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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th April.

Minsters of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Una McKeever / Tommy Doyle
11a.m. (Sun) Mona Nolan / John Paul Kenny
Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Hilary McDermott
Grange Con: 11a.m. (Sun) Anne Whelan



Minsters of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Julia O'Neill / Bernie Doogue / Pat Dunne / Mary Hayes
11a.m. (Sun) Mary Vernon / Stephen Fagan / Soley Augustine / Mary Burke
Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Ciara Hanly
Grange Con: 11a.m. (Sun) Gina Carroll



This weekend: Baltinglass 6p.m.

Months Mind Mass

Billy O'Brien, Raheen

Anniversaries:

Bill McDermott, Parkmore

Austin Lalor, Griffinstown

Pat Walshe, Woodfield

Joe Doyle, Carrigeen

Eddie Gahan, Carrigeen

Jack Byrne, Main Street, Baltinglass

Murt Byrne, Carrigeen

Jim Hughes, Parkmore

Thomas & Mabel Doyle, & May Doyle, Main Street, Baltinglass

Harriette & Myles McDonnell, Coolinarrig

Godfrey Timmins, Baltinglass

Esther Cullen, Parkmore

Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun)

Bill & Bridget Byrne, Doctor's Road, Stratford



Weekend Mass Times.

Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday 11a.m.

Weekly Confessions after 6p.m. Mass on Saturdays.

Stratford & Grange Con

Mass in Stratford next Sunday @ 9.30a.m.

Mass in Grange Con next Sunday at 11a.m.

Weekday Mass Times

Daily 10a.m. in St. Paul's Oratory The Parish Centre this week on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.

Don't Forget! Chrism Mass 2017.

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Carlow on Monday, April 10 at 7:30 followed by a cuppa in Carlow College. Please come early to be sure of a seat! Parking available in Carlow College; entrance opposite the Court House on the Old Dublin Road.

St. Joseph's Piety Shop is open every Sunday before and after 11a.m. Mass and at other times on request. Supply of Prayer Books, Rosaries, Medals, Candles & Cards & Gifts for all Occasions - Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation & Weddings. Signed Mass cards, Pictures, Statues, Medals etc. If We do not have it in stock We will order it for you.

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

Baptisms in Baltinglass Church

This Sunday, 9th April @ 11.45a.m.

Please bring back your Trócaire

Boxes to the Parish Office early this week or else to the Special Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Epilepsy Ireland's Annual Church

Gate Collection takes place, this weekend, Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th April at all Masses. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.

"Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a Priest, if so, please **contact** Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill on 045 89 74 70 or Email vocations@kandle.ie

Graiguecullen / Killeslin Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen for 9 Monday nights - 24th April - 19th June, 2017 at 7.30p.m. Singing will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton accompanied by the Poor Clare Community & Parish Choirs. Please join us in Prayer. The theme of this year's Novena is "A time to Pray, A time to Heal."

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season

opens Monday, 1st May. One Day Retreats & 3 day Pilgrimages. Details from the Lough Derg Office on +353 (0) 71 9861518.
www.loughderg.org

The monthly meeting of the West

Wicklow Voluntary Day Care

Committee will be held at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 12th April at the Day care Centre, Baltinglass Hospital. New members are very welcome.

The annual Flag Days for the West Wicklow Day Care centre will be held on 28th 29th & 30th of April. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

Baltinglass & District Country

Market will be hosting an **Easter Bonnet Competition** on **Saturday, 15th April** for Children aged 4 - 6; 7 - 9; and 10 - 12 years. Prizes will be awarded in each category for the most creative and best hat on a budget. We look forward to seeing all the creations by 11a.m. on the 15th April for judging.

Danny's Corner: I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring weather and the bright evenings. It's lovely to see the baby lambs running around the fields playing. It's so nice to be able to get out for a walk and get a bit of Sun.

Split the Pot Results. 1st Prize:

Frances Doyle; **2nd Prize:** Bernie Elliott, **3rd Prize:** Brian Halloran. **Bonus Prizes:** Georgina Doyle; Mary Foley; Christy Redmond; Theresa Pendergast. **The draw will be held weekly again from Monday.**

The Roadstone Tractor Run's

10th Anniversary of Nigel Kehoe is on Easter Saturday, 15th April. Registration is at 12p.m. in Grange Con Village. €20 a vehicle - open to all Vehicles. All money stays local. For details phone 087 277 2376.

Thank you from Rathdangan Drama group

for all your support at their recent staging of 'A wake in the West'. It was an outstanding success. As usual all money made will go towards local projects in the Rathdangan area such as our new amenity area; hall maintenance & other upcoming projects. A massive Thank you to Pat Kearney crash Repairs, Our main sponsor, to all who donated raffle prizes. & who bought tickets, to all our cast, to John Rossister the director, to Ciaran Fitzgerald for the lighting, to our ticket sellers and to all who helped in anyway to make it a success.

Barrow Training & Consultancy Workshops. Special Needs Assisting QQI Level 5. On April 20th, 27th, May 4th & 11th. Venue: Kilkenny. Phone 059 972 1416.

We pray for

Lucy O'Sullivan (née Kavanagh),
West Demense, Baltinglass & Tallaght.
Willie Twyford, London & Rathmoon
& **Pa O'Leary**, Spynans
who have died during the week.
May they rest in peace.



