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### Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st April 2019

#### Ministers of the Word:

**Baltinglass:** 9pm (Sat) Jim Kearney / Mary Jo Ovington / Alf Gillespie /  
Anne Whelan / Máire Lawless  
11am (Sun) Helena Dowling / Ciara O'Neill

**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sun) Margaret Kealy

**Stratford:** 11am (Sun) Noreen Keogh

#### Ministers of the Eucharist:

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Clare O'Neill / Seamus Kelly / Maureen Plant / John Connolly /  
Bernie Doogue / Mary Vernon / Michael Lennon / Catherine Lord /  
Mick Kehoe / Noreen Kehoe / Therése Kelly

11am (Sun) Mary Vernon / Bernie Kilcoyne / Mary Burke

**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sun) Mary Cronin

**Stratford:** 11am (Sun) Kay Halstead



#### This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm Anniversaries

Gerry Barry, Allendale Lawn  
Joseph Germaine, Main St., Baltinglass  
Mai Kennedy, Chapel Hill  
Thomas & Kathleen Hegarty, 32 Parkmore  
Joe Doyle, Carrigeen  
Patrick Foley, Carrigeen  
Michael Lalor, Mill St. & Swords & all deceased members of the Lalor & Doyle families  
Josie Kearney, Barronstown  
Jack Byrne, Main St., Baltinglass  
Murt Byrne, Carrigeen  
Catherine Fitzgerald, 47 Parkmore  
Mary Whelan, Holdenstown  
Mary Kavanagh, Hughestown  
Holly O'Toole, Australia  
Esther Cullen, Parkmore  
Paul Barrett, Shroughaun  
Joe Sutton, Rathmoon & England  
Lucy O'Sullivan, 8 West Demense, Baltinglass  
**Stratford Sun. 9.30am**  
David Walsh, Windgap



#### Good Friday National Holy Face Public Prayer Vigil

at McAllister Monument, Baltinglass.

A public prayer Vigil will be held in each County in Ireland at 12 noon - 1pm on Good Friday, 19th April, to make reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus & for the protection of life, faith & family in Ireland. Pope Francis has asked that we "return to the Face of Christ" "Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. "Matt 10:32. Enquiries to Kate Deans on 087 411 2136.

#### Divine Mercy Sunday 28th April

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3 - 4pm in Grangecon Church.

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and blessing of the Divine Mercy Image, concluding with Benediction. 9 day Novena begins on Good Friday, April 19th.

#### Choir Practice

every Wednesday night  
in the Parish Centre  
8 - 9pm.

New members welcome.



#### Baltinglass Parish Bingo

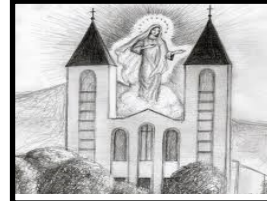
every Monday night in Fatima Hall from  
8.30pm - 10pm.

We pray for  
**Dan Kehoe**, Allendale & Weaver Sq.  
**Nuala Rogers**, Edward Street  
& **Joseph (Sonny) Byrne**, Clough  
& Essex

*who died recently*  
May they rest in peace.



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



#### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Thursday 29th Aug - 5th Sept. Cost €725

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board at Hotel Wojtyla

**Spiritual Director:** Fr. Gerard Ahern P.P.

Contact the Parish Office on 059 64 81 254,

Fr. Ger on 087 629 8881 or Andy Murphy on 087 0900819 for details.

#### Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service Seeking

#### Marriage Preparation Facilitators

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation course facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church, if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation courses locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie)

#### Concert in Tynock Church

Rathvilly / Kiltegan Parish will host the Celtic Brothers featuring the Willoughbys in Concert Sat. 27th April at 8 p.m. in Tynock Church. Tickets €20. Door Prize €100. Tickets are available from Rathvilly Parish Office 059 91 61 114, or 059 6473211, 087 2408367, 087 2668300.

#### Darkness Into Light Baltinglass

If anyone would like help to register for Darkness Into Light on 11th of May at 4.15am, we will be at McAllister statue in Baltinglass on Sat. 20th of April between 10am - 2pm. This is a wonderful event, so come down & get registered. Also if anyone would like to volunteer on the night, please give Mags a call on 089 97 98 484.

#### Guitar Tuition for beginners & Improvers of all ages.

Small group workshops in the Community Tea Room, Baltinglass, for 10 weeks, starting Wed. 1st May at 7.30pm. Phone 089 486 9241 for details.

#### Epilepsy Ireland Collection

A very big thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's collection. In total €828.67 was collected. On behalf of Epilepsy Ireland

I wish to sincerely thank you for your generosity. *Anne Timmins.*

#### Danny's Corner

We would like to thank everyone for their great support in our recent Special Olympics collection in Baltinglass. The total collected was €1,365. Well done to all involved.

#### Eist Cancer Support Centre

The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow. R93 N65F. Phone: 059 91 396 84 or email [info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie)

The VHI Mini Marathon will take place on Sunday 2nd June. If you are interested in taking part (running or walking) and getting sponsored to raise funds for Éist, can you please contact the Centre on 059 91399684 for further information.

