Parish Team: Fr. Ger Ahern: 059 - 64 82 768. Sr. Eileen Deegan - 059 64 81 123.

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Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Fiona Kavanagh & Anne Leigh.

Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st July

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Una McKeever / Tommy Doyle

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/ Bernie Kilcovne / Soley Agustine / John Connolly

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Ina O'Keeffe

This weekend - Baltinglass Months Mind Mass

Jack Donoghue, Holdenstown

Anniversaries:

David Deans, Carrigeen

Pat Fitzgerald, 47 Parkmore

Marcella Murray, Main Street

Mary Finnegan, Clontarf & her daughter Caragh

Patrick (Paddy) Miley, Ballyraggan

Michael Groves, Parkmore

John Paul Flood, Naas

Kathleen Lennon, 15 Rocky Pool Crescent, Blessington

Annie Byrne, Main Street

Mary Kehoe, Clough

Mary F. Heffernan, Eadestown

Lewis Patrick Moore, Winetavern

Betty Shortt, Chapel Hill

Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am

John Joe, Mary & Patrick Sleator, Grangecon

Ita Germaine, Perth & Bessina, Grangecon

William Cullen, Rathbran & his brothers Mick & Lar

Cullen, London & Rathbran

John Fleming, Griffinstown

Christopher & Annie Fenlon, Barronstown & all

deceased members of the Fenlon Family

Annie Harte, Barronstown

Sarah Moore, Ballinure

Reek Sunday 28th July

The annual national pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick 'Reek Sunday' Sun. 28 July. Mass will be celebrated on the summit of the mountain on the hour with the first Mass at 8am and last Mass at 2pm. Confessions will be available on the summit from 7:30am to 2pm.



Weekend Mass Times

Baltinglass: Sat. 6pm & Sun.

11am.

Stratford next Sunday 9.30am.

Weekly Confessions

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays

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.

CEMETERY MASSES

Baltinglass Cemetery

Sun. 4th Aug. 3pm

Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery

Thurs. 15th Aug. 11am

Lough Derg 2019

The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently open. Y ou may begin on any day until Tues. 13th Aug. Advance booking is not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Phone Lorraine on 071 9861518 (from NI 00 353 71 9861518) email: info@loughderg.org

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

Collectors in July - Baltinglass

Saturdays @ 6p.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Pat Kearney / Matt O'Brien

Convent Aisle: Mikey Keogh Lalor Aisle: Joey Fagan Sunday @ 11a.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Willie Cullen / Alfred Gillespie

Convent Aisle: Anthony Gill Lalor Aisle: Michael Cogan

Parish Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE

Thursday 29th Aug - 5th Sept. Cost €725
Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board.

**Details from: Parish Office 059 64 81 254
Fr. Ger 087 629 8881

Andy Murphy 087 09 00 819.

Kildare & Leighlin Pilgrimage to LOURDES

1st - 6th Aug. €759. Booking forms available from the Parish Office.

Eist Cancer Support Centre

Afternoon Tea. Music by Tina
Kavanagh on Wed. 24th July 3 - 5 pm in the
Eist Cancer Support Centre, Carlow (opposite
Carlow Castle). Tickets €10 and available at the
Eist Centre. To purchase tickets phone the
Centre - 059 91 39 684.

Coastal Rosary for Life Faith and Love

Join in with thousands of people all around Ireland, as we gather on our coasts, near rivers, in our churches, at grottos etc. to pray the Rosary for Life, Faith and Love on Sunday Oct. 13th at 2.30pm. We will join in with many countries around the world. To register a location text/call 087 278 655 or Visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

Tearmann Garden

For sale - Organic Kale, Cabbage, Spinach, Broad Beans, Lettuce & Onions. Daily Mon. - Fri. 9am - 12 noon.

DON'T LET THEM DIE

The flower boxes around the town have added greatly to the town's appearance. But unless they are watered they WILL DIE. At present three volunteers do this. It takes up to four hours each evening. Could you give of your time at least on one evening. It would reduce the workload and make life easier for everyone. Volunteers meet at the Square, Baltinglass each week on Sat. 2.30pm, Tues. 6pm & Thurs 6pm. All help would be very appreciated. Contact Tom 087 6472652 if you can help.

GIO'S Walking Fellowship

Annual Sponsored Walk in aid of the Tearmann Community Garden.