Penitential Services for Easter

Stratford: Tuesday, 11th April @ 7.30p.m.

Hacketstown: Wednesday, 12th April @ 7.30p.m.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers:

12, 15, 18, 20.

No Jackpot winner.

This Week's Jackpot €13,300.

12 Match 3 winners - €25 each.

Next draw on Monday, 10th April @ 10p.m. in

Horan's, Main Street. Tickets €2.

Play online www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results.

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 03, 04, 06, 30. No Jackpot Winner.

This Week's Jackpot: €8,500.

4 Match 3 winners €65 each.

Laurence O'Donnell, Margaret Metcalfe, Katie & Tadhg Barrett & Fiona Keane.

Sellers Prizes: €30 each. Annette Mangan & the Donovan's. Next Draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Clubhouse on Monday, 10th April @ 9p.m. Play online at www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Table Quiz in Horan's Bar, Baltinglass on Friday 21st April @ 8.30 p.m. *in aid of Bigstone Community Centre, Community Alert & National School.* Table of 4 is €40. If you don't have enough people for a full table, please come along & you will be accommodated. Raffle on the night. Come and join in the fun.

****PLEASE NOTE****

Next Week's Newsletter is a DOUBLE ISSUE. Please leave your articles into the Parish Office before 12 noon on Wednesday.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS OVER THE EASTER PERIOD.

The Parish Office will close on Holy Thursday, 13th April at 1p.m. & will re-open on Friday, 21st April from 10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.

Normal Office hours will resume on

Monday, 24th April at 9.30a.m.

Please leave anniversaries into the Sacristy before or after any of the Masses during this time.

Monday 17th April 2017, Russborough House will open their doors to families across Wicklow

as part of Cruinniú na Cásca – a Creative Ireland initiative presented by Wicklow County Council. Fun for all members of the family with free events across the arts & heritage fields. All welcome! Russborough House will kick the day off with performances of The Quiet Tree & the Creatures of Whistleberry Forest for children aged 2-5 years, followed by readings by Bisto Award Winning children's author Julian Gough for children aged 6-9 years. The day will then be topped off with a family concert by the much loved foot-stomping KÍLA. There will also be face-painting, balloon making & some surprises as a beloved children's author's character comes to life. The Bramble Café & Ice Cream Store will also be open throughout the day. There will be a performance by Music Generation Wicklow's Trad Group. All events are ticketed & require booking in advance.

Please visit wicklow.ie for full programme. For bookings, please visit <http://wicklow-county-arts.eventbrite.com/>.

Get Vocal. Are you in a choir, do you enjoy singing or would you like to have a 'go'? The Wicklow Get Vocal is for you. We meet once a week. You can join us at any one of the following this week. We will hold a concert in May to celebrate Bealtaine. Additional information on this will be provided as the rehearsals progress. Shoreline Greystones; Tuesdays 12:15pm - 1:45p.m. Annamoe Community Centre, Mondays 10:30a.m. - 12p.m. Tinahely Courthouse, Fridays 2:15p.m. - 3:30p.m. No pre booking necessary, just turn up. www.wicklow.ie/arts-office

Enrolment in Scoil Naomh Iosaf

Scoil Naomh Iosaf Baltinglass, is open for enrolment for September 2017. Enrolment forms are available from the school office. Contact Rachel on 059 64 81083 or email the school principal Mairead Hennessy at sniprincipal@gmail.com for an enrolment form or to discuss any questions you may have. Please enrol by April 25th if possible so we can organise classes. New parents and pupils are invited to the school to meet the principal and teachers on Wed. May 17th.



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

Palm Sunday

9th April, 2017

St. Joseph's Parish, Baltinglass

Holy Week Ceremonies Timetable 2017.

Parish Service of Reconciliation (Confessions) Tuesday, 11th April @ 7.30p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Stratford only.

Holy Thursday - 13th April.

(No morning Mass). Baltinglass: Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7.30p.m. Confessions: 6.45p.m. - 7.15p.m.

Good Friday - 14 April.

A Day of Fast & Abstinence - (No morning Mass). 3p.m. Stations of the Cross. This Ceremony will be very different & special again this year as Parishioners from St. Mary's Church of Ireland & St. Joseph's Parish are joining together to make the Stations throughout the Parish. We will begin at St. Mary's Church & end at St. Joseph's Church. It will be great to join as one Community to reflect on The Passion of Jesus & to pray for our suffering world. We encourage all families with our young people to take part in this special ceremony.

7.30p.m. The Solemn Celebration of The Lord's Passion in the Parish Church. Confessions: 6.45p.m. - 7.15p.m.

Holy Saturday - 15th April.

Baltinglass 7.30p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil. Confessions: 6.30p.m. - 7.10p.m.

Easter Sunday: 16th April.

Stratford: 9.30a.m. Hospital: 10a.m. Grange Con: 11a.m. Baltinglass: 11a.m.

Bishop Denis Nulty will be celebrating the Special Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, 13th April in St. Joseph's Church @ 7.30p.m. It's an occasion for the entire Parish Community to give thanks for the many Ministry Groups who are active in the Community. During this Mass all the Parish Ministry Groups will be invited to renew their commitment to the Parish. These include Readers, Singers, Musicians, Church Cleaners & Decorators, Sacristans, Collectors, Hospitality Group, Liturgy Group, Parish Pastoral Council, Communications Group, Baptism Team, Finance Group & Building Group.