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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st March

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Mary Hayes
11am (Sun) Michael Cogan / Catherine Burke

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Liam Brady

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Patricia Carwood / Rena O'Toole / Matt O'Brien
11am (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Soley Augustine / Sean & John Connolly

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Ina O'Keeffe



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm

Anniversaries

Ned, Sarah & James Gahan, Carrigeen
Nancy Hughes, Beech Avenue, Parkmore
Thomas & Rita Harte, Mill Street
Dr. Patrick Lord, Baltinglass
Kathleen Logan, Grangecon
James Geraghty, Rathmines
Richard & Emma O'Neill, Oldtown
Tom, Michael & Gerry Curry, Bawnogues
Peg Byrne (nee Rogers). Walkinstown & Edward St.
Peter Doyle, Tinoran & all deceased members of the Doyle Family, Tinoran
Mary & Edward Hanlon, Tuckmill
Johnny Burke, Woodfield
Nan & Jack Nolan & Molly Murphy, Tinoran
Joe & Bridget Doody, Tuckmill Hill
David Connolly, West Demense
Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am
Jim & Bridget Byrne, The Rocks



Weekend Mass Times

Baltinglass: Sat. 6pm & Sun.
11am.

Weekly Confessions

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays
Stratford & Grangecon
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.

Lenten/ Easter Collection

for Our Priest & the supply Priests of the Parish. This envelope is in your box of envelopes and can be dropped into the collecting bags when you wish.

Folk Group Practice

Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All are very welcome.

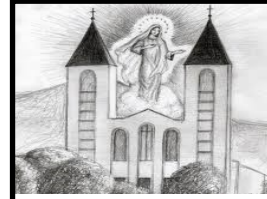
Confirmation

Please remember the children who are preparing for confirmation which takes place Sun. 7th April at 1pm. A retreat for the children will take place on Thursday, 28th March beginning with 10am Mass in the Oratory.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays -St. Paul's Oratory 10.30am -11.30am
Sundays in Grangecon Church 3 - 4 pm.

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

Choir Practice

every Wed. in the Parish Centre from
8 - 9pm. New members very welcome.

Pre-Marriage Course

Accord Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses. May 10th & 11th, June 7th & 8th, Sept 6th & 7th, Oct 4th & 5th. You are required to attend a Pre-marriage course if you are getting married in a Catholic Church. Please book early to avoid disappointment as there are no courses in July and August. Book on-line at www.accord.ie. For further information contact Mary at 059 91 38 738.

Saint Vincent De Paul

would like to thank those that contributed so generously to the recent collection. The total collected was €1616.81. Customers of Quinn's EuroSpar and Gillespie's Supervalu are reminded that they can donate their loyalty points to SVP. Simply ask the cashier to swipe your points to SVP. The on-going support of Quinn's EuroSpar, Gillespie's Supervalu and their customers is making a genuine difference to those less well off in Baltinglass and the surrounding areas.

West Wicklow Cancer Support

Drop in Meeting Thurs. 28th March 7.30pm in the Coimin Centre, Main St., Blessington. The theme is an Easter Theme, decorating & creating an Easter display, followed by some light meditation and refreshments. All are welcome.

Baltinglass Parish Bingo

Every Monday night at 8.30pm in Fatima Hall.
Your support would be appreciated.

Springtime - what's growing in nature?
What do I want to see growing in my heart & life?

Blessington Bingo

Starting Wed 27th March 8.15pm in Avon Ri.
Excellent prizes. Bingo Book & Flyers €10.



Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
01, 03, 16, 30.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot - €12,700.

Match 3 winner - €35 each.

Paula McHugh, Mary Donegan,
Mary Clare O'Reilly, Sean Kelly,

Margaret Ovington, Kathleen Fitzgerald,
Jimmy Thorpe, Patricia Jones, Mary Ross.

Next draw March 25th in Timmins' Pub,
Weaver Square @ 10pm. Tickets €2.

