further details please contact
Dermot on 086 82 92 309.

Split the Pot Winners this week are:

1st Prize: Nancy Hughes

2nd Prize: Catherine Hughes

3rd Prize: Bernice Lennon

Congratulations to all the winners!

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.

Stratford/Grangecon Development Association Ltd.

Email Stratfordce@gmail.com

Part time job and Training Provided.

Vacancies for the following positions in
Dunlavin, Donard, Grangecon. General
Maintenance x 4. Childcare (Donard) x 1.
To qualify for any of the above positions you
must be in receipt of a Social Welfare payment
for at least a year or on a Tus Scheme and be
over 25 years of age. For further details contact
Tom Whittle on 087 92 27 051 or send an email
to the above email address.

Rathvilly & Castledermot Garden & Flower Club

will meet in Teach Diarmada,
Castledermot on Thursday, 23rd February at
7.30 p.m. Our speaker this month is
horticulturist, garden designer & writer
Fionnuala Fallon. Fionnuala's Talk & Slide
Show is entitled "The Education of a Gardener."
Admission €5. Raffle €5. Usual tea & chat
follows the meeting. All are welcome.

Rathdangan Drama Group

will present "A wake in the west" - A hilarious
comedy. Tickets on sale in the usual outlets or
phone Tess. **Dates:** 24th, 25th, 26th & 31st
March and 1st & 2nd April. For enquiries
about the above or about booking the hall for
an event/class, phone Tess on 087 61 73 879
or Angela on 087 64 40 751.

The Village Pantry opening hours are
9.30a.m. - 1pm daily. Toasted Sandwiches,
homemade cakes, coffee etc.

Free Home Insulation:

If you are a home owner living in
Co. Wicklow & surrounding Dublin areas on
a low income, you may qualify to get your
home insulated free of charge. To qualify for
the scheme you must be an owner occupier
and in receipt of either Job Seekers Allow-
ance for more than six months with a child
aged under seven, **Fuel Allowance**, Family
Income Supplement or One Parent Family
Payment. Further information available from
the Warmer Homes Team at 01 28 66080.



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sunday, 19th February, 2017

"The Lord is Compassion and love"

It is so freeing to have no expectations of people, to allow people to be as they are just now. Only in this freedom is love born and love is patient and kind. Our Responsorial Psalm tells us "The Lord is compassion and love". Many people confided in Jesus bringing their illnesses, complaints, worries & troubles to him. We are invited to do likewise.

The Gospel today says "You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect! We are growing towards full maturity and perfection in Christ. This is a lifelong journey, as we endeavour to purify our minds, bodies and spirits and journey towards wholeness and towards the fullness of humanity as revealed through Christ.

St. Paul tells us that You belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God" and God is love. We need to hear this over and over again. We are not alone. The person of Christ is with us and in us. This is so comforting and this is our faith. He comes to us in a special way in the Eucharist - as food for our journey and all of us sharing the one Eucharist, coming together as one body and one Person yet each person being uniqueand here I am wondering how free am I?

Do I receive other people without expectation? A.S.

Baptisms in Baltinglass Church in 2017.

Sunday, 5th March @ 11.45 a.m.

Sunday, 9th April @ 11.45a.m.