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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th March 2020

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Niall Doogue / Laura Egan
11am (Sun) Elaine Byrne / Mary Vernon
Grangecon: 9.30am(Sun) Margaret Kealy



Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Michael Lennon / Noel Kennedy / Mary Patterson / Pat Fleming
11am (Sun) Mona Nolan / Maureen Plant / Kieran Cogan
Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Mick Kehoe



This weekend - Baltinglass

Anniversaries:

Phil O'Connor, Baltinglass & Beara
Annie Kingston, Bantry, Co. Cork
Joseph & Teresa Gethings, Parkmore
Christopher Foley, Belan Street
George Abbott, Parkmore
James Murray, Main Street
Mary & Caragh Finegan, Clontarf
John Gethings, 9 Parkmore
Paul Doody, Clough
Stratford: Sun. 9.30am
Peter Fluskey, Stratford



Annual Prayer for Christian Unity

We cordially invite you to join us for a Prayer Service for Christian Unity in St. Patrick's, Kiltegan 8pm Tues. March 3rd, with the Very Rev Tom Gordon, Dean of The Leighlin Union of Parishes as our guest speaker. The Prayer Service will be in St. Patrick's Chapel in the College building. We will have a cup of tea afterwards for all who attend.

World Day of Prayer

in St. Paul's Oratory Friday, 6th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Weekend Mass Times

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

Weekly Confessions Stratford & Grangecon

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays
Grangecon 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.

Day of Prayer for Healing

Emmanuel House of Providence,
Clonfert Sat. 7th March.

Speakers: Fr. Ml. Kennedy and Eddie Stone. Bus departs Church Car Park 8am sharp via Killerig Cross, Clough Stores and bus stop Barrack Street, Carlow. Bring a packed lunch. To book a seat Phone Lily on 059 91 51 245.

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

Indulge yourself for FT fortnight – Ready Steady Cocoa

Baltinglass Fairtrade group are pleased to have the support of our local catering outlets in supporting Fairtrade fortnight from 24th Feb to 8th March. The Community Cafe will be serving Fairtrade hot chocolate and Fairtrade Rocky road. Bia blasta, Horan's and The Perch will have Fairtrade Chocolate bakes on offer. In addition The Perch continues to serve Fairtrade coffee and Fairtrade tea. So treat yourself and in doing so be happy in the knowledge that you will be helping to provide the farmers and workers with stable incomes. When out shopping how about swapping your tea bags for Clipper Fairtrade tea bags or Clipper Fairtrade organic pure green tea bags which are plastic free, available in All things Natural? Would you swap your coffee capsules for Supervalu Signature tastes Classic Espresso available in Gillespies Supervalu? For your chocolate treat how about trying Spar Natural Dark chocolate bar made from organically grown cocoa beans available in Quinn's Spar? Don't forget the 7th March from 11 to 2 p.m. when the Baltinglass Fairtrade group will be at Mc Allister monument serving samples of Chocolate and Fairtrade bakes with Fairtrade hot chocolate Tea and Coffee. Come along to this free event.

Collectors in Baltinglass in March

Saturdays 6pm Mass

Main Aisle: Billy Norton / Liam Burke

Convent Aisle: Jim Kearney

Lalor Aisle: Kathleen Hanlon

Sunday 11am Mass

Main Aisle: Joseph Kavanagh /Prakash Devasia

Convent Aisle: Anthony Gill

Lalor Aisle: Michael Cogan

'Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY 13218)

Thurs. March 5th, collecting at Baltinglass Parish Centre up to 2pm that day. All items of wearable clothing, footwear etc welcome. **We cannot accept pillows, duvets or cushions.** To view a short film which captures the joy of what your amazing generosity funded last year please visit 'Rajiv 20' on 'Youtube'. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087 90 73 074.

A prayer vigil of reparation for Ireland's turning from Christ

Black Abbey Dominican Church Kilkenny, Sat. 7th March 2.30pm - 5pm. Mass 3.30pm. Devotions, silent adoration, confession, relic of the Holy Face and blessed oil from international shrine Tours France available. Ph. 085 2525 612.

Pro Life talk

Speakers: Carol Nolan and Michael Dwyer from Family & Life. Thursday March 5th at 7:30pm at Portlaoise Parish Centre in the Campur Room. All welcome!