Play online - www.localotto.ie

Thanks for your support!

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
08, 12, 14, 19.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This week's Jackpot - €20,000.

Match 3 Winners - €25 each.

Tommy Russell, Tommy Nolan, Michael O'Brien,
Patrick Linnane, W. Cleary, Murty Scully,
Katie Scully, Jimmy Whittle, Paddy Rouse,
Daphne Kelly.

Seller's Prize: €30 - O'Reillys

Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House,
Monday 25th March @ 8.45pm.

Tickets €2. Play online at

www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Thanks for your constant support!

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Stuart O'Moore

2nd Prize: €50 - Breda Keogh

3rd Prize: €25 - Lily Brennan

4th Prize: €25 - Eamon Tobin

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.

Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1pm
& 1.30pm. - 2.30pm.

Easter Revision Courses

for Leaving & Junior Cert at Leinster Senior College, Newbridge from Monday 15th to Friday 19th April. Excellent Teachers - Excellent Results.

To book - phone 045 487 811 or online at www.leinsterseniorcollege.ie

Rathvilly & Castledermot Garden & Flower Club

March meeting is on Thursday 28th at 7.30 pm in Teach Diarmada. It will be a Flower Arranging Work Night led by Marie O' Leary. Marie will teach us how to create some suitable seasonal arrangements for our homes at Easter time. We will have our usual tea, biscuits & chat as well as our popular raffle. Entry €5 & Raffle €5.

All are very welcome.

O'Toole Hall Rathdangan

In a world full of stress and rushing around, it's nice to take time out to unwind and relax. On Friday April 12th between 7pm & 8pm Serenity Sound will host a relaxing healing sound bath with meditation. All you need to bring is a mat, a blanket and comfy warm socks. For more information or to book a place which is €17 please phone or text Tess on 087 61 73 879.

NTR Pilates

Classes for all levels with Naomi. Naomi is a Registered Exercise Professional with REPs Ireland, has a nursing background of 14 years and holds an Advanced Diploma in Pilates Mat work, EQF Level 4 from Pilates Institute of Ireland.

Classes for All levels and Pregnancy.

Classes run Monday evenings and Saturday Mornings in Baltinglass Parish Centre. Please phone 086 33 50 980 for more details.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) is on Wednesday 27th March at 3pm in Germaines.

Grangecon Primary School

If you wish to enrol your child in Grangecon N.S. for Sept 2019, enrolment forms are available from the school office. Please phone 045 40 31 11 or email grangeconns1965@gmail.com

Our Open Evening

9th May 6pm - 8pm. Everyone welcome.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS—BIGSTONE—GRANGECON—STRATFORD

3rd Sunday of Lent

24th March 2019

Thought for Lent from Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressure and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Dig even deeper! - 'Signposts on the Road to Emmaus'

If you would like to explore even more the aspect of the Mass of Sunday's homily you can do so by coming along to 'Signposts on the Road to Emmaus' - this Tuesday in the Parish Centre from 7.30 - 9pm. The programme will continue on Tuesdays 2/9 April.

LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

Daily Mass

St. Paul's Oratory

Tuesday-Friday 10am

Prayer Service on Mondays

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Spend some time with the Lord.

St. Paul's - Friday 10.30-11.30am

Grangecon - Sunday 3 - 4pm

Stations of the Cross

Visit the church daily/weekly and meditate on the Way of the Cross.

Fast and Abstinence

One day a week.

Give up something you enjoy.

Family Prayer

Take some time to pray as a family, perhaps around the table after the evening meal using the icon you received at Christmas.

Trócaire Box

Have a box in your home & support this year's Lenten Campaign. Boxes available in church porches. (€3,783 in 2018)



Signposts on the Road to Emmaus

Attend this four night programme exploring the Mass. Parish Centre 7.30-9pm Tuesdays 19/26 March & 2/9 April