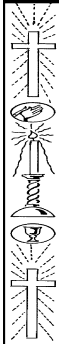




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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 3rd December and Sunday 4th December

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Micheal Lalor, Mary Hayes
 11a.m. (Sun) Alf Gillespie, John Paul Kenny
Grangecon 9.30a.m. (Sun) Anita O'Hara



Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Clare O'Neill, Theresa McDermott,
 Anne Leigh, Seamus Kelly
 11a.m. (Sun.) John Paul Kenny, Bernie Kilcoyne,
 Sean Connolly
Grangecon 9.30a.m. (Sun) Kay Moore



This weekend:

Baltinglass Anniversaries:

Billy Doody, Weavers Square (1st Anniv)
 Paul and Briget Kehoe
 Peter and Elizabeth Kehoe and all the deceased members of the Kehoe and Hutton families
 Nora and Geraldine (Mena) Gethings, Parkmore.
 John Kelly, Carrigeen.
 Jim Burke, Irongrange and Rahill
 Nan Kavanagh, Carrigeen.
 John Bookle, Irongrange.
 Thomas and Christina Byrne, Sruthaun
 Patsy and Brigit Fennell, Clough
 Margaret O'Connor, Parkmore
 Paddy & Elizabeth Rooney and son Colm, Parkmore
 Dermot O'Neill, Newtown
 Seanie O'Neill, Newtown
 Paddy Whelan, Carlow late of Holdenstown
Stratford Anniversaries
 Pat and Sarah Moore, Saundersgrove.
 Christina Hanley, Rathvilly



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: €646 Development €1084
 Many thanks for your continued support

Link envelopes are ready for collection
 from the Parish Office



**Miniature olive wood
 nativity handcrafted in
 Bethlehem for sale in the
 Piety Shop before and
 after Mass every Sunday
 before Christmas. All
 proceeds donated to the suffering
 Christians of the Holy Land.**

The **Review 2016** is on SALE this weekend after Mass at its usual price of €5.00 We hope you enjoy the read and it can be got in the usual shops and newsagents .

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. All ceremonies are broadcast worldwide and can be viewed on PC's , laptops, iPad's and Smart Phones. 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 Speakers Are you a Lifelong Learner? Would you like to improve your public speaking skills in a fun environment? We assist members in improving their communication & leadership skills at Baltinglass Speakers. For self-improvement, increased confidence and guaranteed fun, pop in to us on **Thursday 1st December**, upstairs in Timmins Bar. Get there for 7:45, for 8pm start. No charge for first time guests. For more information contact Karen 086 2366816.

Remembrance Service for Victims of Domestic Violence at St. Mary's Church 8pm on Wednesday 30th November. All are welcome to join us.

In Baltinglass Mart the Irish Heart Foundation will provide a

Free health check available to the farming community. Wednesday next 30th November from 10 a.m to 4 p.m.

St Vincent De Paul will hold their annual Christmas collection next weekend at all masses. All proceeds will go to assist those in need in the locality. SVP could not operate without your generous support. Any contribution is much appreciated by SVP and those we assist. Anybody seeking assistance from SVP should contact the Parish Office. Customers of Quinns Euro Spar can continue to 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. Thanks to Quinns EuroSpar and their customers for their on going support

Baltinglass Lions Club Annual Carol Service on Friday December 16th 8pm in St. Joseph's Church in aid of the Christmas Appeal. Get into the festive mood. Tickets on sale in the Parish Office.

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIRED Senior Citizens Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday 6th December at 12.30pm (for 1pm) in Germaines. Tickets available from Rose (087-264-8471) and Mary 0860629435 at a cost of €15. Music by **Jack Byrne**. Our December Coffee Morning venue will be Horan's, each Friday at 11am.

