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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 31st Aug. & Sunday 1st Sept.

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Mary Hayes / Marie Doyle
11am (Sun) Alf Gillespie / Maggie Nolan

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Peggy Kelly

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) Noreen Keogh



This weekend - Baltinglass

Anniversaries:

Mary Foley, Carrigeen
Joe Whelan, Holdenstown
Ann Carmody, Tankardstown
Michael O'Keeffe, 1 Parkmore
Josie & Anthony Twyford, Rathmoon

Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am

Tony Harte, Barronstown & Dublin
Margaret (Peg) O'Donnell, Ballinacrow
John McGeer, Knockrigg
Maggie Murphy, Seskin
Emma Louise Kehoe, Barronstown
Noel Moore, Grangecon
Jeremiah & Annie Moore, Grangecon



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

Family BBQ Fundraiser for Stratford Community Shop & Café

at the Community Centre/Scallywags this
Sun. 25th Aug. 2 - 5pm. €10 per adult.
Children free **BUT** must be accompanied
by an adult.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island

Sunday 8th September

Departing Baltinglass at 2.45pm,
Kiltegan 3pm, Hacketstown 3.15pm,
Rathvilly 3.40pm & Tullow 4pm.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 29th September.

Tour to Killarney

Mon. 16th - Fri. 20th September.

Staying in the Gleneagle Hotel.

*If interested in any of the above please
phone Duffy's Coach hire on
059 64 71 681 or 087 25 43 235.*



We pray for
Elizabeth McDermott,
Chapel Hill, Baltinglass
who has died.
May she rest in peace.

Libya and Baltinglass

We all see the sad news on television of vulnerable
refugee families living in camps in Libya with no
hope for the future. Would you be interested in
helping one family settle in this area and so provide
hope & a bright future for them & their children? If
you are why not come to the Recruitment Infor-
mation Evening on Mon 2nd Sept. in Germaines
from 6 to 9pm to find out more about this idea and
see if you like it. Alternatively you could phone
Máire Lawless 083 03 62 325.

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

Collectors in September in Baltinglass

Saturday 6pm

Main Aisle: Billy Norton / Liam Burke

Convent Aisle: Jim Kearney

Lalor Aisle: Kathleen Hanlon

Sunday 11am

Main Aisle: Garrett Byrne / Seán Smith

Convent Aisle: Jimmy Humphries

Lalor Aisle: Geraldine Reilly

The Community Pool for West Wicklow Committee

wish to thank everyone who attended the
Family Fun Day in Russborough House & helped
to make it a success. Minister for Health, Simon
Harris pledged that West Wicklow will have a
public swimming pool in the next 2 years! It also
marked the beginning of our fundraising cam-
paign to raise €1 million over 2 years. Keep an
eye out for our next event. If you'd like to get
involved in the campaign please email us at :
poolforWestWicklow@gmail.com.

Lights Drama Action Stage School

Now enrolling. 4 - 12 year olds. 8 week terms:
€60 per child, €100 for 2 children. Instilling
creativity and confidence in children. Sing,
dance, act etc. Beginning the week of 9th to
13th Sept. €5 introductory offer for the First
class. **Venues:** Blessington St. Joseph's Hall
Mondays 6pm - 7pm; Baltinglass Fatima Hall
Tuesdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm; Ballymore Band
Hall **Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm.** To secure your
child's place please contact Emilie on 085 27
91 939, Facebook: Lights Drama Action. Email:
lights.drama.action.stageschool@gmail.com

Baltinglass Library

is delighted to thank every child who took part
in its Summer Stars Reading Challenge.
A certificate and medal will be awarded to each
child who took part on Sat. 31st Aug. at 3p.m.
We would be delighted if you would join us for
the celebration.

New Tenants at Old Parochial House

St. Patrick's Missionary Society have leased the
property from us. Priests from the Society will
take up residence in the old Parochial House
from this week on. The Kiltegan Fathers
have had a long association with the parish.
We are happy to have them living among us
and extend to them a warm welcome.

Remembering Peter 'Coney' Byrne

A weekend of remembrance for Peter 'Coney'
Byrne in Rathdangan 7th-8th Sept. Peter was
tragically killed in a farm accident in April and
his loss is still deeply felt by the communities of
Rathdangan and Kiltegan. Rathdangan
Community Council is organising two events to
remember Peter. **The Lap of Coney run/walk/
crawl** will take place Sat. 7th 5pm. Registration
closes 4.30 and the event starts at 5pm sharp.
The route will circle the townland of
Ballymaconey where Peter lived. There will be
5km, 8km and 10km options. Sun. 8th Sept. a
tractor run will take place in Rathdangan
starting 2pm. Registration open 11am -1.30pm.
All drivers must be licensed and insured. This
will be followed by an auction and live music
outside Junior's Bar.

Newbridge & Kildare Samaritans

If you live in Co. Kildare or surrounding counties
& are interested in volunteering with the
Samaritans, come to one of our upcoming
information nights for prospective volunteers
Wed. 4th & Thurs. 5th Sept 8pm. in 3 McElwain
Terrace, Newbridge. 086 08 55 785.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

Back from summer break, the next meeting will
take place Wed. 28th Aug. in Germaines at
3pm. A representative from The Irish Hospice
Foundation will address the meeting, advo-
cating the value of having one's personal prefer-
ences recorded in the 'Think Ahead' booklet.
New members are always welcome to join us.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers **07, 09, 10, 30.**

No winner - This Week's Jackpot - €6,200.

Match 3 winners - €60 each.

Emily Coleman, Con Murphy, Marian Doyle,
John Osborne, Maureen Plant.

Next draw is in Horan's Pub Mon. Aug. 26th at 10pm. Tickets €2. Play online - www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers 10, 11, 23, 29.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This week's Jackpot - €20,000.

Match 3 Winners €65 each.

Carol Corcoran, John Love,
Shane O'Neill, John Love.

Seller's Prize: €30 - Kellyann Bollard

Next draw in the Clubhouse Monday,
26th August at 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Sarah Fleming

2nd Prize: €50 - Brendan O'Neill

3rd Prize: €25 - Bingo

4th Prize: €25 - Fleming Grandchildren

Host Families Required

We have Spanish Students attending Scoil Chonglais Mon. 26th Aug. to 27th Sept. with a hosting payment of €777.00 per students stay.

Students stay with Host families around Baltinglass & surrounding areas & attend School Mon. to Fri. & attend trips away every Sat. We require 2 new Hosts Families to join our team in Baltinglass this Aug. Ph. Brenda 059 91 40 227.

Asperger Syndrome Support Group

will be established with support from Aspire Ireland. Volunteers wanted to set up a Committee with an interest in the establishment and running of a monthly support group for people with Asperger's, their Families & Professionals to support people living in all Areas - Carlow /Laois / Kilkenny / Kildare /Wicklow & Wexford. An open evening will be hosted in Carlow Town in Sept. by Aspire Asperger's Syndrome Association of Ireland. Phone 087 11 27 804 for more information & to arrange our first committee meeting.

BALTINGLASS PARISH

Fundraising Draw

1ST PRIZE: €500

2ND PRIZE: €200

3RD PRIZE: €100

4TH / 5TH PRIZE: €50

6TH / 7TH PRIZE: €30

ENTRY €20 OR €5 WEEKLY

DRAW FOR THOSE FULLY PAID UP BY 8TH SEPT
PROMOTERS PRIZE €50

ONLY TWO WEEKS TO SELL!

First Draw Sunday 8th September

Sincere thanks to all our promoters & to those who have supported the draw.

Could you be a promoter for the next two weeks?

A full card earns €200 for the parish. Contact Parish Office.

Tickets will be on sale outside

Quinn's Eurospar, Supervalu, Centra and

O'Reillys, on Friday 30th Aug. 10am - 2pm

And after Masses on the weekend of

31st Aug./1st Sept.

St. Patrick's Missionary Society Appeal

Today there are 281 Kiltegan priests of whom 28 are African. We have 58 students in Africa preparing for the priesthood. That seed sown by the Irish church has grown in surprising ways.

Next weekend Fr. David Walsh will speak

at all Masses to ask for your continued support for the Society's missionary works, through enrolling in Mission Circle, subscribing to "Africa" magazine or supporting other initiatives.

"I dream of a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's ways of doing things can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world."

Pope Francis.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 - 1pm

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

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th August 2019

The World Meeting of Families: a year onmessages from Pope Francis

This very day last year, many of us made our way to the Phoenix Park to gather with Pope Francis at the Final Mass in his brief two day visit amongst us. Over the summer I took the opportunity to re-visit the addresses of Pope Francis during the World Meeting of Families. Mindful that the theme of our World Meeting of Families was 'The Gospel of the Family, Joy for the World', twelve months on from that gathering I'm going to simply offer key messages for me of that visit, messages coming from Dublin Castle, from the Pro-Cathedral, from Croke Park, from Knock Shrine, from the Phoenix Park and from the Dominican Convent in Cabra. These ten messages are little vignettes for me that tell us something of the man who is Pope Francis, something of his vision for family life and something of his aspiration and hope for us as an Irish Church.

Message 1: "Families today face many challenges in their efforts to embody a faithful love, to raise children with healthy values and to be in the community at large, a leaven of goodness, love and mutual care" – Video Message prior to the beginning of the visit: 21 Aug.

Message 2: "It was in the family that each of us took his or her first steps in life. There we learned to live together in harmony, to master our selfish instincts and reconcile our differences, and above all to discern and seek those values that give authentic meaning and fulfilment to our lives" – Address in Dublin Castle to Authorities, Civil Society and Diplomatic Corps: 25 Aug.

Message 3: "A few months ago, someone told me that we are losing our ability to love. Slowly but surely, we are forgetting the direct language of a caress, the strength of tenderness. There will be no revolution of love without a revolution of tenderness!" – Engagement with couples in Pro-Cathedral: 25 Aug.

Message 4: "You are especially attuned with people of God, and indeed, with the poor. You have the grace of contemplating the wounds of Jesus in those in need, those who suffer, those who are unfortunate or destitute, or full of vices and defects. For you this is the flesh of Christ. This is your witness and the Church needs it. Thank you" – Visit to the Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People: 25 Aug.

Message 5: "God wants every family to be a beacon of the joy of his love in our world. What does this mean? It means that we, who have encountered God's saving love, try, with or without words, to express it in little acts of kindness in our daily routine & in the most hidden moments of our day" – Festival of Families, Croke Park. 25 Aug

Message 6: "Amid the storms and winds that buffet our times, may families be a bulwark of faith & goodness, resisting, in the best traditions of this nation, all that would diminish our dignity as men & women created in God's image & called to the sublime destiny of eternal life" – Knock Shrine: 26 Aug.

Message 7: "We ask forgiveness for all those times when, as a Church, we did not offer to the survivors of any type of abuse compassion and the pursuit of justice and truth by concrete actions" – Phoenix Park: 26 Aug.

Message 8: "The Church as a whole is called to 'go forth' to bring the words of eternal life to all the peripheries of the world. May our celebration today confirm each of you, parents and grandparents, children and young people, men and women, religious brothers and sisters, contemplatives and missionaries, deacons, priests and bishops, to share the joy of the Gospel! Share the Gospel of the family as joy for the world!" – Homily at the Mass in Phoenix Park: 26 Aug.

Message 9: "The wounds of Christ give us courage. I ask you, please, to be close – this is the word, 'closeness' – to the Lord and to God's people. Closeness. Do not repeat the attitudes of aloofness and clericalism that at times in your history have given the real image of an authoritarian, harsh and autocratic Church" – Meeting with the Bishops in the Dominican Convent, Cabra: 26 Aug.

During that weekend a year ago in Ireland, Pope Francis shared with us the challenges and the strengths of family life. There is no such thing as a perfect family, every family has its own tensions and issues. Forgiveness is at the heart of all family relationships. A year on from the World Meeting of Families, my prayer for every family in Kildare & Leighlin this weekend is that you will be truly blessed, enriched and challenged by the words of Pope Francis then and now to be 'Joy for the World'. To all who assisted with preparatory programmes, enjoyed our Picnic and Fun Days in Puncchestown and Carlow College, participated in the events a year ago, I once again say many thanks.

+ Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin