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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 31st December and Sunday 1st Jan

**Minsters of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** Sat : Niall Doogue and Marie Doyle  
 Sun—Mary Hayes and Elaine Byrne  
**Stratford** (Sun) Noreen Keogh

**Minsters of the Eucharist:**

**Baltinglass:** (Sat) Clare Leigh, Theresa McDermott, Anne Leigh, Seamus Kelly.  
 (Sun) John Paul Kenny, Bernie Kilcoyle, Sean Connolly, John Connolly  
**Stratford (Sun)** Kay Halstead

**This weekend:**

**Recently deceased**

Roisin Murphy

**Baltinglass Anniversaries:**

**24th /25th Dec.**

Dan & Josephine McDonnell, Parkmore.

Brian Brennan, Millstreet.

Billy Walsh, Woodfield.

Michael Walsh, Deerpark

Jim & Liz Nolan & their family, The Wood.

Ger and Ann O'Reilly, Kildangan.

John and Brigit Hunt, Belan St.

PJ Kavanagh, Bawnogues

Mary Burke , Rathmoon.

Martin Burke , Rathmoon.

Mary and Edward Connors, Shroughaun.

Johny Furlong, Woodfield and London

Freda Keogh, Parkmore

Michael O'Neill, The Wood Glencannon

Brendan Doyle, Main St.

Mary B Byrne, Chapel Hill

Matt and Kate Byrne, Chapel Hill.

Mark Dalton.

Pat Burke & all the deceased members of the Burke family, Belan St and Ratheneska

James Gahan, Carrigeen Hill.

Billy O'Toole, Main St.

Michael and Edward O'Toole, Tankardstown.

Mary Byrne

Jack, Josie & son Noel Byrne, Main st.



**Baltinglass Anniversaries: continued.**

Murt & Elizabeth Byrne & Joe and Eithne Byrne, Carrigeen.

Jean and John Manley, Glenealy

William Bradley, Edward St.

Maurice Byrne , Glencannon.

**Stratford Anniversaries 24th /25th Dec.**

JackBarrett, Winetavern.

Michael Moore, Main st.

Mark Heffernan, Eadestown

**Grangecon Anniversaries 24th /25th Dec.**Willie O'Toole, Grangecon and Ballymoreustace.

Jim and Sheila Norton, Knockrigg.

Tommy Coates, Castlehill.

**Baltinglass Anniversaries—31 Dec 2016/1st Jan 2017**

**Month's mind**—Angela Smith, Alendale

Paddy Harper, Parkmore

Thomas , Annie and Ger Kavanagh, Knockroe.

Mary Mahon, Castledermot

Aileen Walsh, Woodfield/Kilmurray Lower

Anne Byrne, Woodfield

Mary Nolan, Bawnogues.

Philip Hughes and son Philip Junior, Parkmore.

Rose and John Hennessy, Graney

Liam O'Mears, Wexford,

Tim Connelly, Galway

Kate Curran, Galway

Sr. Gabriel Thornton, Galway.

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

Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 7th December and Sunday 8th Jan

**Minsters of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** Sat : Una McKeever, Tommy Doyle  
 Sun—Helena Dowling

**Grangecon** (Sun)

**Minsters of the Eucharist:**

**Baltinglass:** (Sat) Patricia Carwood, Rena O'Toole, Claire Leigh, Mary Leigh  
 (Sun) Maureen Plant, Kieran Cogan

**Grangecon (Sun)**

**Last Week's Collections**

**Offertory:€897 Development €1802**  
 Many thanks for your continued support

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

**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](http://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 €100each (Available in the Parish Office).**

Post Christmas treat – Aspiro perform 'Remembering the Child ' in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin on the 28<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Lovely Christmas gift for family and friends. Tickets can be bought on the following website [www.christchurch.com](http://www.christchurch.com)

**Baltinglass G.A.A Street League is taking place this Stephen's Day in the GAA grounds. It is a 7 a side tournament where 8 areas from across the parish will compete against one another. The teams will consist of current male/female and retired footballers. Registration will start from 9:30am with the first games throwing in at 11am. There will be hot drinks to keep everyone warm and also skills competitions for the juveniles. There is a Facebook page for the event if people need more information.**

**CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2016**  
**ST. STEPHEN'S DAY & CHRISTMAS WEEK—**

Morning Mass at 10am St.Paul's Oratory

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Friday 6th Jan 2017**

*Thursday 5th Jan (Vigil Mass) @ 7.30 pm Parish Church*  
*and Friday Morning 6th Jan. @ 10 am in Parish Church.*

**A Child's Prayer worth reflecting on**

Dear God I wanna take a minute not to ask for anything but simply to say thank you for all I have



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

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 1,18,25,29

This Week's Jackpot €10,300

No Jackpot winner.

