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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 17th December and Sunday 18th December

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Francis Balfe and Yvonne Balfe
11a.m.(Sun) Michael Cogan, Catherine Burke
Grangecon 9.30a.m. (Sun) Kieran Hosey



Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Michael Lennon, Matt O'Brien, Pat Fleming
11a.m. (Sun.) Mary Gohery, Therese Kelly, Catherine Lord

Grangecon 9.30a.m. (Sun) May Markham



This weekend:

Recently deceased

Angela Smith 10 Allendale
Baltinglass

Baltinglass Anniversaries:

Ignatius McDonagh, Edward St.
Pat Rogers, Edward St.
Kathleen Carpenter, Dublin.
Matthew Carpenter Senior, Dublin.
Matthew Carpenter Junior, Dublin
Tommy Andrews, Moneymore and Rathfarnham
Kathleen and Michael Curry, Westwinds.

Tom Coogan, Carrigeen.
Joe Mackey and the deceased members of the Mackey Family, Ballinacrow
Jack and Sis Kelly, Carrigeen.
Jack Doyle, Tinoran.

Anne Kerr nee Bookle, Dublin and Irongrange.

John Lally, Main St.

John and Marcella Kenny, Clough

Molly Dunne, Baltinglass.

Edward O'Keefe, Parkmore.

Stratford Anniversaries

Pat Rogers, Edward St.



Weekend Mass Times.

Baltinglass: Sat. 6pm & Sunday
11a.m. Weekly Confessions after 6p.m. Mass
on Saturdays.

Stratford & Grange Con
Mass in Grangecon 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.*

Last Week's Collections

Offertory: €724 Development €1173

Many thanks for your continued support
Link envelopes are ready for collection
from the Parish Office

Penitential Services Advent 2016

Monday 19th Grangecon 7.30 pm

Tuesday 20th Clonmore 7.30 pm

Tuesday 20th Rathvilly 7.30 pm

Wednesday 21st Ballon 7.30 pm

Wednesday 21st Hacketstown 7.30 pm

Thursday 22nd Tullow 8pm

Thursday 22nd Clonegal 7.30 pm

Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie

Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

Webcams are now installed in our Parish Church and St. Paul's Oratory. Go to **Baltinglass Parish Website** and click on **View webcam** on the homepage

www.baltinglassparish.ie Camera 1 Parish Church and Camera 2 St. Paul's Oratory. If you want to view on your TV contact parish office and order the small black box €100 each.

***Trócaire** is hoping for the usual terrific support from parishioners for the Trócaire Gifts and Christmas Appeal. The gifts make a huge difference to the lives of families and communities in some of the world's poorest countries and start from as little as €5 for olive trees for Palestinian families. To find out more, buy a gift or make a donation log on to trocaire.org or call 1850 408 408.*

**CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2016
CONFESSION TIMES**

Sat 17th Dec after 6pm Mass as usual
Fri 23rd December St. Joseph's Parish Church 10.30am

Christmas Eve 24th December St Joseph's Parish Church 11am – 12noon
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES

St. Oliver Plunkett Church, Grange Con 7.00p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Stratford on Slaney 6.00p.m.

St. Joseph's Parish Church 8.00p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY - SUNDAY

St. Joseph's Parish Church 9.30a.m. & 11.00a.m.

Baltinglass Hospital 11.00a.m.
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY & CHRISTMAS WEEK-

Morning Mass at 10am St. Paul's Oratory

This week the Advent Scripture Sharing Session will be on Wednesday 13th Dec in the Parish Centre (Room behind the Conference room) at 10.45am. All are welcome.

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**DON'T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS** Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10 pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs s. All calls completely confidential.

The **Review 2016** is on sale in the Parish Centre & Shops & Newsagents around Baltinglass – thank you all for your help. The Communications Group wish to express our sincere thanks to all who placed Ads. wrote articles and supplied us with photographs for this bumper edition of Review 2016. We hope you enjoy the read .

**West Wicklow Voices and  
Baltinglass Lions Club Annual  
Carol Service** on Friday December  
16th @ 8pm in St. Joseph's Church  
in aid of the Christmas Appeal.  
Tickets for sale in the Parish Office.

### Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 8,16,17,9

This Week's Jackpot €9900

No Jackpot winner.

6 Match 3 winners €50 each

Next draw Monday 12th Nov. Germaines Tickets €2.

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

### Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto Results.