Walk to Lugnaquilla Sat. 20th July.

Bus leaves Germaines at 10.30am & the walk will commence from Fenton's Pub, Glen of Imaal at 11am. Return Bus from Fenton's Pub to Germaines at 6pm sharp.

Sponsor cards available from Germaines.

DOG MISSING

A White 10 year old Japanese Spitz is missing from Baltinglass area since Wed. Neutered and microchipped. Answers to the name of Blanche. If found please contact Valerie on 085 225 4378.

Stratford N.S. "Buy A Brick"

Our "Buy A Brick" fundraiser is drawing to a close. It has been a phenomenal success, thanks to the generosity of our community and people from far and wide. We have raised approx.€20,000 to date. The Fundraising Committee would like to sincerely thank all the individuals, families and businesses who supported our fundraising efforts so generously. This money has been earmarked to kit out our playground to the highest possible standard. If anyone has "bricks" to return please contact any of the fundraising committee: Hilary Cronin, Caroline Kelly, Lena Byrne, Eamonn O'Keeffe, Catherine Staunton, Mark Evans, Juanita Nolan, Richard Whittle or Mary O'Keeffe.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers 12, 13, 22, 28.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.
This Week's Jackpot - €15,900.
Match 3 winners - €60 each.
Leonora Doyle, Síle Connolly, John Sleator,
Ronan Byrne, Valerie Byrne.

Next draw in Horan's Bar & Restaurant on Monday 15th July @ 10pm.

Tickets €2. Play online - www.locallotto.ie

Thanks for supporting your Club!

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers 03, 07, 21, 23.

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

Match 3 Winner - €20 each.

Samantha Lennon, Bieta Wisniewskia,
Loretta Daly, Janet McDermott, Junny Doyle,
Aoife Keogh, Mary Murphy, Sarah Cashin,
Niall O'Neill, Annemarie Murphy,
Sharon O'Connor, Grace Burke,
Jennifer Bollard, Gillian O'Toole.

Seller's Prize: €30 - Paul Moore.

Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club
House, Monday 15th July @ 8.45pm.

Tickets €2. Play online www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie Thanks for your constant support!

NEWSLETTER

Articles for the newsletter **must be received before 12 noon Thursday** and
can be e-mailed or left into the Parish
Office. Your name & contact details
must be included.

Parish Office Opening Hours
Monday to Friday: 9.30am - 1pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 1.30 - 2.30pm



Draws will take place on
Sundays after 11am Mass
8th/15th/22nd/29th September
PROMOTERS WANTED
For Draw Cards please contact
the Parish Office. €200 to be
returned with each full card.
PLEASE SUPPORT

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Deirdre Willis 2nd Prize: €50 - Maya Mahoney 3rd Prize: €25 - Brooke Donegan 4th Prize: €25 - Ingfa & Tom

Day Care Centre Annual Sponsored Walk

Sunday 28th July. Great event for all the family. Sponsorship cards available from committee members & reception at Baltinglass Hospital.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th July 2019

The Good Samaritan.

"Today's Gospel".

There is a voluntary group called The Samaritans who run a helpline for people who are in distress. Today's Gospel story gives us some idea of why the group is so called.

A wounded man was passed by on the road by a Priest and a Levite. They even went to the other side to avoid him. Along came the Samaritan traveller who was filled with compassion for the wounded man. He looked after him, bandaging his wounds.

Now our wounds may not be visible to others or indeed to ourselves. We struggle along from day to day in desperation not knowing who to turn to, unable to find words to express our desolation. All seems futile. But the good news is that there is a listening ear and it's only a phone call away.

Jesus comes to us through others. We may be the wounded person needing help or may be the good Samaritan or a bit of both. Who am I just now?

Jesus came to free us from our burdens. Our faith is so important - faith in God, faith in others and faith in ourselves.

The Samaritan's heart was open - he had compassion - and Jesus said. 'Go and do the same yourself".

Ann Sayers!



THANK YOU

A sincere word of thanks to all who contributed to making last Sunday's Fun Day a great success - our entertainers, exhibitors and those who gave of their services free of charge and those who donated prizes for the raffle. A special thanks to our catering team who ensured that the kettle was always on the boil. A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all. The committee are already looking forward to a bigger and better day next year!