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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd February 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Mary Hayes

11am (Sun) Michael Cogan / Catherine Burke

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Mary Whittle

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Patricia Carwood / Rena O'Toole / Matt O'Brien

11am (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Soley Augustine / Seán & John Connolly

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Breda Kelly



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm Anniversaries

Jack, Elish, John & Ger Kilcoyne, Mill St.

Lily Burke (née Coogan), Mayo & Knockfield

William Crampton, Parkmore

Dylon Keogh, Clough

Carmel Scanlon, Shroughaun

Tommie Dooley, Chapel Hill

PJ Nolan, Rathtoole House

William Dunne, Corballis

Johnny Kavanagh, Hughestown

Grangecon: 9.30am

Michael Kealy, Ballycore

Jack Keogh, Winetavern



We pray for
Meredith Paleen English
Key West, Florida
whos Funeral took place in Florida today
(Saturday).

May Meredith rest in peace.



Pro Life Carlow

Talk with Vicky Wall of Every Life Counts in Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow Thurs. Feb. 7th 7:30pm located in the Milford room suite. Organised by Family & Life. Vicky lost a child shortly after birth with life limiting conditions & joined Every Life Counts to offer help & support to children & couples who are expecting a child with short term life diagnosis. All welcome

Weekend Mass Times

Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday 11am.

Weekly Confessions

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays
Stratford & Grangetown
Stratford next Sunday 9.30am.

Weekday Mass Times

Daily 10am in St. Paul's Oratory, The Parish Centre on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Monday 10am St. Paul's Oratory.

Sincere Thanks

to all who contributed to the stained glass windows now installed in St. Paul's Oratory. Thanks to your generosity we will be able to repaint the Oratory in the near future.

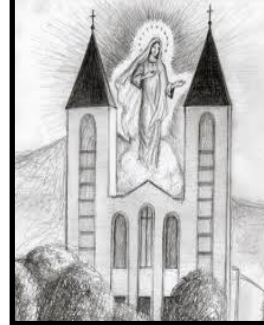
Rome/San Giovanni

15th / 22nd April Easter

with Papal Ceremonies in Rome for the Easter Period. 7 nights €995 pps. Payments can be made in instalments. Contact James Treacy on 061 92 1470 or 086 05 72 216.

Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie

Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board at Hotel Wojtyla
Contact Parish, Fr. Ger or Andy Murphy for details.

Guides who work in Medjugorje will visit us on Saturday 2nd February and speak at 6pm Mass that evening. They will share their experience of growing up in Medjugorje since the beginning of the apparitions of Our Lady in 1981.

Collectors in February in Baltinglass Saturdays @ 6pm Mass

Main Aisle: Billy Norton / Jim Kearney

Convent Aisle: David Leigh

Lalor Aisle: Kathleen Hanlon

Sunday @ 11am Mass

Main Aisle: Willie Cullen / Alf Gillespie

Convent Aisle: John Burke

Lalor Aisle: Simon Murphy

Fr Gerry O'Hanlon SJ Will Give a

Talk on his book "The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis – A synodial Catholic Church in Ireland?" Tues. 19th Feb. at 7.45pm in Leighlinbridge Parish Centre. Fr O'Hanlon has written extensively on Church reform & the role of the Church in the public square. Bishop Denis will be in attendance for what will be an interesting opportunity to gain an insight into a vital change for the Church. All are welcome.

The Three Tenors in Concert

Borris Church, Carlow, Sat. 16th Feb. 8pm. Tickets €25. Available from The Parish Centre, Borris, O'Sheas Centra Borris, Brophy's Shop Borris, The Little Shop Bagenalstown & Doran's Supervalu Graigue-namanagh. Fundraiser for Borris Church.

Pre-Marriage Courses 2019

Accord Carlow

Feb 8th & 9th, March 8th & 9th, April 5th & 6th. Bookings can be made online at www.accord.ie Phone 059 91 38 738.

Michael English

& his Band in Concert

in aid of St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Parishes
Thursday 28th February @ 8pm.

Doors open at 7pm. Tickets €25 and on sale from Moore's, Grangecon, Patterson's Butchers, O'Reilly Stores, Baltinglass; The Parish Office; Fiona 087 68 64 596; Mick 087 28 75 011; Avril 087 41 19 214; & Ashling 085 76 79 973.

Bigstone N.S. Open Evening

Thurs. 7th Feb. 6.30-7.30pm. Prospective parents are invited to come along to see our school & meet our teachers. If you wish to enrol your child & cannot attend contact the school on 059 91 61 171 or Email bigstonens1@gmail.com

Day of Prayer for Healing

in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert - Sat. 2nd Feb. Eddie Stone. Bus departs Church Car Park Tullow 8a.m. via Killerig Cross, Clonsh Stores & bus stop Barrack Street, Carlow. Bring a packed lunch. To book a seat phone 059 91 51 245.

