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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th May

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Myra Kearney / Jim Kearney  
11am (Sun) Máire Lawless

**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sun) Kieran Hosey

**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Clare O'Neill / Theresa McDermott  
Anne Leigh / Seamus Kelly

11am (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Bernie Kilcoyne  
Seán Connolly / John Connolly

**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sun) Mick Kehoe



**This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm**

**Anniversaries**

Annie Murphy, Carrigeen  
Jim Keogh, Parkmore  
Pat Farrell, Beech Avenue, Parkmore  
Mary O'Keeffe, Parkmore  
Fr Tom McDonnell, Coolinarrig  
Johnny & Gretta O'Rourke, Castleroe, Maganey  
Kathleen Whelan, Castleknock & Holdenstown  
Paddy O'Reilly, Carrigeen  
George, Teresa & Paddy Prendergast  
Martin Moore, Newtownsaunders  
**Stratford: 9.30am**  
Tom & Anna Bollard, Randlestown

We pray for  
**Sheila Murphy (née Dalton),**  
Coolinarrig, Baltinglass & Randalstown,  
Stratford on Slaney  
**who has died recently.**  
May Sheila rest in peace.



**SAVE THE 8th - 54-day Novena**

Novena begins on Sunday 1st April & ends 24th  
May (Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians).  
Please join us. Phone 087 914 1588.

**Mass cards on sale  
in the Parish Office & Piety Shop**

for all occasions including Good Luck in your  
exams Mass Bouquets. All Masses are  
celebrated by the Kiltegan Fathers.

**Weekend Mass Times**

**Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm &  
Sunday 11am.**

**Weekly Confessions**

**after 6pm Mass on Saturdays.**

**Stratford & Grange Con  
Grangecon next Sunday @ 9.30am.**

**Weekday Mass Times  
Daily 10am 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 @ 10am in  
St. Paul's Oratory.**

**Christian Meditation**

Would you like to learn how to meditate? If  
you have an established practice would shar-  
ing your experience in a group be helpful?  
Máire Lawless will be offering 2 groups for  
this purpose on Mondays at 11am & Thurs-  
days at 7.30pm in her place - Flat 2 over  
Patterson's, Main St. Entrance through car  
park. Starting Mon 14th May & Thurs. 17th  
May. All welcome. For further details please  
phone Máire on 083 03 62 325.

**Congratulations to the Boys & Girls**  
from Stratford N.S. who are receiving their  
First Holy Communion this Sunday 13th May  
in Stratford Church.

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

**The Retired Priest's Collection**

takes place on the weekend of the 27th May.  
The envelope is in your box of envelopes.  
Your support is gratefully appreciated.

**Collectors in May in Baltinglass**

**Saturdays @ 6pm Mass**

**Main Aisle:** Pat Kearney / Michael O'Neill

**Convent Aisle:** Hugh Coogan

**Lalor Aisle:** Martin Donegan

**Sunday @ 11am Mass**

**Main Aisle:** Kevin Kearney / Kevin O'Neill

**Convent Aisle:** Jimmy Humphries

**Lalor Aisle:** Geraldine Reilly

**"Walking Together as Families Today":**

Gathering in Preparation for the World Meeting  
of Families. St Patrick's College, Maynooth, 19  
-20 June. Keynote Speakers: Prof. Julie Hanlon  
Rubio (St Louis University, Missouri) & Prof.

Martin M. Lintner (Philosophisch-  
Theologische Hochschule Brixen). Workshops  
on "Living the Gospel of the Family" (Bairbre  
Cahill, writer and facilitator); "Real Families,  
Real Issues, Real Responses" (Mary Johnston,  
ACCORD); "Families: a Global Perspec-  
tive" (Colm Hogan, Trócaire); "Conscience and  
Moral Discernment" (Martin Lintner). Discus-  
sion facilitated by Anne Codd. Registration  
Fee: €15 (incl. lunch & teas/coffees). Tickets  
on Eventbrite [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) (search under  
"Walking Together as Families Today").

