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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th August, 2017.

### Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6p.m. (Sat) Jim & Myra Kearney

11a.m. (Sun) Helena Dowling / Ciara O'Neill

Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Margaret Kealy



### 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, Seán & John Connolly

Grange Con: 9.30a.m. (Sun) Kay Moore



### This weekend: Baltinglass

#### Months Mind Mass

Paschal Dunne, Belan Street, Baltinglass

#### Anniversaries

Mary T. Quinn, Main Street

Bill & Elizabeth Leigh, Bawnogues

Norma Leigh, Australia

Betty Leigh, England

Anthony Leigh, Bawnogues & all deceased members of the Leigh Family

Mai & Mick Lalor, Mill Street & Sons Mikie, Dick & Daughter Mai

Mary Ellen Masterson, Kilashandra, Co Cavan

Peter & Catherine Farrell, Raheen

Annie Barrett, Ballinatone

Bridie Murphy, Bawnogues

Michael O'Toole, Tankardstown

Helen Doyle (née Byrne), Castledermot Road

Jack Plant, Parkmore

#### Stratford: 9.30a.m. (Sun)

Annie Barrett, Ballinatone, Stratford

Pat & Una Brady, Manger



### Weekend Mass Times.

*Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday*

*11a.m. Weekly Confessions after*

*6p.m. Mass on Saturdays.*

*Stratford & Grange Con :*

*Grange Con next Sunday @ 9.30a.m.*

*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.*

### Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery -

Tuesday, 15th August @ 11a.m.

### The Feast of the Assumption

### Feast of the Transfiguration of

**the Lord.** "Lord it is good that we

are here." The apostles saw the glory

of the Lord and we were strengthened

to go out to the world as heralds of

what they had seen. Is He calling you

to share your experience of Him with

others as a priest? Contact Fr. Ruairi

O'Domhnaill on 045 89 74 70 or

Email vocations@kandle.ie



We pray for

*Nora Glynn, Mill Street, Baltinglass*

*& Kilshanny, Clare.*

*who has died during the week.*

*May Nora rest in peace.*

**St. Joseph's Piety Shop** - for all your religious items. Visit the shop at the main door before and after the 11a.m. Mass every Sunday or at other times on request. Phone Kay on 087 79 71 726.

Newsletter now available on [www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

Diocesan web site: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

### BALTINGLASS CEMETERY MASS - SUNDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 2017.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For all vehicles *there will be a one way system in operation.*

Access to the Cemetery by way of the junction at Eldon Bridge (Dublin road).

Entry from Chapel Hill will be for pedestrians only.

*Parking in the Cemetery is ONLY for people with a mobility problem.*

This parking is limited & will only be available up to 6.20p.m.

You are advised to come early to get a parking spot. *For Health & Safety reasons* entry to the Cemetery after 6.20p.m. will be for pedestrians only.

*Local Gardaí will be on duty* and have asked for your assistance so that everything can run smoothly.

**Collectors - Baltinglass Church in August**

Saturdays @ 6p.m. Mass:

**Main Aisle:** Paddy Kelly / Liam Burke

**Convent Aisle:** David Leigh

**Lalor Aisle:** Martin Donegan

Sunday @ 11a.m. Mass:

**Main Aisle:** Joseph Kavanagh / Sean Smith

**Convent Aisle:** Frank Doyle

**Lalor Aisle:** Geraldine O'Reilly

### Summer Collection for our Priest & the supply Priests of the Parish.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to this collection.

### Kildare Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough

**Derg** on Sunday 13th August to Tuesday

15th August 2017. For further information and

bookings please contact Michael on

087 66 97 902 or Joe on 087 38 15 887.

### Lough Derg 2017: You may begin the Three

Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including

Sunday 13th August. Advance booking is not

necessary. Further information available

regarding public transport by telephoning

Maureen or Lorraine on 071 98 51 518

(from NI 00353 71 98 61 518).

Email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

### At Our Cemetery Mass - We will remember.

In the hush of the evening, alone I sit,  
recalling times past.

In the silence of my heart, I call your name,  
I seek your face.

Memories, treasures of the heart,  
testimonies of a life lived; wrapped in silence,

I hold too my memories of love.

They are the balm that heals my soul;  
as I look within I find my peace.

We will remember.

Time moves on as each dawn brings a new  
sunset; nothing is lost, no one forgotten;  
memories stir within, the harvest of my soul.

We will remember. I will remember,

I will never forget.

I hold you in the palm of my hand.

We will remember....I will remember

hold on to your memories of love.

### National Novena Knock,

August 21st. The national launch of the year of preparation takes place on this day. We will be officially represented by a family from the diocese. There is also an open invitation to all to travel to knock for this occasion.

### Arles Parish Barbecue in aid of Arles

Parish Church Restoration Fund on Sunday 20th August from 3p.m. Coolanowle Country House & Organic Farm, Arles. Live music and dancing, organic food, teas, coffees and cakes. Face painting and a special Teddy Bear's picnic will be held for the children, among many other attractions. Tickets are available from committee members and from the Parish Office - only €20 - children free. All welcome.

### Family Picnic - Bishop Denis invites

families & extended families to join him for a

family picnic on Sunday, August 27th in

Punchestown. A great afternoon of

entertainment and fun is being planned, so

save the date and get your extended family

to save it too!

### **Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results.**

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 04, 11, 20, 26.  
**No Jackpot winner. This Week's Jackpot:**  
€17,000. **Match 3 winners.** - €25 each.  
Kathleen Harper, Con Murphy, C. Staunton,  
C. Whelan, Edward Doyle, Anne Lawler,  
Lorcan O'Toole, Nigel Byrne, Tom Hegarty,  
Lorraine O'Neill, Ned Byrne, Louise McGeer &  
June Smith.

