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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - 15th & 16th January 2011.

**Ministers of the Word:**

Baltinglass	6pm (Sat)	Niall Lennon
	11am (Sun)	Fiona Kavanagh
Grangecon	9.30am:(Sun)	Mary Ross



**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Baltinglass	6pm (Sat)	Michael Lennon & Bernie Doogue
	11am: (Sun.)	Catherine O'Neill & Fintan Doyle
Grangecon	9.30am(Sun)	Marguerite Salmon



**This Weekend:**

**Baltinglass: 6pm**

**Anniversaries:**

Bridget Kerley, Graney  
Edward & Mary Byrne, Tuckmill  
Alice Farrell, Weaver Square  
John Molloy, Raheen  
John & Sarah Lee, Rathbran  
Paul O'Brien, Edward Street  
Joseph & Catherine Kavanagh, Carrigeen  
Breda Patterson, Belan Street  
Molly Dunne, Lathaleer, Edward St.  
John Salmon, Lowtown  
Richard & Elizabeth Barrett, Stratford  
Lil McHugh, Naas & The Wood  
Phil Mahon, Bunclody, & The Wood  
Patrick & Tom Kelly, Castlesallagh,  
Donard



**Stratford: 9.30am (Sun)**

Bill Byrne, Doctor's Road  
Richard & Elizabeth Barrett, Ballinatone  
Thomas & Mary Whittle, Rathbran  
Edward & Sarah Doran & Richard  
Burke, Winetavern

**The next date for cleaning the Parish Church in Baltinglass is 10am on Friday 14th January.**

**Weekend Mass Times**

***Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm  
& Sunday 11am.***

***Stratford & Grange Con***

***Every Second Sunday @ 9.30am***

**Weekday Mass Times**

***Daily 10am in St. Paul's Oratory,  
the Parish Centre, Baltinglass. .***

We Pray for  
**Michael O'Neill**, Glencannon  
**Michael Leigh**, Shroughaun  
& **Joseph Stephenson**, Rathtoole  
& Surrey

Who have died recently.  
*May they rest in peace.*



**First Holy Communion.**

A meeting of the Parents who volunteered to help with the Programme will be held on Thursday 13th January @ 8pm in the Parish Centre.



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

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2011.**

Baltinglass, Hacketstown, & Rathvilly/  
Kiltegan Parishes. Pilgrimage Tour—  
29th August 2011 for 5 nights. Breakfast.  
Lunch & dinner. €749.00. Free Travel  
Insurance up to age 85 years. Additional  
premium €25 for persons aged 86 to 94  
years. Supplement: single Room €175  
(very restricted). Deposit €200 pp.  
Escorted by Fr. Tommy Dillon.

***We Welcome into our Christian  
Community*** through the  
**Sacrament of Baptism**  
During the month of  
**December 2010.**

Alex Gannon Costa  
Sarah Emily O'Reilly  
Noel George Slade Kavanagh



**TROCAIRE**

**WORKING FOR A JUST WORLD.**

A big thank you for helping Haiti. One year on from the January 12th earthquake Trocaire has used your donations to improve the lives of tens of thousands of the poorest people in Haiti, bringing sanitation, education and healthcare to those worst affected.

**Chi Kung & Stress Management.**  
**5 Week Course.**

Infinite Chi Kung combines deep breathing exercises & bodywork utilising different postures and movements, to help recapture the universal essence of 'CHI' life force of us. Venue: New Lalor Centre, Baltinglass.  
Date of Commencement: Thursday 20th Jan. 2011 from 7.30pm to 9pm. Cost €62 (payment in full on 1st night). Facilitator: Rosaleen Fadden. Phone 086 0789241 or 059 9137868.

**Upcoming Workshops at Mount St. Anne's  
Retreat Centre, Killenard, Portarlington.  
Saturday 29th January, 2011 -  
Music Therapy Workshop**

This workshop explores different ways of using music during the healing process. Ideal for carers, health professionals or for those who just enjoy music. Presented by Clara Monahan. €50 (includes lunch and tea/coffee breaks) Booking/Enquiries to: The Secretary on 057-8626153 or email: [msannes@eircom.net](mailto:msannes@eircom.net)

**TG4 docudrama to be filmed in Baltinglass,  
Co. Wicklow**

To facilitate the historical reenactment of an attempted bank raid and murder that took place in Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow in 1924, there will be a number of traffic disruptions in the town on **Sunday, January 16th**. The Main Street will be closed to vehicle traffic for 4 hours between **8am-12pm**. Pedestrians will have access to the bridge. They will also be filming on the left hand side of the Main Street from *Horans' Pub* adjacent to the *Bank of Ireland* as far as the bridge and ask the public for this side of the street to be left vacant by cars for that period of time. They will be reconstructing another scene from the story outside a green building on Edward Street opposite the Dutchman's Pub. To do this, they need the space outside this building car free and will need to stop traffic momentarily between **12pm-1pm**. Temporary traffic cones will be on the left hand side of Main Street on Saturday evening & traffic diversions will be in place with the co-operation of Gardaí & Wicklow Co. Council on Sunday. Motorists wishing to access Kiltegan, Hacketstown & Tinahely can do so via Shroughaun or by turning left at Yellow Ford Cross on the Rathvilly Road.