Further information: contact Aoife at  
[specialevents@spcm.ie](mailto:specialevents@spcm.ie)

**A Special Remembrance Service**

for families & friends affected by suicide Fri.  
18th May at 8pm in Our Lady & St Joseph  
Church, Caragh, Naas. If you'd like to have a  
loved one who has died this year or any year  
remembered at this Mass, contact the Parish  
Office Mon.to Fri. 9am to 1pm by email at  
[parishoffice@caragh.net](mailto:parishoffice@caragh.net) or ph. 045 875602  
with your loved one's name. All are welcome.  
This service is organised by HOPE (D) " in  
conjunction with Caragh Pastoral Council.

**Mount St. Anne's Retreat &  
Conference Centre, Killenard,  
Portarlinton, Co. Laois. 057-8626153.  
Vacancy as Faith Development  
Co-ordinator .**

The purpose of the Co-ordinator is to coordi-  
nate & deliver, with occasional members of  
the team, retreats for school students ranging  
from pre-Confirmation to Leaving Certificate.  
To assist in further development of Mount St  
Anne's Heart Aflame Visitor Centre & our  
broader interest in heritage/pilgrimage/  
spiritual tourism. The person appointed will  
be a key member of the Mount St. Anne's  
staff & be interested & skilled in Catholic  
faith formation & faith development. A back-  
ground in education an advantage. A back-  
ground/interest in pilgrimage/spiritual tourism  
is desirable. The appointment will be fulltime  
with necessary flexibility in hours/days  
worked. The salary will be in the region of  
€30,000 depending on experience. To apply  
email or post the following: Your CV, includ-  
ing names of 2 referees, one of whom must  
be your most recent employer. A letter outlin-  
ing your interest in & suitability for the post  
to CEO Programme Director at  
[ceo.mountstannes@gmail.com](mailto:ceo.mountstannes@gmail.com) or to the above  
address. Closing Date: June 18th. Interviews  
will be held at Mount St Anne's on June 28th.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes  
July 16th - 21st July**

If you are interested in joining the Choir for  
the Pilgrimage and have not been with us  
before, please note that you must commit to  
the rehearsals and the time-table in Lourdes  
itself. This is the only request that I have, as it  
makes for much better liturgies etc. If you  
sang with the Lourdes Choir last year, can you  
please ensure to bring your Music Book to our  
rehearsals as we will be using the same book  
again this year. Please inform Christine at  
Faith Development Services ( 059- 91 64084)  
or [christine.oglesby@kandle.ie](mailto:christine.oglesby@kandle.ie) by May 10th if  
you wish to join the Choir.

### Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 07, 08, 11, 24.

**Jackpot Winner - No winner.**

This Week's Jackpot: €6,400.

**4 Match 3 winners - €75 each.**

Martha Keogh, Valerie Whyte, Charlotte Quirke & Martin & Bernie Doogue.

Next draw is in Timmins' Pub on Monday

14th May @ 10pm. Tickets €2.

Play online - [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

### Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 04, 07, 10, 11.

**Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**

**This Week's Jackpot: €10,500.**

**Match 3 Winners €15.** Audrey Keogh, Laura Bollard, Patrick Walsh, Michael Ging, Juleen Kenny, Frances Kenny, Hannah Cuddy, E.J.R. Connolly, Jennifer Bollard, Ned Kinsella, Mick O'Rourke, Lisa & Gina Allen, Frances Humphreys O'Neill, Kay Owens, Margaret Ovington, Margaret Kearney & Jackie Staunton.

**Sellers Prize: €30 - Helen Eager.**

Next draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Club House on Monday 14th May @ 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

[www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie)

### The local conference of Saint Vincent de Paul

would like to remind customers of Quinn's EuroSpar and Supervalu that they can donate to SVP each time they shop by simply donating their points to SVP. Just ask the cashier to swipe your points to the SVP card. We would like to thank Quinn's EuroSpar, Supervalu and their customers for their ongoing support. All funds raised go to assist those less fortunate in our community.

### NEWSLETTER

Articles for inclusion in the newsletter **must be received before 12 noon on Thursday.** Articles can be emailed or left into the Parish Office & must include name & contact details.

### Parish Office Opening Hours

**Monday to Friday**

9.30 to 1pm & 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

### Active Ageing Zumba Gold

Free 10 week programme consisting of Latin and international dance rhythms. Starting Tues. 1st May at 11.45 am in Badminton Hall, Unit 4, Euro-park Ind. Estate, Baltinglass. Phone 0404 20100.

**The A.G.M.** of Baltinglass & District Forum will take place at 8pm on Mon. 14th May Upstairs at Timmins' Pub. All interested residents & Community group representatives are welcome.

### Day Trip to Bloom in the R.D.S.

Saturday 2nd June. For details contact Duffy Coach Hire on 059 64 71 681 or 087 25 43 235.

### Next Social Dance in O'Toole Hall

Rathdangan, on Saturday 12th May at 9pm.

Music by Catherine & Images.

### Irish Ramblers Night

is on Friday 18th May at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

### Carlow Fibromyalgia Support Group

To celebrate our 10th Anniversary this year and recognition as a registered charity, we are having a celebration in the Talbot Hotel, Aisling Room, on Tuesday 29th May at 7pm. All are welcome. Phone 089 43 87 283 or email [fibrocarlow@gmail.com](mailto:fibrocarlow@gmail.com) Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20104665.

### Baltinglass & District Active Retired

We have been invited by Newcastle A.R.A. to join them for a morning of fun and entertainment on Monday morning 21st May. Will also include some browsing or maybe shopping at Avoca on the way home. Contact Mary on 087 29 99 571. "Be inspired with the Active Retired".

### Tearmann Community Garden

Our Annual Spring/Summer Celebration will be held in the Garden on Tues. 15th May from 11am - 1pm. Light refreshments served. All are welcome.

### Gathering for Returned Volunteers/Missionaries.

Have you ever worked overseas as a volunteer or missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Join us for a gathering of returned volunteers & missionaries in an informal setting. Meeting at Ballycane Church (Church of Irish Martyrs) in Naas Tues 15th May at 7.30pm. Phone/text 083 8422468.



## Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

The Ascension of the Lord

13th May 2018.

### 24 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

A Day of Prayer will take place on **Friday 18th** beginning with Mass in St. Joseph's Church at 10am. It will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which will conclude on Saturday morning at 10am. Adoration will conclude in the church at 10pm and continue through the night in St. Paul's Oratory. It is essential to have people present with the Blessed Sacrament at all times. We ask you to consider volunteering for one hour at some stage by putting your name on the rota at the back of the church or by contacting the Parish Office.

### KILDARE & LEIGHLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at Knock on Sunday 3rd June 2018. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. We invite people to travel as a parish to Knock. Bus will leave Baltinglass at 7.15am. Fare: €25. Bookings at Parish Office or with Mary Vernon, Kay Halstead, Maureen Plant or Martina Barrett (Stratford).

### HOW TO GET YOUR TICKET FOR THE FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES AT W.M.O.F.

Please be aware that tickets for the Festival of Families will be very limited. If you want to guarantee yourself and your family tickets for this evening with Pope Francis in Croke Park on August 25 the only way to do this as of now is to book at least one day at the RDS Congress from August 22-24. This gives you the option of selecting a ticket for the Festival of Families and /or the Closing Mass for no additional cost. An adult ticket for a day at the congress costs €38 (concessions €33). All U18's are free but must be registered with an adult. There will be exciting and full children and youth programmes running alongside the adult programme, and remember, our diocesan day at the Congress is Wednesday, August 22. Register at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets)

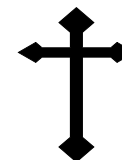
### CEMETERY MASSES 2018

**Rathbran Cemetery** - Friday 29th June 7.30pm.

**Knockpatrick Cemetery** - Friday 6th July 7.30pm.

**Baltinglass Cemetery** - Sunday 5th August 3pm.

**Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery** - Wednesday 15th August 11am.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**16th & 17th June:** World Meeting of Families Fourth National Collection.

**16th June:** Diocesan Family Fun Day in Carlow College.

**16th - 21st July:** Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**22nd July:** Parish Fun Day Picnic 2pm - 5pm. Details to follow.