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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th March.

#### Minsters of the Word:

**Baltinglass:** 6p.m. (Sat) Micheál Lalor / Fiona Dunne  
 11a.m. (Sun) Monica Brophy / Jacqui Kenny  
**Grange Con:** 9.30a.m. (Sun) Kieran Hosey



#### Minsters of the Eucharist:

**Baltinglass:** 6p.m. (Sat) Patricia Carwood / Rena O' Toole  
 Mary Leigh  
 11a.m. (Sun) Mona Nolan / Maureen Plant  
 Kieran Cogan  
**Grange Con:** 9.30a.m. (Sun) Katie O'Hara



*This weekend: Baltinglass 6p.m.*

#### Anniversaries:

Joseph & Teresa Gethings, Parkmore  
 Mary Dillon, Aughrim  
 Christopher Foley, Belan Street  
 Michael Dunne, 3, Belan Street  
 Teresa Feeney, (née Dunne), 3, Belan Street  
 Paul Doody, Clough  
 Kathleen Fitzgerald, 47, Parkmore  
 Murt Byrne Junior, Carrigeen  
 Ann Monahan, Donaghmede  
 Bridget Plant, Parkmore  
 Ellen & Julia Nolan, Parkmore  
 Catherine Heffernan, Eadestown  
**Stratford: Sunday 9.30a.m.**  
 Richard & Elizabeth Barrett, Ballinatone  
 Brian & Julia Tivenan, Stratford  
 Catherine Heffernan, Eadestown  
 John & Mary Byrne, Goldenfort



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

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

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

**Stratford & Grange Con**  
**Mass in Grange Con 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.**

#### **Adoration in Grange Con Church**

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

#### **Readers Course: - Tuesday, February**

28th, March 7th & March 14th.

**Venue:** Cairdeas Centre, Tullow.

This is beside the Grotto in the Church.  
 Car Park.

#### **Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

"Thus should one regard us, as servants of Christ." Are you being called to serve the Lord and others in the Priesthood?

**Contact:** Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill on 045 89 74 70 or Email vocations@kandle.ie

#### **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.**



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

#### **Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017.**

**Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin - Bishop Denis Nulty**

**Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Paddy Byrne. Dates: 16th - 21st July, 2017.**

**Cost : €719. Cost includes Hotel; Air Travel Dublin/Lourdes return;**

Transfer & assistance between Lourdes airport & your hotel on arrival & departure;  
 full board & accommodation in Lourdes; Airport taxes, charges & government levies;  
 Fully Comprehensive Insurance; Pilgrimage Badge; Representatives of Joe @Walsh Tours will ensure all pilgrims receive a high standard of service throughout the pilgrimage.

Not included: Single room supplement @ €150 - €175. Limited on request.

All booking on the Pilgrimage should be made through Joe Walsh Tours Office, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. **Phone:** 01 241 0800. No booking is definite until we have received a completed booking form & a non-refundable deposit & until this deposit is receipted by our office. [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie)

#### **Collectors - Baltinglass Church in March**

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

**Main Aisle:** Jim Kearney / Billy Norton

**Convent Aisle:** David Leigh

**Lalor Aisle:** Kathleen Hanlon

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

**Main Aisle:** Joseph Kavanagh/Seán Smith

**Convent Aisle:** Frank Doyle

**Lalor Aisle:** Geraldine O'Reilly

#### **The Holy Year Cross on the Hill**

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

#### **During the Season of Lent, there will be a**

##### **Scripture sharing session**

in the Parish Centre on Thursday mornings from 10.45a.m. - 11.15a.m. The first session will be next Thursday, March 2nd. All are welcome.

#### **Baptisms in Baltinglass Church**

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

**Sunday, 9th April @ 11.45a.m**

**All of the Intentions of the parishioners** from Baltinglass, Grangetown & Stratford Parishes will be presented to Our Lady Queen of Peace, on March 2nd, 2017 at 8.30a.m. - at Mirjana's Apparition in Medjugorje. Presented to Our Lady.

*Andy Murphy.*

#### **Clonfert: Day of prayer for healing**

on Saturday, 4th March. *The Speakers are Eddie Stone & Fr. Michael Kennedy.* Bus leaving Tullow Car Park @ 8a.m. sharp via Baltinglass @ 7.30a.m. Please bring a packed lunch. From here on, this day of prayer and healing will take place on the first Saturday of the month. For further details *please phone Lily on 059 91 51 245 or 087 22 45 193.*

"The WORD is a gift. Other persons are a gift" *Pope Francis.*

#### **Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy land**

**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, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy on 061-92 1 470 or 086 05 72 216.

**Danny's Corner:** The Lalor Centre will host a coffee morning in aid of Daffodil Day on Wednesday 22nd March from 8.45a.m. to 12 noon. We would appreciate your support for this very worthy cause!

**Sing-along at The Tea Room, Main Street, Baltinglass** on Tuesday, 28th February at 7p.m. If you have a musical instrument please bring it with you.