**Baptisms in St Joseph's Church,  
Baltinglass.**

Sunday 6th February 2011 @ 11.45.

**'PEACE STARTS WITH A SMILE'.**

### Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: **01, 08, 09, 16.**



**Jackpot winner:** No Winner.

**This Week's Jackpot** €6,200.

**Match three winners:** €50 each.

Ciara O'Neill, Elizabeth Nolan, Bawnogues, Michael O'Neill, 2 Ardglass, Martha O'Reilly, The Wood, Nigel Connor & Paddy O'Toole.

**Next draw** in Horan's Pub, Main Street on Monday 10th January 2011. Tickets €2.

### Stratford/Grangecon



#### GAA Lotto Results.

Winning Numbers 3, 5, 15, 27.

**No Jackpot Winner.**

**5 Match 3 Winners** - Peter Byrne, Gibraltar, Bernie Kelly, Winetavern, Bonnie Rigley, Station Road, John Phelan, Stratford, Sally Lavelle, Achill. **Sellers Prize** - Mark Caplice €30. 3 hampers for sellers was won by Margaret O'Neill, Stratford, David Nolan, Stratford, Kevin Buckley, Stratford. Next draw Mon. 10th Jan. in Kavanagh's Pub, Grangecon @ 9pm. Tickets now on sale. Thanks for your support.

### Baltinglass & District

#### Active Retirement.



First Outing of the New Year to Guinness Store House & City Hall on **Tuesday 11th January.** Bus leaving Weaver Square @ 10.30am sharp. Bus & entrance fee €27 approx. To confirm a place please contact Vera on 059 64 81 469.

**We remember all who are sick in our Parish at this time. May God bless them.**

### Table Quiz

In aid of St. Patrick's & St. Mary's Church, Rathvilly on Friday, 21st January in the Rathvilly Inn at 9.00 p.m. Admission €25 per table of 4.



### "Baltinglass Amateur Dramatics production of

" I do not like thee Dr. Fell" will take place Thurs 13th, Fri 14th, & Sat 15th of January at 8pm in Fatima Hall with the profits from the Saturday night performance going in aid of Cancer Research in memory of Trish Burke. As the original dates had to be postponed due to adverse weather, if you have a ticket for the original Saturday performance you do not need to buy another. Also tickets can be bought on the night. The play is a black comedy with strong elements of thriller and mystery and is funny, gripping and highly entertaining. Enjoy the show. All are welcome.

### Baltinglass Hospital.

'Thank you to all parishioners who donated gifts to residents in Baltinglass Hospital this Christmas. Thanks also to those who organised the collection of gifts in the three Churches. Happy new year to all.'

### NEWSLETTER.

Items for inclusion in the newsletter must be received **BEFORE 12 NOON ON THURSDAYS.** Items may be phoned, faxed or emailed to the Parish Office. Please include your name & contact details. **The Parish Office Opening hours are:**  
Monday to Friday:  
9.30am — 1pm & 1.30pm — 2.30pm.

Newsletter



*Baltinglass, Bigstone,  
Stratford & Grangecon*

The Baptism of Our Lord.

9th January 2011.

Dear Friends

As I finish my time here, I want to express my appreciation to all the people of the parish for your warm welcome, your co-operation, your engagement in the life of the parish and all the many moments of joy that have filled my time here.

**I have really enjoyed my time here. This has been a wonderful parish and I am glad of the chance to have worked here. I want to particularly thank Fr Tommy, Sr Brigid and Sr Carmel, Maria Humphreys, Nancy Hughes, Kay Halstead, May Markham and Marie Kelly for all that they have done for me during the past two and a half years.**

The three Churches here will always hold memories for me. For Stratford, I will remember the beautiful tree that grows just in front of the Church door. In winter, it was dark and the tree was not visible from inside, but then, bit by bit it became more visible, started to bear leaves and eventually it was a beautiful sight each summer. That is a key to understanding the mystery of our worship—we worship and pray at times in the darkness, at times not sure of where God is in our life, but then as we persist and grow, we see him more and more clearly.

**For Grangecon, the particular memory will always be the river. Very subtly, it formed a gentle sound as people gathered to pray and to give thanks to God....always flowing, often taken for granted! It is a little like our baptism. We are a baptised people; each of us belongs to God. We need not make a song and dance about that always, but it is something that is always there, flowing gently in the background, giving hope and keeping us fresh.**

For Baltinglass, the great feature has to be the magnificent Church itself. It is a credit to those who built it and a credit to you, their ancestors, who sustain it. The Church is a marvel, but more important is the believing community that gathers there to celebrate the Eucharist, to remember Christ as he asked us to do. Keep that faith alive and be proud of it! I am painfully aware that my departure to Paris is the first step in a process that will see a drastic fall in the number of priests active in this deanery and in this pastoral area. What is important is that people, despite the lack of priests, might continue to keep the tradition of faith alive. We do not know what lies ahead, it is beyond our imagining, but I would like to conclude with a line from Saint Paul in Chapter 8 of the Letter to the Romans:

*We are well aware that God works with those who love Him.*

Confident in that knowledge, we face all our futures, all our doubts, all our fears, with Hope!

God bless!  
Fr Sean.