3 Match 3 winners €100 each

Next draw Wed 28 Dec Tickets €2. Play online at  
www.locallotto.ie

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

The results of last night's draw (19/12/2016)

WINNING NUMBERS: 7, 15, 18, 23 JACKPOT :

NO WINNER, NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT:

€10,000 Next Draw Monday night 2/01/2017 at  
7.00pm Stratford-Grangecon Clubhouse. Match 3  
WINNERS (Share €250) . Sellers Prize €30 . Additional Christmas Prizes.

**Split the Pot results:** Many thanks and a merry Christmas to all.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize John Balfé

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Maura Lambe

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Len Connell

4<sup>th</sup> Prize Breeda Kehoe

5<sup>th</sup> Prize Josie Pollard

6<sup>th</sup> Prize Molly Dempsey

7<sup>th</sup> Prize Michelle Bermingham

### **Danny's Corner.**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the parishioners a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy new year. I Hope you enjoyed reading Danny's corner every week. Happy Christmas !From Danny Doyle (Lalor Centre)

**Looking for a career in the care sector? Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award in 2017 in or around your area based on demand. One day topic specific workshops also available. For more info contact the training unit on 0579322920.**

### **The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of Scoil**

**Naomh Iosaf** would like to thank most sincerely the parents of the children in the school and the people of Baltinglass for their support in our recent fund-raising campaign. Chef Adrain of RTE and TV3 fame was kindly sponsored by the PTA and Patterson's Butchers. Chef Adrian put on a magical show for us. His ability to capture the audience and demonstrate to us some amazing dishes was only part of what was a brilliant evening. Hosted by Abigails Bar and Restaurant at Baltinglass Golf Club the evening started with a mulled wine and mince pie reception while everyone got to browse the craft fair. Our local transition year students were a big hit with all their mini-companies. The penultimate event was a flower arrangement by Daisy a Day and lastly we had a fantastic raffle with many great prizes. The sponsors of the prizes were: Supervalu, Quinns, Patterson's, Abigail's Bar & Restaurant, Egan's Office Supplies, Daisy a Day, McGreals Pharmacy, The Hair Hive, Gentle Therapy by Clare, The Beauty Boutique, Baltinglass Golf Club, Horan's Bar & Restaurant, Kaideen Knitwear, Glanbia, PJ & Jennifer Kelly and Fergus Brennan. The money raised is for the REAL-TA room and the many exciting adventures all the students will experience over the coming months. Again your support was very much appreciated.

Please Note—The Parish Office will close on Thursday 22nd Dec until Tuesday 3rd Jan 2017 @9.30 am. Please e mail or post your newsletter items by 12 noon Thurs 5th Jan for that weekend.

*Thank you from the Cosy Corner for supporting our recent Open Exhibition.*

May you be blessed with the spirit of Christmas which is peace, the gladness of Christmas which is hope and the heart of Christmas which is love.



## *Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon*

**Nativity of our Lord, Sunday 25th December 2016**

### **A Christmas Message from Bishop Denis**

On this Christmas Day, I greet you, your families and loved ones with every grace and blessing!

It's over 2000 years since God's Son was born in a stable in Bethlehem. He was the same as any other baby - needing to be fed and changed, needing to be held and loved. Like all babies - like the children of your own family - he melted the hearts of those who looked upon him or held him in their arms. That's how God comes to us still - asking for our love.

We can direct him to the darkness of the stable because we have no space for him in our busy lives, or we can make room in our hearts to receive him with love.

Your presence here today, in God's house, celebrating the birth of the Christ child is a sign of your willingness to welcome God into your hearts and homes. I want you to know each one of you is always welcome in God's house. Your presence is a gift; your presence helps us to recognise that God is indeed with us; your presence gives us hope that the light will conquer the darkness that at times threatens to overwhelm humanity!

This Christmas, conscious of the turmoil in our world, conscious of the challenges of poverty, homelessness and materialism in society, conscious of our own need to be made whole, let us welcome Christ once more and allow ourselves to be held in that loving embrace of God.

✠Denis Nulty



Christ born in a Stable is born in me.  
Christ accepted by Shepherds accepts me.  
Christ receiving the wise men receives me.  
Christ revealed to the nations is revealed in me.  
Christ dwelling in Nazareth, You dwell in me.  
Christ, grant that people may look at me and see your Presence.  
Amen