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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 24th December and Sunday 25th December

Minsters of the Word:

Baltinglass: 8.00p.m. Christmas Eve (Sat) , Fiona Dunne, Mary Vernon
 9.30 am (Sun) Niall Doogue, Chris Murray 11a.m.(Sun) Elaine Byrne and Fiona Kavanagh
Grangecon 7pm (Sat) Mary Ross, Margaret Kealy
Stratford 6pm (Sat) Elizabeth Thompson

Minsters of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 8p.m. (Sat) Julia O'Neill, Pat Dunne, Mary Hayes, Bernie Doogue
 9.30 am Ministers To be confirmed.
 11a.m. (Sun.) Stephen Fagan, Soley Fernando James, Mary Burke
Grangecon 7pm (Sat) Mick Kehoe
Stratford 6pm (Sat) Ann Whittle

This weekend:

Recently deceased

Kieran Kennedy, Cornwall and formerly Chapel Hill, Baltinglass.
 Mary Byrne, Chapel Hill.

Months Mind—Dave Hallahan and Rita Germaine.

Baltinglass Anniversaries:

Paddy Geraghty, Carrigeen and Mayo
 Edward O'Reilly, Mullingar
 Billy Coogan, Knockfield
 Kevin Kennedy, Chapel Hill.
 Tommy McCormack & deceased members of the McCormack family
 Late of Allendale.
 Donal McDonnell, Woodfield.
 Patrick and Roseann McDonnell, Woodfield
 Marie Cooke nee McDonnell, Woodfield
 Margaret Whelan, Winetavern
 John and Kathleen Toner, Letterkenny
 Noel Byrne Main St Mullingar
 Mary Birmingham, Dublin and Shrouhaun.
 John Byrne, London and Shrouhaun
 Maureen and James Philips, Tuckmill and Mountmellick.



Baltinglass Anniversaries: continued.

Catherine Campion, Castlecomer
 Pierce and Annie O'Neill, 49 Parkmore
 Patrick and Mary O'Neill, 47 Parkmore
 Nina and Ben Hooper and daughters
 Mary and Pamela .Shrouhaun.
 John O'Kane, Edward Street.
 Catherine and Thomas Scott, Parkmore.
 Ellen and Patrick Butler and their 5 sons Kevin, Gerald, Paddy, Aidan and Brendan, Dublin.
 Bridie and Peter Kerrigan, Dublin.
 Maureen and Jim (James) Philips, Mountmellick and Tuckmill.
 Cooke Family, Main St.
 Colette Johnston, Main St.
 Kitty Burke, Weaver Sq.
 John Gill, Leitrim
 Elizabeth and Peter Cullen, Bessina.
Grangecon Anniversaries
 Pat Rogers, Edward St.
 Edward O'Reilly, Mullingar.
 Margaret Germaine, Bessina.

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

Last Week's Collections

Offertory: €1028 Development €1457
 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 Ballyconnell 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

**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

The new Parish Calendar is now available for each home - they are in the porches of the Churches.

Post Christmas treat – Aspiro perform 'Remembering the Child' in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin on the 28th December at 7pm. Lovely Christmas gift for family and friends. Tickets can be bought on the following web-site www.christchurch.com

A Time For Forgiveness, Healing & Inner Peace .As we continue to prepare our hearts and lives for Christmas, there will be a special opportunity provided for Confession- a parish Celebration of Reconciliation- on Monday evening, December 21st at 7.30 pm in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church, Grangecon. A number of priests will be available to hear confession during the Service. You are invited to spend some reflective time in Church during that time, as we pray for strength, healing and forgiveness for ourselves and for each other. 'Turn to Christ our Light during Advent for Forgiveness, Peace & Healing'



Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 10.23.29.30

This Week's Jackpot €10100

No Jackpot winner.

3 Match 3 winners €50 each

Next draw Monday 19th Dec Timmins Tickets €2. Play online at www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto Results.

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

WINNING NUMBERS: 3.11.18.19 JACKPOT :

NO WINNER,NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT: €9750.

Next Draw Monday night at 9.00pm Stratford-

Grangecon Clubhouse.9 Match 3 WINNERS

(Share €250) . Sellers Prize €30 . Additional

Christmas Prizes.

Split the Pot Results: Winners in the last Draw.1st Maura Hanley2nd Patsy Doody 3rd Ann Groves 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.

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

Danny's Corner

I would like to thank the committee for the Christmas Lights in the Town. They brighten up the whole place for Christmas

Bigstone National School Annual Christmas Concert in Bigstone Hall on Tuesday 20th of December at 7pm. sharp. All are welcome.

'MVW Talent Agency Ireland presents

'Christmas Stars' in aid of the Miscarriage Association of Ireland

A lovely evening of Christmas entertainment featuring students from The Talented Kids Performing Arts School.

Monday 19th December @ 7.15pm. Mahony Hall, The Helix, DCU, Dublin 9.

Tickets available from The Helix Box Office.'

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.

“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood? Contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill vocations@kandle.ie,



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

4th Sunday of Advent, Sunday 18th December 2016

You are Christmas

You are Christmas every time you smile and help to make the world a brighter place.

You are Christmas every time you laugh and let the sound join with all the happy music of the world.

You are Christmas every time you speak a word of encouragement to some fearful person along the road of life.

You are Christmas every time you pray a prayer for those who need your very special blessing.

You are Christmas every time your loving hand goes out of the way to give that extra special service.

So how do we know what we know about God? Or deeper still: How do we know God? The answer is CHRISTMAS; the Word becoming flesh and living among us in the ever unfolding now.

This Christmas, let Christ be born in you as you are, in what you do and in whom you meet.

Happy Christmas!

*Peace on
Earth*

Áthas agus síocháin na féile don phobal uile



To all parishioners who constantly support and take part in the life of the Parish. To all who planned and participate in our Christmas celebrations. To Choirs and Musicians, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Link people, Collectors, Sacristans, Servers, all who cleaned and decorated our 3 Churches, those who set up the Cribbs and the Christmas trees arrangements. Thanks to Leaders and members of our local clubs and organisations, to School Principals and staff for their care and co-operation with families and Parish. To Boards of Management, Parents Associations, all members of our Parish Pastoral Council and its Groups for their work on behalf of Parish life and growth. To each and all "Well done" Beannacht Dé oraibh go leir.