#### Eir 2019-2020

The eir printed phonebook directory will not be delivered to you unless you pre-order it.

You have the right to request one for the geographical location of your home phone no. between 1 April & 30 June 2019, by calling Freephone 1800 273 246; emailing [phonebook@eir.ie](mailto:phonebook@eir.ie); or writing to eir Phonebook, PO Box No 13044, Tallaght, D24.

If requested in advance, you can collect a copy free of charge between 1 Sept. & 31 Oct. from your nearest eir retail store or have it delivered (for a pre-notified distribution charge) to your primary place of residence or business. Details at [www.comreg.ie/printed-phonebook-directory](http://www.comreg.ie/printed-phonebook-directory).

## Baltinglass GAA Club

### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**01, 05, 07, 24.**

**Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**  
This Week's Jackpot - €13,300.

**Match 3 winners - €45 each.**

Valerie Whyte, K & K Byrne, Damien Kenny,  
Bridget Pendergast, Joe Nolan,  
Breda Kavanagh, Robert Kearns.

**Next draw** in Timmins Pub, Weaver Square on  
Monday 15th April @ 10pm. Tickets €2.  
Play online - [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

## Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**01, 02, 11, 29.**

**Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**  
This week's Jackpot - €20,000.

**Match 3 Winners - €50 each.**

Bobby Lennon, James Ryan, Stephen Harris,  
Liz Kavanagh, Adrienne Horan.

**Seller's Prize: €30 - K. Byrne.**

Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club  
House, Monday 15th April @ 8.45pm.  
Tickets €2. Play online at  
[www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie)

## Split the Pot Results

**1st Prize:** €100 - Dawn Keogh  
**2nd Prize:** €50 - Joe Guing  
**3rd Prize:** €25 - Georgina Doyle  
**4th Prize:** €25 - Ann Kenny

## \*Please Note\*

*Next Week's Newsletter is a  
Double Issue.*

Please leave your articles into the Parish Office  
**before 12 noon on Wednesday.**

## The Parish Office will be closed

Good Friday April 19th & will  
re-open Monday 29th April @ 9.30am.

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

## Go Greener with Grangecon

would like to remind recipients of the Ecological Footprint survey to please return their completed surveys this weekend. These will play an important part in determining the course of future activities to help Grangecon and surrounding areas to be more environmentally sustainable, as well as giving us a baseline measure so we can see what impact our potential changes will have. Collection points are located in the shop of Moore's Pub, the post box of Grangecon National School, and in St. Oliver Plunkett Church. Collections from home can be arranged - contact us at [dogreenerwithgrangecon@gmail.com](mailto:dogreenerwithgrangecon@gmail.com) or 086-3380193. Please follow us on Facebook for more information.

## New Dementia and Disability Garden in Baltinglass

Tearmann Community Garden are now in the process of upgrading their garden to incorporate a Dementia and Disability area to enable all age groups including people with varying degrees of physical and mental challenges to access and enjoy the garden. We hope it will then be a more valuable asset to all our community and people from the wider area. We are presently fundraising to meet the shortfall of 25% of construction costs which our Leader grant does not cover. We would greatly appreciate contributions from the public to meet this shortfall. Donations can be handed in to the Parish office or to the committee members or by phoning Mary on 087 69 13 257 or Patricia on 086 37 83 168.

We would like to express our grateful appreciation to those who have already donated.

**On Sunday 14th April at 12 noon a  
Fundraising coffee morning and cake sale**

will be held in the Parish Centre.

Donations of cakes will be gratefully received from 10.30am at the Parish Centre. We invite all in the community to come and support us in this venture.

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

Palm Sunday

14th April 2019

## Holy Week Timetable

We invite all our parishioners to join together as we celebrate Holy Week in our Parish.

**Morning Mass:** Monday - Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion @ 10am in St. Paul's Oratory.  
Tuesday & Wednesday Mass @ 10am in St. Paul's Oratory.



## **Holy Thursday - 18th April**

### Mass of The Lord's Supper

Baltinglass 7.30pm  
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm  
Confessions after Mass

(No morning Mass)

## **Good Friday - 19th April**

A Day of Fast & Abstinence

### Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Baltinglass 3pm followed by confessions.

## **Stations of the Cross 6pm**

With parishioners from St. Mary's Church of Ireland. Beginning at St. Mary's Church We will make our way along the street to St Joseph's Church. We encourage people to come together to make the way of the cross as we reflect on the passion of Jesus and pray for our suffering world.



## **Holy Saturday - 20th April**

Confessions 11 - 12noon

### Easter Vigil

Baltinglass 9pm (Please note not 6pm)

All are invited for a cuppa in the Parish Centre afterwards.

## **Easter Sunday 21st April**

Masses: Grangecon: 9.30am Stratford: 11am Baltinglass: 11am

## **Chrism Mass - Bishop's Invitation**

I warmly invite each of you to join me for our annual diocesan **Chrism Mass on Mon. April 15 at 7:30pm in Carlow Cathedral.** The diocese is a family of parishes and on this night, we get to gather as a family, priests and people from our 56 parishes. This is a wonderful celebration of the Mass, rich in music and ritual. Come early to get a seat and stay for a cuppa afterwards!



MASS  
of the OILS