Carlow Choral Society presents a very special performance of Mozart's Requiem in Carlow Cathedral on Saturday 3rd December, 2016, at 8.00pm. We will be joined by the Wexford Festival Singers, and directed by Blanaid Murphy, with the City of Dublin Chamber Orchestra. Tickets €20.00 www.eventbrite.ie and www.carlowchoralsociety.net and choir members.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 13,21,24,30

This Week's Jackpot €9500

No Jackpot winner.

2 Match 3 winners €150 each

Next draw Timmins Monday 28th Nov. Tickets €2. Play online at www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto Results.

The results of last night's draw (21/11/2016) as

follows WINNING NUMBERS: 7,19,25,27

JACKPOT : NO WINNER

NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT: €8750

28/11/2016 Monday night at 9.00pm Stratford-

Grangecon Clubhouse 5Match 3 WINNERS

(Share €250) €50 each . Sellers Prize €30

Split the Pot Results: Winners in the last Draw.1st Theresa Halpin, 2nd Mary Groves, 3rd Ryan Cocoman 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.

The **Cuise Cancer Support Centre**, Portlaoise are hosting a "Carol & Candle Twilight Event" on Sunday 27th November from 5pm. All Welcome.

This is an evening acknowledging everyone who has been touched by cancer.

Invitation - to an evening of prayer for healing in the company of Guides from Medjugorje in Carlow Cathedral on Friday 2nd December at 7pm. Rosary at 7pm. 7.30pm witness from one of the Medjugorje Guides.8 p.m Holy Hour for healing led by Fr.Ruairi O Domhnaill. All welcome. Details from Noeleen Dunne 0599142670.

Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017, 16-21 July 2017
€719 Our local pilgrims will be staying at Hotel Agena Contact Susan in Joe Walsh Tours at 012410800 to book.
Full details on the poster at the back of the church.



Baltinglass Hospital Christmas Bazaar Sunday 27th Nov 2pm, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Wheel of fortune, Books, Christmas Flowers, Toys and Santa will be there too. Support Appreciated. Thank you.

Pre-Marriage Courses

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

Rathdangan Notes

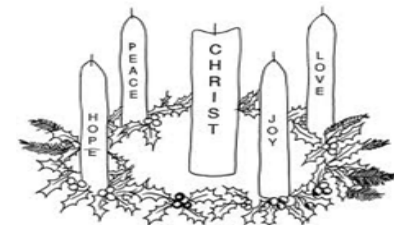
Teenage Christmas ball takes place on Friday 9th of December in O Toole hall Rathdangan. Formal dress. Prizes on night for best dressed. Doors open at 8pm and close at 8.30 this is a strictly ticket only event....tickets can be purchased in The village pantry or west wicklow wholesales baltinglass or text/ring Tess on 087 6173879 and ticket drop off can also be arranged. All money raised goes towards Our senior citizens annual get together. Following a recent Survey on The Village Pantry and its purpose or need in Rathdangan we were so overwhelmed by all the positive feedback that we have decided to keep its doors open . Like every voluntary run business we still struggle to keep rosters filled especially at weekends so we would like if you would consider at least trying to volunteer once a month or even every few months as every little helps. 4hrs is all we ask every now and again.....if interested please contact Margaret on 087 9555928

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



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

1st Sunday of Advent, Sunday 27th November 2016



"We wait in joyful hope..."

Advent is a season of hope, just when we need it most. Lord, the light I choose to let into my life today is based on my hope in you. It is a small flame but I believe it can dispel a bit more darkness today. It is through us that Christ's light will shine, in the midst of the struggles and cares of our world.

Advent is a waiting time:

- we await the celebration of the birth of Jesus.
- we await Christ's second coming.
- but God waits for us too.

Our Family Prayer for the First Week of Advent

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. Free us from any worry or distress that we may have and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of hope. May your hope fill our heart, our mind and our home.

"Where there is despair may we bring hope".

Advent marks the beginning of the New Year in the Church. It's a time of year when we focus on our spiritual preparation for the great feast of Christmas.