The results of last night's draw (5/12/2016)

WINNING NUMBERS: 1,11,29,30

JACKPOT : NO WINNER, NEXT WEEK'S

JACKPOT: €9500. Next Draw 12/12/2016 Mon-

day night at 9.00pm Stratford-Grangecon Club-

house. No Match 3 WINNERS (Share €250) .

Sellers Prize €30 Evolution and Brian Byrne

**Split the Pot Results:** Winners in the last Draw. 1<sup>st</sup> Stewy 2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Mathews 3<sup>rd</sup> The Flemings Next draw during Bingo on Monday night in Fatima Hall. Baltinglass Lights Committee would like to thank you for your support. find us on facebook.

For sale Christmas Trees all Sizes  
Phone Henry 0879376878.

**Leaving and Junior Cert Maths grinds to all levels from Experienced Maths Teacher 086 3112843.**

Weaver's cottage will close on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December for the Christmas season. Re-open in January on the 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 9.00am to 4.00 Monday to Friday and Saturday and Sunday 12.00 to 4.00pm..We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and prosperous new year. [weaverscottage1@gmail.com](mailto:weaverscottage1@gmail.com)

### West Wicklow voluntary Care Committee

thank gratefully all who attended the Christmas Carol Service with the lighting of the Remembrance Christmas Tree in the grounds of Baltinglass Hospital on a chilly Sunday Afternoon on 4<sup>th</sup> December last and those who donated towards the lights in remembrance of their loved ones no longer with us.

### Aspiro Choir

A pre-Christmas treat - 'An Aspiro Christmas' Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, St Mary's Church, Castle Hill, Carlow at 4pm. Tickets €10 available, at the door. Children Free

### Christmas Revision Courses

for Leaving & Junior Cert. at Leinster Senior College Newbridge from Wed 28th December.

Excellent Teachers - Excellent Results. Book

online: [www.leinsterseniorcollege.ie](http://www.leinsterseniorcollege.ie) or telephone: 045 487 811

### Grangecon Village

switching on of the Grangecon Christmas Lights in the village next Sunday 11th Dec at 5pm. Market stalls, mulled wine, etc from 4.30pm. Family fun social occasion, all very welcome

### Bigstone National School Annual Christmas

**Concert** in Bigstone Hall on Tuesday 20th of December at 7pm. sharp. All are welcome.

### Danny's Corner

The Lalor Centre would like to thank the bridge Club who presented a cheque to the sum of €800 to Kare last Friday night. We are so grateful to them for their kindness and wish them a very Happy Christmas. From Danny Doyle

**SVP with like to thank those that contributed to their recent collection. The total amount collected was €2228.48. The proceeds will go to supporting the less well off in our community over the coming months. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.**

**Cosy Corner (beside Tearmann Garden) will have an open exhibition of Craftwork on Monday 12th Dec 2.30—4pm. Light refreshments and some items for sale. All are welcome.**

Tommy Byrne would like to invite you all to Inishfail Germaines Baltinglass on 15th Dec 2016 to launch his new cd. Adm €8 at 9pm, recording video for Irish Country TV. Dancing to Just two, John and Terry, Mary Prendergast, Billy Kirwan, Angela Reid (Glor Tire) and Tommie B MC Johnny Barry (KCLR)



## Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

3rd Sunday of Advent, Sunday 11th December 2016

### ADVENT: A JOYFUL TIME!

"JOY IS THE FLAG YOU FLY WHEN CHRIST, THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS IN RESIDENCE WITHIN YOUR HEART."

# JOY

A lot of people confuse joy with pleasure; but there is a world of difference

between them. Unless you know the difference you have not yet begun to live. People who have tasted real joy are suspicious of pleasure, because pleasure sometimes can be the death of joy.

Joy consists in having a love affair with life.

It is having a heart full of concern for your companions on the road of life.

It is looking for the happiness that comes in small ways, realising that in the

ordinariness of our lives we find the extraordinary.

It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now.

Joy is love bubbling over into life; and surprisingly, it can coexist with pain.

### Remembering our Loved Ones at Christmas

This Christmas we are inviting parishioners, who wish to include their loved ones who have died in the Christmas Masses, to write their names on a special card and place the card in a basket in the Sacred Space in the 3 Churches during this Advent season.

These Names will then be placed on the altar for the celebration of each Mass during the Christmas season.

We trust that you understand It is not possible to call out all the names during the Masses or to print them on the newsletter as the list tends to be very long.