Carlow College, St Patricks – Public Lecture

Dr Sarah Otten, lecturer in Philosophy and Ethics presents "Should I eat meat?" Where you can learn to explore, form and express moral judgements on Mon. 2 March at 1.45pm in Cobden Hall.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

Coffee Mornings: for March in Bia Blasta, Fridays at 11am. **Outing:** Thurs. 19th March to The Little Museum Dublin, to view the Exhibition on the Life of 'The Diceman' (Tom McGinty). Also included is a visit to The National Gallery's Exhibition of American Photography, and Irish Botanical Art. Bus departs Weaver's Sq. 10.30am. Phone Mary - 087 29 99 571. **Annual Holiday:** This year's venue is the Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle, Co Down on Mon. 15th June, for 4 nights. For details phone Mary on 087 29 99 571.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
03, 08, 12, 26.

Jackpot Winner - No winner.

This week's jackpot is €6,200.

Match 3 winners - €75 each.

Liam Moore, Tom Coleman, Rose Loonan
Kealan & Eve Kehoe.

Next draw is in Timmins' Bar on Monday 2nd
March. Monday at 10pm Tickets €2.

Play online at www.localoto.ie

Thanks for your support!

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
08, 09, 16, 19.

No Jackpot Winner.

This week's jackpot is €9,500.

Match 3 Winners €65 each.

Harry & Margaret, Sean Grace, Anna Calnan,
Martina Cush & Sarah Kearney.

Seller's Prize: Nick O'Neill.

Next draw is in the Clubhouse on Monday,
2nd March at 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

Play online: www.stratfordgrangeconгаа.ie

Thanks for your constant support!

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Noel McLoughlin

2nd Prize: €50 - Ashton, Zarah & Amira Pender

3rd Prize: €25 - Pauline Kavanagh

4th Prize: €25 - Katie Dunne

Thanks for your support!



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 26th Aug. - 2nd Sept. Cost €745

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board.

PLACES LIMITED

Flight to Mostar Airport only 30 minutes transfer to Medjugorje.

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 09 00 819 for details.

Kevin Barry 2020

A Dance will take place in Germaines
Sun. 1st March 7pm - 8pm. Proceeds will
go to the Kevin Barry Memorial in Rathvilly.

Wax, Shave Or Dye

Fundraiser in aid of Stratford Community
Shop and Café. Venue: Stratford Arms
on Friday 13th March at 8pm. D.J.
Adm. €10 on the door.

Baltinglass Library

Creative Writing Workshop

Saturday, March 7th from 2.30pm - 4pm.
Booking essential. Phone 059 64 82 300.
baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie

Free Event.

Kiltegan ICA

next meeting is on Wednesday March 4th
at 8pm. **Venue:** St. Peter's Hall, Kiltegan.
New members welcome.

NEWSLETTER

Articles for the newsletter must be
received before 12 noon Thurs. and can be
emailed or left into the Parish Office. Your
name and contact details must be
included.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Mon. & Fri. 9.30am to 1pm.

Tues. & Thurs. 9.30 to 1pm &
1.30 to 2.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office is closed **on Wednesday.**

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

1st Sunday in Lent A

1st March 2020

An Invitation to a Personal Commitment to Live Lent this Year...

In his Lenten, Bishop Denis reminds us that the 'smudged sign of the cross on our foreheads announces... a stepping into a special and sacred time for us, a Lenten time of renewal and of recovery of our identity as baptised Christians.' He goes on to say, 'By living Lent, with its disciplines of fasting, charity and prayer and all the many opportunities it gives us for renewal, we can arrive at Easter ready to truly commit to our baptism and ready to celebrate the joy of our faith, the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.'

See kandle.ie for the full text of Bishop Denis' Lenten letter.

Digging Deeper - Living Lent - Some Suggestions for the Week

- + Make the sign of the cross when leaving your home / passing a church / cemetery / before and after a meal
- + Give up social media for an evening (or more!)
- + Take some time to go on a walk and say a prayer along the way
- + Take a pause when you feel you want to give out
- + Give up a coffee / a meal out and donate the money you saved
- + Support Trócaire's Lenten appeal
- + **Scripture Reflection: A reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is available on kandle.ie**



Daily Mass

St. Paul's Oratory

Tuesday-Friday 10am

Prayer Service on Mondays

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Spend some time in the presence
of the Lord.

St. Paul's - Friday 10.30 - 11.30am

Grangecon - Sunday 3 - 4pm

Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph's Church Friday's 7.30pm

Family Prayer

Take some time to pray as a
family, perhaps around the table
after the evening meal.

Trócaire Box

Have a box in your home and
support this year's
Lenten Campaign.
(€3,204 in 2019)

Fast and Abstinence

Give up something you enjoy on one
day each week.