**Next draw** is in Timmins Pub, Weaver Square  
on Tuesday, 8th August @ 10p.m.

Tickets €2. Play online [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

**Hamper Sponsored by Lloyds Pharmacy**  
winner - David Walsh, Mallinswood, Grangecon.

### **Stratford/Grange Con GAA**

#### **Club Lotto Results**

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 03, 04, 06, 21.  
**No Jackpot Winner. This Week's Jackpot:**  
€5,250. **Match 3 Winner** - €250.

**Gay Kinsella. Sellers Prizes:** €30 each.  
Brigid Bollard & F.H. O'Neill.

**Next Draw** is in Stratford-Grange Con  
Clubhouse on Tuesday, 8th August @ 9p.m.  
Play online at [www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie)

### **Split the Pot Results.**

**1st Prize:** €200 - Brigid Bollard  
**2nd Prize:** €25 - Aisling Byrne  
**3rd Prize:** €25 - Keith Pender.

**Free Home Insulation:** If you are a home  
owner living in Co. Wicklow & surrounding  
Dublin areas on a low income, you may qualify to  
get your home insulated free of charge. To qualify  
for the scheme you must be an owner occupier &  
in receipt of either Job Seekers Allowance for  
more than 6 months with a child aged U7, Fuel  
Allowance, Family Income Supplement or One  
Parent Family Payment. Phone 01 28 66080 for  
further details.

### **\*\*NEWSLETTER\*\***

Articles for inclusion in the newsletter must be  
received before 12 noon on Thursday. Articles  
can be emailed or dropped into the Parish Office  
& must include your name & contact details.

### **Parish Office Opening Hours.**

Monday to Friday - 9.30a.m. - 1p.m.  
& 1.30p.m. - 2.30p.m.

### **A variety of fresh Vegetables and Eggs** **are for sale** in the *Tearmann Community*

*Garden*, Monday to Friday from  
9.30a.m. - 12 noon. All are welcome.

*Think globally, act locally.*

### **The Annual Baltinglass Classic Car & Motorcycle**

run takes place on Sunday  
Aug 13th. A large selection of classic vehicles  
will be on view in the town early Sunday until  
the run gets under way at 2p.m. West Wicklow  
Classic & Vintage Vehicle Club invite all clas-  
sic car & bike owners to join us. Entry is €20  
including Dinner, a driver's draw etc. Funds  
raised go to Solas Dunlavin Special Class for  
Autism & West Wicklow Daycare Service. An  
extra feature this year is the 87 Challenge  
where as many 87 registered vehicles as possi-  
ble will be present. Another feature will be the  
Ford 100 celebration to celebrate 100 years of  
Ford in Ireland. Special prizes for Ford cars.

### **As an additional feature of Baltinglass**

**Classic Car and Motorcycle run** there  
will be an indoor Auto Jumble & Trade Fair in  
Fatima Hall, from 10a.m. on Sunday August  
13th. An opportunity to pick up a part for your  
classic car or tractor etc. There will be stalls  
selling used & new parts for classic and mod-  
ern vehicles. Among the stands already booked  
are car care products, new & used car parts,  
garden equipment & parts, tractor parts,  
household goods etc. Adm. to the Hall is free.

### **Rathdangan's 1st King & Queen of the wellies event,**

Sunday, August 6th. There will  
be a race approx. 2km followed by an obstacle  
course. The 1st 3 home qualify for a short  
decider race. Girls & guys will walk run or crawl  
separately with a break between races. Kiddies  
races on the day. Money raised will go to  
Baltinglass hospital patient's comfort fund.  
Registration is €5 for the big race & starts at  
3p.m. in the community field for aged 14  
upwards. Competitors must be in full length  
wellies & optional fancy dress. Bring a picnic &  
enjoy it in the park. Followed by prize giving &  
a Cross Roads Dance in the village with Hillbilly  
Porter supplying the music.

**Tom Byrne will supply the music** On Saturday  
12th August in O'Toole Hall, Rathdangan. Light  
refreshments served.



## *Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon*

The Transfiguration of The Lord. 6th August, 2017.

### **A Word from Fr Tommy**

What a great, wonderful, amazing and beautiful experience I had in the Parish of  
Baltinglass. What lovely people I was privileged to meet, work with and get to know.

We had so many family celebrations, many happy and so enriching and so many sad  
and lonely. I would like to say thanks to all the people of Balto, Grange Con,  
Stratford on Slaney and Bigstone. I will never forget the welcome I received when  
I arrived, the hospitality always, the co-operation, support, generosity,  
understanding and tolerance given to me. It had to be experienced to be believed in  
the heart.

The willing active involvement of so many gifted people in all the organisations and  
groups and activities is a source of great hope as the parish moves forward into the  
future that is and will be always challenging.

My time in St Joseph's Parish, Baltinglass and the whole experience has enriched my  
life and I will be forever grateful.

The celebration Friday night 28th July and the Hooley in the Parish Centre  
afterwards and the wheelbarrows of tarts, scones and Dilly's cake, the music,  
singing and the craic was so special.

Continue to believe and know in your hearts that you, the people of Baltinglass  
Parish, are so beautiful and precious and delightful in the sight of God. I will  
remember you forever and I know you will "put in a word for me".

*With love, Tommy.*

**Céad Míle Fáilte to Father Ger who has arrived in Our Parish  
this week. We assure him We will do all we can to make  
him "feel at home". We trust you will be very happy  
Fr. Ger in Our midst.**