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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th March 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Francis Balfe / Yvonne Balfe
11am (Sun) Alf Gillespie / Maggie Nolan

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Margaret Cronin

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Bernie Doogue / Pat Dunne / Mary Hayes
11am (Sun) Mary Gohery / Therése Kelly / Catherine Lord

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Helen O'Keefe



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm

Anniversaries

Billy O'Brien, Raheen & deceased members of the O'Brien Family

Madge & Hal Dunne, Shroughaun

Mick Lennon, Parkmore

Imelda Kavanagh, Athy

Ellen Nolan, Parkmore

Julia Nolan, Parkmore

Kathleen Nolan, Glencannon

Felix O'Neill, Weaver Square

Paul Rowe, Bawnogues

Pat, Peter & Mary O'Brien, Irongrange

Anne McGrath, Carrigeen

John O'Connor, 7 Parkmore

Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am

Months Mind

Margaret Nolan, Grangecon

Anniversaries

Maura & Barney Coleman, Knoxters Hill

Margaret Cronin, Springfield

Mary Harney, Colbinstown

Daniel & Bridget Coughlin, Dunlavin

Noel Sleator, Barronstown



We pray for
Pat Harney, Colbinstown
who died recently
May he rest in peace.



TROCAIRE BOXES

are available at the three Churches and at the Parish Centre. We encourage each family to give it a central place in their home during Lent, as we ensure others have a decent quality of life.

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.

Special Dublin/Kildare Christmas Pilgrimage Group to the Holy Land

Also Special Dublin/Kildare Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 31st October for Halloween. 8 nights taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee.

Also Special Dublin/Kildare Fatima/Lisbon Pilgrimage for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th/14th June Full Day trip to Lisbon Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima.

Contact James Treacy 086 05 72 216 for all of the above.

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.

First Penance

Mon. 11th March - Stratford Church 7.30pm

Tues. 12th March - Grangecon Church 7.30pm

Wed. 13th March - Baltinglass Church 7.30pm

Stop Food Waste Challenge

Baltinglass Fair Trade+ is hosting a Stop Food Waste Challenge as part of its campaign to raise awareness of recycling, reusing and reducing waste. The 'Challenge' consists of a course of four 1-hour sessions. It is a community-based campaign that brings people together to learn and share ideas about reducing food waste. The Challenge sessions, facilitated by James Callery of Wicklow County Council, will take place in The Tea Room, Main Street, Baltinglass, on four consecutive Wednesdays (13, 20, 27 March & 3 April), from 7 pm to 8 pm. Admission to the course of sessions is free but booking is important. You can book by phoning 087-6659999 or registering through the 'event' on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BaltinglassFT/

"The Knockadoon

Music and Liturgy Course

is now open for booking! Experience a week of music, friendship and community from the 11th to the 17th of August! More info available on our Facebook, Instagram & Twitter @KnockadoonML or our website www.knockadoonml.com"

Child Safeguarding - Standard 2

Procedures for Responding to Child Protection Suspicions, Concerns, Knowledge or Allegations.

Church bodies have clear procedures and guidance on what to do and how to ensure there is a prompt response when suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations arise regarding a child's safety or welfare. They also enable the Church to meet all national and international legal and practice requirements and guidance.

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.

Scoil Naomh Iosaf, Baltinglass

Enrolment Now Open 2019 - 2020 School

Year. Closing date is Fri. March 15th.

Enrolment forms available from the School

Office - phone 059 64 81 083 or

Email secretary@snibaltinglass.ie

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday 17th March

Starting from Lathaleere Industrial Estate, Baltinglass at 12.30 sharp.

Featuring the Ballymore Brass and Reed Band.

For further information phone

Fran -086 31 31 627 or

Noel - 087 24 48 975.

PTA of Scoil Naomh Iosaf

Thank you to the whole community for their contribution to a very successful cake sale. All funds raised will be of brilliant benefit to the children.

Try Rugbytots

Weekly play sessions enable boys & girls aged 2-5 to develop their social & physical skills in a fun environment. Classes run in Scoil Naomh Iosaf, Baltinglass. Phone 083 818 5726 for details.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
13, 18, 21, 27.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot - €12,300.

Match 3 winners - €50 each.

Kathleen Fitzgerald, Niall Kirwan, Billy Norton,
James Darcy, Matt T. Byrne, Denis Murray.

Next draw Monday 11th March in Horan's Pub,
Main Street @ 10pm. Tickets €2.
Play online - www.localotto.ie
Thanks for your support!

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
07, 08, 23, 25.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This week's Jackpot - **€20,000.**

Match 3 Winners - €85 each.

Bill & Leona Keogh, Tom Moore, Julie Burke.
Seller's Prize: Julie O'Loan.

Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House,
Monday 11th March @ 8.45pm.
Tickets €2. Play online at
www.stratfordgrangecongaea.ie
Thanks for your constant support!

Daffodil Day In Aid Of The Irish Cancer Society

will be held in Baltinglass & surrounding areas on
Friday 22nd March. All volunteer helpers would
be gratefully appreciated. If you wish to help in
anyway, please leave your name & number into
Patterson's Butchers or come along on the morn-
ing to McAlister. Donations of fresh daffodils
would be very gratefully received. **Carmel
Murphy**, area organiser for the Irish Cancer Society.

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.

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Maura Hanly

2nd Prize: €50 - Sheila Fagan

3rd Prize: €25 - Seamus Kelly

4th Prize: €25 - Clare Wash



Go Greener with Grangecon! The Parents Asso-
ciation of Grangecon N.S. have collaborated with
Grangecon Tidy Towns in a campaign to lower
the Ecological Footprint of Grangecon and sur-
rounding areas. The launch of this exciting initi-
ative is to take place in the centre of Grangecon
Village on Sunday, 10th March at 10:30am. There
will be tea/coffee and cakes, with music and a
few games for children. All welcome!

Baltinglass Day Care Committee

Next meeting is on Wed 13th March at the
Centre at 8pm. All welcome.

Clean Up For St. Patrick's Day

Meeting point at McAllister Wed. 6th March
5pm-7pm. All hands on deck to get the town
looking fabulous for St. Patrick's day. All tools
provided. We would appreciate your help.

Calling All Running Fans!

Register now to secure your place in the Coimín
Greenway 5k on Sunday the 16th of June.
The chip timed 5k race trail begins at The Avon
Blessington and runs along the Greenway.
Please see the Blessington AFC facebook page
for more details and to register online.

St. Patrick's Weekend

Fundraiser In aid of

Tinkerbell Community Preschool Ltd

in Kiltegan Hall on Saturday 16th March.

Supper served. Raffle on the night.

Music by The Wicklow Man.

Dancing from 10 - 12pm. Admission €8.

Your support would be gratefully
appreciated!

*Baltinglass, Blystone,
Stratford & Grangecon*

1st Sunday of Lent

10th March 2019



Thinking of what to do for Lent?

Bishop Denis is inviting all of us to take this time of Lent to
reflect on our celebration of the Mass and to renew our
own appreciation of the Sunday Mass as the highpoint of
our Christian life. Over the coming weeks a whole suite of
resources will be available on www.kandle.ie for parishes
and parishioners to draw upon.

Over the next four Sundays the homily will be devoted to a particular aspect of
the Mass. A leaflet will be available to take home. You can also watch each week
a short video on www.kandle.ie

Dig even deeper!

If you would like to explore even more the aspect of the Mass of the previous
Sunday you can do so by coming along to **'Signposts on the Road to Emmaus'** - a
four night programme on Tuesdays 19/26 March and 2/9 April in the Parish
Centre from 7.30-9pm.

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