### **Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.**

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 06, 15, 18, 28.  
**No Jackpot winner. This Week's Jackpot €12,100.**  
**3 Match 3 winners** - €100 each. Vincent Doyle,  
W. Cullen & N. Scott. **Next draw on Monday,**  
February 27th @ 10p.m. Tickets €2.  
Play online at [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

### **Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto**

**Results.** Last Week's Winning Numbers:  
05, 20, 21, 23. **No Jackpot Winner.**

**This Week's Jackpot:** €7,000. **2 Match 3 winners**  
€125 each. Michell O'Keeffe & Mary Moore.

**Sellers Prizes:** €30 each. Maurice Mangan &  
Amber Mann. **Next Draw** is in Stratford-Grange Con  
Clubhouse on Monday, 27th February @ 9p.m. Play  
online at [www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie)

### **The West Wicklow Voluntary Committee**

wish to thank all who attended the very enjoyable  
Willoughby Brothers concert in Germaine's, all who  
supported the Concert and who donated prizes for  
the raffle and to everyone who helped to make the  
night such a memorable event.

### **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.

### **Creative Living Fair** - Saturday, 11th March.

The Cozy Corner Crafters, The Men's Shed and the  
Tearmann Garden are linking together to hold a  
Creative Living Fair from 11a.m. - 3p.m. Each group  
will be in their own premises. There will be all types  
of homemade items from each group for sale. More  
details next week.

### **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.

### **Daffodil Day in aid of the Irish Cancer**

**Society** will be held in Baltinglass &  
surrounding areas on Friday, 24th March. All  
volunteer helpers would be gratefully  
appreciated. If you wish to help in anyway,  
please leave your name and number into  
Patterson's Butchers. Donations of fresh flowers  
gratefully received. *Emma Hayden.*

### **Enrolments - Kid's Aloud Pre-School**

are now taking bookings for September, 2017.  
If your child was born between January 2013 -  
August 2014 you can avail of a free ECCE  
place. Limited places available. You can drop  
in to Carmel or Mary. Phone 086 055 3699.

**Tony Tyrrell Plastering.** All jobs finished  
to superior standard. Phone 087 27 62 187.

### **As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge, the**

Blessington Cois Locha Branch of Comhaltas  
Ceoltóirí Éireann presents the Tramway  
Sessions - Music, Song & Poetry - Saturday  
11th March @ 7 p.m. in the Tramway Theatre  
Blessington. Tickets €10, 2 for €15, Family  
€20. Tel. 086 075 2072 or 087 207 5516

**An invitation to all.** Do you want to make  
an impact with your speech or presentation, or  
get comfortable speaking in public? See how its  
done at Baltinglass Speakers where you can  
learn the art of Public Speaking in a fun and  
supportive environment. Come along to our  
next meeting, upstairs in Timmins Bar,  
Baltinglass on 2nd March @ 7:45pm for 8p.m.  
start. As a guest you will not be asked to speak,  
though you can participate in the  
impromptu session if you so wish. No charge  
for 1st time guests. Call Karen on 086 2366816

### **There will be a special traditional**

**ramblers selsun** on St Patrick's day from  
6p.m. in O'Toole Memorial Hall, starting with  
a bowl of colcannon & bacon, followed with  
lashings of good old Irish song & laughter.  
All welcome to come along. Sponsored by the  
Village Pantry.

### **Split the Pot Winners** this week are:

**1st Prize:** Jess Connelly. **2nd Prize:**  
Mary Moore. **3rd Prize:** Bernice Lennon.



## *Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon*

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sunday, 26th February, 2017

*Nothing is as beautiful as Spring, when weeds in wheels shoot long  
and lovely and lush". G.M. Hopkins.*

For the cycle of life which brings death and rebirth

*We rejoice in the promise of Spring.*

For the earth Creator God, a thing of beauty.

*We rejoice in the promise of Spring*

For the snowdrop's beauty reflecting its Creator's artistry,

*We rejoice in the promise of Spring.*

For the whisper of wind, the soaring birds,

Snowdrops' petals, gentle rain,

*We rejoice in the promise of Spring*

For all of creation and the majesty of its Creator.

We rejoice in the promise of Spring.

"For every person who has ever lived there has come at last a Spring  
he/she will never see! Glory then in the Springs that are yours"

**Creator God, we rejoice in this time of the rebirth of hope.**

**Open our hearts to the many lessons that Spring teaches.**

**Forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us  
from appreciating the wonder that is this world and the endless cycle of  
nature, of life, death and rebirth.**

### **MASS DURING THE LENTEN SEASON.**

*Mass on Ash Wednesday - 1st March*  
**10a.m. & 7.30p.m. in St. Joseph's Church.**

*Mass during Lent - Monday to Friday*  
**@ 10a.m. in St. Paul's Oratory.**

*Mass at 7.30a.m. & 10a.m. on Fridays in St. Paul's Oratory.*