West Wicklow Cancer Support

Drop-in meeting Thurs. 31st Jan. 7.30pm in the Coimin Centre, Blessington. **Theme of evening**, which will be presented by the group is - evening of meditation, relaxation & reflection. All welcome.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
03, 23, 24, 26.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot - €11,100.

2 Match 3 winners - €150 each.

Ann Howard and Olive Thompson.

Next draw in Horan's, Main Street Mon.
Jan. 28th @10pm. Tickets €2. Play online -
www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
15, 17, 23, 30.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This week's Jackpot - €19,500.

Match 3 Winners - €40 each.

Patricia Reville; Jennifer Bollard;

Brendan Govern; Dawn Keogh; Mary Fox;
Celia & Linda; Evelyn Ryan.

Sellers Prize: €30 - Francis H. O'Neill.

Next draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Club
House Mon. 28th @ 8.45pm. Tickets €2.
Play online at www.stratfordgrangeconkaa.ie

Dinner Dance Sat. 9th February
in Germaines, Baltinglass and promises
to be a great night. Tickets on sale from
Ellen O'Neill.

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Tony Keogh
2nd Prize: €50 - Margaret Hughes
3rd Prize: €25 - Edward Wall
4th Prize: €25 - Barbara Gethings

NEWSLETTER

Articles for the newsletter **must be received before 12 noon Thursday.**
Articles can be emailed or left into the
Parish Office. They must include your name
& contact details.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Mon. Wed. & Fri. - 9.30am - 1pm.
& Thurs. 9.30am - 1pm
& 1.30pm. - 2.30pm

Tearmann Community Garden.

Work has commenced on development of a
Dementia & Disability Friendly Garden in
Baltinglass parish grounds. This is a local
amenity. In order for it to succeed, we need
the backing of the community. We are
fundraising to meet the shortfall of 25% of
construction costs which our Leader Grant
does not cover. We would greatly appreciate
contributions from the local Community
to meet this shortfall. Any amount, no
matter how small, will make a difference.
Donations can be handed in to the Parish
Office or the Committee by phoning
Patricia on 086 37 83 168 / Mary on
087 69 13257. Sincere thanks to the busi-
nesses who have already generously donated
to this worthwhile Community project.

Rathdangan Drama Group

next production is "Try anything Twice" by
William Roche. **Dates:** Fri 22nd, Sat. 23rd,
Sun. 24th Feb. & Fri 1st, Sat. 2nd, Sun. 3rd
March. Tickets €10 adult, €5 child U 12.
Available from the Village Pantry, Seamus
086 34 43 805 or Filie
085 10 09 244.

Women's Strength & Conditioning Classes starting soon Wed. 10am.

Beginner's or advanced. Phone
087 06 27 563.

Ramblers Seisun in

O' Toole Memorial Hall Friday Feb. 15th.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

Happy New Year to all members.

Next Meeting Wed. 30th Jan. 3pm in
Germaines. New members welcome.

Feb. Coffee Morning Fridays 11am in The
Community Tea Rooms.

Proposed Holiday Venue for 2019

Scotland 4 nights from Sun. 2nd June.
Interested members, phone 087 29 99 571.
Annual Fees are now due.

*Baltinglass, Blystone,
Stratford & Grangecon*

3rd Sunday in ordinary time.

27th January 2019

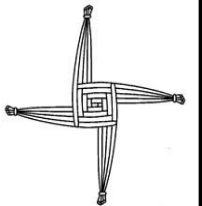
Brigid Brings the Spring

The children sing that St. Brigid's Day marks the re-awakening of all the trees and flowers and calls the birds to sing! I'm sure you have noticed the 'stretch in the evenings' as daylight takes a stronger hold and perhaps you have been surprised and delighted to see the first snowdrops and the budding daffodils. We all long for a new springtime in our spiritual lives too. Brigid speaks to our world today. In keeping with her Celtic traditions, she was wonderfully attuned to nature and appreciated that the fruits of the earth were for everyone. So, we can draw inspiration from Brigid's own life as she re-awakened much hope, joy and new life in the people of her time, by the ways in which she loved and gave of herself so generously to all. She brought light into the darkness of peoples' lives. St. Brigid, spread your mantle of blessing upon all of us and may your light continue to shine in us and around us this Springtime.

St. Brigid's Blessing

May St. Brigid bless you and make you generous in your giving,
Pleasant in your greeting, Honest in your seeking, Loyal in your loving,
Clear in your thinking, Strong in your working And joyful in your living.
And when it's time for your homecoming, May there be peace in your passing
And a warm welcome in heaven. Amen

Many women in the parish have been making St. Brigid's Crosses for the past few weeks. These are on sale this weekend and next at the Church doors for €2. All proceeds will go the Peter McVery Homeless Trust. The practice of placing a Brigid's Cross in the home has been traditionally understood as a protection against fire, sickness and danger.



Catholic Schools Week Begins Sunday 27th January

As we begin Catholic Schools week, we pray for our parish schools, that they may be places where our catholic faith is loved, learned and lived.

The Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of throats after 9.30am Mass in Stratford and after
11am Mass in Baltinglass on Sunday 3rd February.