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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th June, 2017.

### Ministers of the Word:

**Baltinglass:** 6p.m. (Sat) Eileen Channing / Marie Doyle  
11a.m. (Sun) Elaine Byrne / Mary Vernon  
**Grange Con:** 9.30a.m. (Sun) Mary Ross



### Ministers of the Eucharist:

**Baltinglass:** 6p.m. (Sat) Michael Lennon/Matt O'Brien/Noel Kennedy/ Pat Fleming  
11a.m. (Sun) Mary Gohery / Therese Kelly / Catherine Lord  
**Grange Con:** 9.30a.m. (Sun) Mick Kehoe



### This weekend: Baltinglass

#### Months Mind Mass

Mai Kennedy, Chapel Hill, Baltinglass  
Gerry Barry, Allendale Lawn, Baltinglass

#### Anniversaries

Tim Connolly, Lathaleer  
Jim O'Toole, Allendale, Baltinglass  
Michael Patterson, Rathmoon  
Bill Curry, Parkmore  
Rose Doherty, Carrigeen  
Annie Nolan, Rathtoole  
James O'Neill, Downings  
James & Dora Breen, Weaver Square & their Son  
Larry who died in America  
Bridie O'Neill, Shroughaun  
Sr. Joseph Theresa Kelly C.P. Boleylug  
**Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun)**  
Tom & Anna Bollard, Randlestown  
Owen & Mary Keogh, Manor Kilbride



### 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.*

*The Ascension of the Lord.* "They  
received the Holy Spirit." The  
Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for  
your faithfulness to the vocation to  
which the Spirit is leading you. If  
you think God may be offering you  
the grace of serving Him and His  
people as a priest phone  
Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill on  
045 89 74 70 or Email  
vocations@kandle.ie

### The Wife & Family of the

**late Gerry Barry** wish to thank  
everybody who contributed so  
generously to the Irish Cancer  
Society Collection box in the Church  
on the day of Gerry's Funeral.

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

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

**The Envelope for the Retired Priests  
Collection** is in your box of envelopes and  
can be brought to the Church at any of the  
weekend Masses.

### Collectors - Baltinglass Church in June

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

**Main Aisle:** Matt O'Brien  
Pat Dunne

**Convent Aisle:** Hugh Coogan

**Lalor Aisle:** Joey Fagan

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

**Main Aisle:** Willie Cullen  
Alfred Gillespie

**Convent Aisle:** Jimmy Humphries

**Lalor Aisle:** Michael Cogan

### Baptisms in Baltinglass Church

Sunday, 4th June @ 11.45a.m.

### Baptisms in Stratford Church.

Sunday, 28th May @ 10.15a.m.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** July 16th -  
21st: Cost €719. All bookings on the Pilgrimage  
should be made through Joe Walsh Tours Office,  
143 Lower Baggot Street. Phone 01 241 0800.

**If anyone is travelling to Lourdes and would  
like to avail of transport to and from the  
Airport please contact the Parish Office.**

**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 061-92 14 70 or 086 05 72 216.

### Messenger Day of Joy 2017.

*"A day of prayer, reflection & enlightenment"*  
Crescent College Comprehensive SJ Dooradoyle,  
Limerick. **Date:** Saturday, 24th June from 9a.m. -  
5p.m. Tickets cost €25. (€15 for promoters of  
SHM). Hot lunch, snacks, tea and coffee included.  
All promoters, readers and friends are welcome.  
To book your place, please phone or email Frances  
on 01 775 8524 or Email f.kelliher@messenger.ie  
Places limited. Please book early to avoid  
disappointment.

**Accord Carlow** are taking booking for  
Pre-marriage Courses on **September** 8th &  
9th, **October** 13th & 14th, **November**  
17th & 18th. Booking on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or  
phone Mary at 059 91 387 38.

### CLONFERT: Day of Prayer for Healing

will be held in Emmanuel House of  
Providence, Clonfert on Saturday 3rd June.  
Speakers: Fr. Michael Kennedy and Eddie  
Stone. Bus depart Church Car Park Tullow  
at 8.00 a.m. via Killerig Cross, Closh Stores  
and bus stop Barrack Street, Carlow. Bring  
packed lunch. To book a seat phone Lily on  
059 9151245.

**Good luck in your Exam Mass Bouquets  
are on sale in the Parish Office.**

### Come home to the love of God's

**Family on Lough Derg.** You may begin  
your 3 Day Pilgrimage on any day from 1st  
June until 13th August. No need to book.  
Daily boats to the Island from 10.30a.m. -  
3p.m. 7 day per week. There are various  
travel options available country wide. The  
Lough Derg team can help you to co-  
ordinate public transport or link up with  
Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality.  
Phone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861518.  
Email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)  
[www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

### Baltinglass & District Active Retired.

The next meeting will take place on  
Wednesday 31st May at 3pm in Germaine's.  
New members are welcome. **There will not  
be any meeting in June or July.** We will  
resume again the end of August. We wish all  
our members an enjoyable summer break.

We all need to keep the town tidy for the  
summer, pick up litter and take pride in Our  
town. When walking your dog please bring  
a bag to pick up the droppings so the foot-  
paths are clear for walkers and wheelchairs.  
People delivering leaflets, be careful not to  
have them thrown around littering the  
streets and estates. **Danny Doyle**

### Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary.

The Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the  
Holy Rosary (The Killeshandra Nuns) was founded  
in 1924 by Bishop Joseph Shanahan CSSp to bring  
the Gospel message to the women of Southern  
Nigeria. Sisters are presently on mission in Brazil,  
Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia,  
Nigeria, South Africa, Sierra Leone, the U.S.A. and  
Zambia. Sr. Mary Gallagher will speak at the  
Masses here on Saturday/ Sunday June 3/4th 2017  
to promote Mission Awareness.

*A collection will take place during Mass.*

### Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:  
09, 14, 19, 25. **No Jackpot winner.**  
4 x Match 3 winners: €75 each.  
Jim Turner, Paul Jackman, Tom Lennon &  
Barry Devereux.  
**This Week's Jackpot** €15,000.  
**Next draw** is in Germaines, Main Street  
on Monday, May 29th May @ 10p.m.  
Tickets €2. Play online [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

### Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:  
13, 16, 18, 25. **Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**  
**This Week's Jackpot:** €6,750.  
**Match 3 winners** €85 each.  
M. Lennon, Jim Cronin & Ina O'Keeffe.  
**Sellers Prizes:** €30 each.  
Dee Caplice & Parkmore Stores.  
**Next Draw** is in Stratford-Grange Con  
Clubhouse on Monday, 29th May @ 9p.m.  
Play online at [www.stratfordgrangeconga.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangeconga.ie)

### Split the Pot Results.

**1st Prize:** Sheila Fagan.  
**2nd Prize:** Pat Hughes.  
**3rd Prize:** Aoife Moore.  
*Thank you for your support. It is very much appreciated.*

### Baltinglass & District Country

**Market** will be hosting a Bee Keeping and honey demonstration; provided by our own honey supplier on the June Bank holiday weekend, Saturday 3rd June from 10 - 1 p.m. in Stratford Lodge Old School, Church Lane, Baltinglass.

### **\*\*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.

### **\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

**Change of Parish Office Opening hours for this week only**  
**Parish Office Opening Hours.**  
Monday to Friday - 9.30a.m. - 1p.m.

**The A.G.M. of The Men's Shed,** Baltinglass was held on the 10th May, 2017. The following were elected. **Chairman:** George Harte.  
**Secretary:** Stephen Beggs.  
**Treasurer:** Rev. Mairt Hanley.  
We would like to thanks Andy Whelan for his work as chairman over the last two years.  
**Our Flag day takes place this weekend the 26th & 27th May.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** The Irish Foster Care Association is seeking suitable Day Volunteers to assist with their 2017 National Conference Children's Programme which is taking place this year on October Bank Holiday weekend, 27 to 29 of October at the Mount Wolesey Hotel, Tullow, Co Carlow. We are seeking suitable individuals who are enthusiastic about working directly with young people, and who are available on the October Bank Holiday weekend. The programme is for ages 4-12 from all backgrounds and will allow volunteers to be a part of a child-centred, activity-filled weekend, giving you a chance to help run and engage with young people while having loads of fun! Travel expenses and meals will be covered, and this will also give you valuable volunteering experience, receiving a volunteer certificate for your time. Volunteers will need to be Garda Vetted through IFCA, be reliable, show maturity, sensitivity and must be available for at least one of the days (or both if possible!). The children's programme is one strand of the conference which also caters for adults and teens. If interested, please contact Hansi Chisnall for more information at: [hansi.chisnall@ifca.ie](mailto:hansi.chisnall@ifca.ie) or at 086 411 52 55.

### Carlow & Kilkenny Stroke Fund.

**Irish Heart Foundation - Fighting Heart Disease & Stroke.** Stroke Support group meet in Kilkenny meet on the last Friday of every month @ 2.30p.m. @ Cardiac Rehab Unit, St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny. The Stroke Support Group meet in Carlow on the 2nd Friday of every month at 2.30p.m. in the Sacred Heart Hospital Carlow. All stroke survivors, family members & carers are welcome. If you would like more information about this group or if you are interested in becoming a Volunteer please contact Hannah Murugan on 056 77 85 769.

*You miss 100 per cent of the shots you never take.*  
*"Wayne Gretzky"*



## Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

The Ascension the Lord.

28th May, 2017.

### World Communications Day.

Today marks the 51st World Communications Day, and the theme for this year is *'Fear not, for I am with you': Communicating Hope and Trust in our time.* In his message to mark the occasion, Pope Francis urges us to engage in 'constructive forms of communication'.

*'In a communications industry which thinks that good news does not sell, and where the tragedy of human suffering and the mystery of evil easily turn into entertainment, there is always the temptation that our consciences can be dulled or slip into pessimism,' he warns. 'I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart "good news".'*

For Christians, Pope Francis says, the lens through which we view life must be the Good News, the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Christ, even darkness and death become a point of encounter with Light and Life... Seen in this light, every new tragedy that occurs can also be a setting for good news, in as much as love can find a way to draw near and to raise up sympathetic hearts, resolute faces and hands ready to build anew'.

*Pope Francis - Message for the 51st World Communications Day.*

### 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**

