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 12th & Sunday 13th October 2019

#### Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass:6pm (Sat)Niall Doogue / Laura Egan11am (Sun)Máire Lawless / Mary Jo Ovington

Stratford : 9.30am (Sun) Elizabeth Thompson

Ministers of the Eucharist:

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

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

 Stratford:
 9.30am (Sun)
 Carmel Doyle



We pray for **Rita O'Brien (née Bolger),** Carrigeen who has died recently. **May Rita rest in peace.** 

#### **Pre-Marriage Courses**

Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. ACCORD Carlow courses are Jan 10th & 11th, Feb 7th & 8th, March 6th & 7th 2020 To reserve a place book on line www.accord.ie

**Baltinglass Day Care Committee** next meeting will take place Wed .9th Oct.

at 8.30pm in at the Centre. All are welcome.

# 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.

## Is Alcohol Causing Problems in Your Home

An open meeting for people who think they may have a problem or those affected by it on Thurs. 17th Oct. at 8.30pm in St. Fintan's Hospital, Portlaoise at rear of hospital at the Day Care Centre. All are welcome.

#### **Public Lecture**

"Coping and Resilience in Your Life: The latest insights from Psychology", this lecture is being held in Cobden Hall, Carlow College St Patricks on Mon. 7th Oct. at 1.45pm. All welcome. Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

# KILDARE & LEIGHLIN MINISTRY DAY

Day of Prayer and Reflection for all involved in Parish Ministry led by Fr. Martin Delaney on Sat. 12th Oct. Mount St. Anne's, Killenard 10.30am - 4pm Places are limited. Book with Faith Development Services Carlow - 059 9164084. €10 per person.

## Annual Baby Loss Awareness Remembrance Service

in St. Patrick's, Kiltegan, Oct. 13th at 3pm. All are welcome to the service which is followed by a balloon release, walk by the river and refreshments. For details contact babylossawarenessireland@gmail.com

#### Coastal Rosary for Life Faith and Love

Sunday 13th Oct. 2:30pm, in conjunction with many different countries around the world & in hundreds of locations across Ireland. Ideally the Rosary will take place on the Coast but groups will also gather at

Grottos, Churches, Riversides, etc. