Parish Team: Fr. Ger Ahern: 059 - 64 82 768. Sr. Eileen Deegan. Parish Office: 059 - 64 81 254. - Email: admin@baltinglassparish.ie Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Fiona Kavanagh & Anne Leigh.

#### Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 14th Sept. & Sunday 15th Sept.

#### Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Myra Kearney / Jim Kearney

11am (Sun) Michael Cogan / Catherine Burke

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Carmel Doyle

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Patricia Carwood / Rena O'Toole / Matt O'Brien

11am (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Soley Agustine / Seán & John Connolly

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Ann Whittle



#### This weekend - Baltinglass **Months Mind Mass**

Joe Plant, Parkmore

#### **Anniversaries:**

Imelda Kavanagh, Athy & Corbalis Julia Leigh, Rampere

John Fox, Parkmore

PJ Fox, Parkmore

Roy Fox, Parkmore

Seán Winders, Parkmore & London

Jim Gethings, Parkmore & Kilanerin

Mona Clynch, Castledermot Road

Mary Coogan Corcoran, Carrigeen & Dublin

Frank & Nan Glynn, Mill Street

Mary Byrne, Shroughaun

Ger & Ann O'Reilly, Kildangan

Tommy Malone, Parkmore

Michael Clynch, Kilalesh

Bridie Doyle (neé Owens) and

Tony Doyle, Kiltegan and Naas Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am

John Ross, Grangecon

We pray for Colm Phelan, Chapel Hill

> & Nancy Tierney (née Deegan), Athlone & Tipperary (sister of Sr. Eileen)

> > who have died recently.

May they rest in peace.

"With gratitude in your life, Life is a blessing, When gratitude is absent, Life is a burden".



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.

## A new initiative between **Music Generation Wicklow** and Wicklow Libraries

to provide Junior library members with a chance to play a musical Instrument. The aim of the project is to allow children up to age 18 to borrow a musical instrument for up to 6 months at a time without having to pay full price for an instrument.

Call to the library or log onto Wicklowcoco.ie for details and a list of instruments available.

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

## St. Patrick's Missionary Society,

Kiltegan, wish to thank the parishioners of Baltinglass Parish for their generous donations to our Society and assure them that they will be remembered in our Masses and prayers. At the end of the year we will be forwarding our total returns for the diocese to the Bishop. As you know it's the great generosity of parishioners who are "the salt of the earth" that enables us to keep going. Fr Seán Deegan - Director of Promotion.

## **Kildare/Carlow Fatima Pilgrimage**

(last remaining seats) October 10th 2019 ex Dublin 7 nights for Feast of Miracle of the Sun. Mass in Santarem where the bleeding host took place and Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Also, two trips to the seaside and Tour of Lisbon. Contact James Treacy 086 05 72 216.

#### **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.

## It is Hoped to Establish a Choir

to sing Gregorian Chant and Latin hymns in Castledermot Church at 7.00pm Mass on the 2nd Saturday of every month. If you would like to help in forming this choir please contact Fr. Aidan Kieran 087-63 97 744 by phone, text or WhatsApp.

Pray. God lifts the dark clouds when you pour out your troubles.

## **Traditional Music For Pleasure Seisiun**

Are you interested in playing in a weekly traditional music for pleasure seisiun. Starting Tues. 17th Sept. from 11am - 12.30 for the winter months in Baltinglass. All musicians welcome. For details phone 087 74 62 107.

#### **Community Games AGM**

Thursday 12th September at 8.30pm in the Parish Centre, Baltinglass. Anybody interested in coaching or volunteering in any way are all welcome to come along and attend the meeting.

#### **Split the Pot Results**

1st Prize: €100 - Pauline Kavanagh 2nd Prize: €50 - Bridie Donoghue 3rd Prize: €25 - Veronica Lacev 4th Prize: €25 - Stuart O'Moore Thanks for your support!

## **Are You Registered to Vote!**

If you will be 18 before the 15th February, 2020 or you have moved into the area or maybe never registered and would like to register now - please contact Pauline at 087-6183903 for Donard, Donaghmore and Stratford Polling Stations.

## Would you like to work in **Healthcare?**

Dreamed of working in a nursing home, hospital or doing home help? This could be the course for you.....Healthcare Support (KW2EW S97) which will run in Baltinglass over 41 weeks. This course is free to those eligible and ran under KWETB. If interested please take the first step & contact us via email: trainingcourses@kwetb.ie or call 087 09 67 146.

### **Baltinglass GAA Club**

**Lotto Results** 

Last Week's Winning Numbers 13, 16, 19, 27.

No winner - This week's jackpot - €6,600.

Match 3 winner - €300 - Peter Burke

Next draw is in Timmins' Bar, Weaver Square
on Mon. 9th Sept. at 10pm.

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

# Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers 01, 04, 10, 23.

No Winner - This week's jackpot €12,250.

Match 3 Winners €85 each.

Bill & Grace Colfer, Bernie Gannon & Katie Cullen.

Seller's Prize: €30 - Jim Cronin.

Next draw is in the Clubhouse on Monday,
9th September at 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

Play online - www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

## Stratford Grangecon GAA Golf Classic

in Rathsallagh Saturday 21st Sept. €180 for team of 4. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams. Special Prizes for longest drive and nearest to the pin. Lots more special prizes on the day Contact David Byrne to boom Tee time 087 97 21 269 and to sponsor a tee €50 contact Ellen on 086 16 15 195

#### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

in Rampere Recycling Centre, Baltinglass on Saturday 14th September from 9am - 12 noon.



First Draw this Sunday after 11am Mass.

Thanks to all our promoters and all who have supported the draw.

# Visit the Stands at The National Ploughing Championships

at Ballintrane, Fenagh, Co. Carlow. 17th to 19th September

#### Our Lady Queen of Peace Medjugorje

Slaney & Suir - Retail & Business Block No 2. Row No. 28. Stand No. 644. Unit No. 26.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Stand No. 399. Block No. 3, Row No. 18.

#### **West Wicklow Voices**

'The French Connection' in St. Joseph's Church

Culture Night

Friday 20th September 7.30 - 9pm Admission Free.

## **Prayer at the Ploughing 2019**

Bishop Denis is asking people all around the diocese, as part of the Ploughing Championship, to choose the prayer they like most, such as the Rosary or the Lord's Prayer. Perhaps a prayer learnt at their mother's knee or handed down ó ghlúin go glúin in their family.

He is also inviting people to submit a personal prayer (no more than 100 words) about the environment which they compose themselves. This new environmentally centred prayer could relate to farming, gardening or sustainability.

People can submit their preferences and entries to prayerattheploughing@kandle.ie between now and 10 September. Alternatively you are welcome to post them to him at Bishop's House, Dublin Rd., Carlow.

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD** 

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th September 2019

When I was 16 I lost two weeks wages out of my pocket as I was travelling down a hill on the back of a motorbike.

Today's gospel tells us 'None of you can be my disciples unless he gives up all his possessions'. This doesn't mean that we give up everything. It's more to do with our attachment to all we own. We are asked to enjoy everything we have that comes into our lives but the time comes when we need to let things go. Life is constantly changing so as we grow personally we also need to reflect that growth in our environment.

There can be a fear in letting go and isn't that what God wants us to do - is to let go and surrender our lives to him. This happens when we experience an inner stillness, when we are not doing anything, when there is no striving, no trying, no effort involved. We are invited to live in a relaxed way and isn't this way a result of true love.

I often wonder what I would be like if I lost all my possessions, so just for now I thank God for all I have. Have I still to let go of my two weeks wages lost so many years ago?

Help me Jesus to learn from you, to be your disciple today.

Ann Sayers!