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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 10th December and Sunday 11th December

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Pat Dunne, Jane Keogh
 11a.m. (Sun) Chris Murray, Janet Gorman
Stratford 9.30a.m. (Sun) Carmel Doyle



Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Patricia Carwood, Rena O'Toole,
 Claire Leigh, Mary Leigh
 11a.m. (Sun.) Mona Nolan, Maureen Plant, Eithne
 Moore, Kieran Cogan
Stratford 9.30a.m. (Sun) Noreen Keogh



This weekend:

Baltinglass Anniversaries:

Malachy, Sheila and John Matthews, Drogheda.
 John O'Neill, Mountkelly
 Michael O'Connor, Parkmore
 Sean McLaughlin, Newtownsaunders.
 Justin Wall, Bawnogues.
 Jim McKeever, Lathaleer
 Sheila Fitzmaurice, Tuckmill
 Annie and Denis Doyle, Rathmoon
 Denis Doyle Junior Rathmoon
 Henry and Sarah Norton, Knockrigg
 Elizabeth Coogan, Irongrange
 Mary Hanlon Broadstown and her
 daughter Mary Hanlon Broadstown and
 San Francisco

Grangecon Anniversaries

Mary Grant, Knoxters Hill
 Henry and Sarah Norton, Knockrigg



Weekend Mass Times.

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

*Stratford & Grange Con
 Mass in Stratford 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: €706 Development €1496
 Many thanks for your continued support
 Link envelopes are ready for collection
 from the Parish Office

Holy Day 8th December : The Feast of
 the Immaculate Conception .

Vigil Mass in Parish Church at 7.30pm
 on Wed 7th.

Morning Mass on Thursday 8th Dec in
 Parish Church at 10 am

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.**

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE
 RETIRED REMINDER: Next Tuesday, 6th Dec.
 Christmas Dinner in Germaines (at 12.30 for 1pm).
 Tickets cost €15, available from Rose on 087-264-
 8471 or Mary on 086-062-9435
 Carols in Quinn's on Thursday 8th December at
 4.30pm. Proceeds in aid of Baltinglass Hospital
 Patient Comfort Fund and Lalor Centre,
 Baltinglass. Coffee Morning venue for Dec. is
 Horan's, each Friday at 11am.

No meeting in December. Next meeting takes place
 on Wednesday 25th January at 3pm in
 Germaine's ..***Wishing everyone blessings galore
 at Christmas and a Happy New Year.***

The Christmas Tree Lighting Carol Service
**in remembrance of loved ones no longer
 with us will take place on Sunday
 4th December at 3pm in Baltinglass hospital
 grounds. All are welcome to attend and take
 part in this service.. You can shine a light in
 memory of Family and Friends no longer
 with us by sponsoring a light for €5 on the
 Christmas Tree. Light sponsorship and
 cards are available from Baltinglass library,
 local shops in Baltinglass or by contacting
 Mary Jackman at 085 7154262 or Renee
 O'Toole at 086 8477319.**

*Grangecon NS Christmas Concert on Thursday
 8th Dec @7.30 pm in Grangecon Hall. ADM €5
 and Raffle on the night.*

**This week the Advent Scripture Sharing
 Session will be on Monday morning in
 the Parish Centre (Room behind the
 Conference room) at 10.45am. All are
 welcome.**

Carlow Centre for Independent Living
 (CIL) Community Employment Project .
 Are you interested in getting back into
 work? Gaining work experience and par-
 ticipating in accredited training. The Car-
 low CIL CE Project can offer you all of
 the above. We have vacancies as Personal
 Assistants (To assist People with a Disa-
 bility in their daily lives) in the following
 areas: Tullow/ Rathvilly / Leighlinbridge/
 Carlow Town Garda Vetting is required
 for this position. Please contact Patricia
 Raftery at 059 9130014 or email car-
 lowcilc@eircom.net for more information.

**Biodiversity information evening will
 take place in O'Toole Memorial Hall,
 Rathdangan on Wednesday 7th December
 at 8pm.**

Friday 2nd Dec at the Grotto in
 Rathdangan, turning on of Christmas lights
 and Carol service thanks to Children of
 Rathcoyle NS @7pm . **Teenage Christmas
 Ball Disco** Fri 9th.....doors open at 8-
 11pm.....fully supervised all money raised
 goes towards senior citizens party in new
 year. Ticket only ADMISSION €10 availa-
 ble in The Pantry or Wicklow Wholesaler
 Baltinglass or text Tess on 087 6173879.
 Last Adult social dance of 2016 Saturday
 10th December music by Catherine &
 "Images" refreshments served.

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**Collectors for Baltinglass December 6pm,**  
 Liam Burke, Paddy Kelly, Mikey Keogh,  
 Martin Donegan ,11am Bobby Lennon,  
 Garrett Byrne, Joseph Germaine, Simon

**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.**

**Penitential Services Advent 2016**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Grangecon 7.30 pm**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Clonmore 7.30 pm**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Rathvilly 7.30 pm**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Ballon 7.30 pm**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Hacketstown 7.30 pm**

### Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 1,3,4,27

This Week's Jackpot €9700

No Jackpot winner.

5 Match 3 winners €60 each

Next draw Monday 5th Nov. Horans 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 (28/11/2016) as follows

WINNING NUMBERS: 17,21,23,24

JACKPOT : NO WINNER

NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT: €9000

5/12/2016 Monday night at 9.00pm Stratford-

Grangecon Clubhouse 3Match 3 WINNERS

(Share €250) €85 each . Sellers Prize €30

**Split the Pot Results:** Winners in the last Draw. 1<sup>st</sup> Geraldine Keogh 2<sup>nd</sup> Edward Wall 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheila Ging. 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

**The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Eucharistic All-Night Vigil at Knock** will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, The Vigil will be available to watch live on the Knock Shrine web-site: [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch). For further info, please contact Knock Shrine (094) 93 88100 / [info@knock-shrine.ie](mailto:info@knock-shrine.ie)

### Danny's Corner

**The Lalor Centre are looking forward to the Christmas Party in Inis Fail Germaines Thursday evening. We are having a 3 course meal and disco.**

### Pre-Marriage Courses

Couples getting married in 2017 should book one of the following courses at Accord Carlow Jan 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Bookings can be made on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) For further information please phone Mary at 059 9138738

### 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

### Mindfulness

Half-day Mindfulness retreat in Castalia Hall Ballytobin, Callan, Kilkenny on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 10 am to 1 30 pm. Cost 25 euro (Light lunch will be provided). This is a opportunity to refresh a meditation practice or deepen it in the time running up to Christmas. Contact Deirdre 0868551152.

**Donard Christmas Craft Fair** takes place In Donard Hall on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 12-5pm. Santa will be visiting from 2-4pm.

Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill [vocations@kandle.ie](mailto:vocations@kandle.ie) [www.kandlepriest.com](http://www.kandlepriest.com)

Santa Clause is coming to Town on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> December. 5pm in Fatima hall with singing from the scouts and then down to the tree for 6pm for the turning on of the lights and back to meet Santa at Fatima hall and if were good he might give us a selection box.

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 wherever you are at this time.



## Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

2nd Sunday of Advent, Sunday 4th December 2016

Advent is a time for straightening crooked paths in our relationships, for filling in the holes and removing the stumbling blocks that trip us up on our journey with God and God's people.

Many people carry hurts, angers and other heartaches. There is the heartfelt cry and a longing for peace- peace of mind, peace in families, in communities and in so many places in our world.

Advent is a time to let go of our resentments and of our failures to forgive so that the **Prince of Peace** can be born again and again in our hearts and lives.

This is a precious time to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus each day into our lives, to be aware of how blessed we are in sharing our lives and our faith with each other.

*Lord, make me a channel of your Peace.*



### Our Family Prayer for the Week

Loving God, on this Advent day we turn to you in prayer. As we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us. Bring your healing upon us and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us **the gift of peace**.

May your **peace** guard our heart, our mind and our homes.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Together we pray: **Come Lord Jesus.**

At Christmas we remember...

In the porches of the three churches in our parish you will find a special card. You may enter the names of loved ones who have died. During the season of Advent there will be a basket at the sacred space in which you can put your completed card. Cards will be placed on the altar at all Christmas Masses so that they will be remembered.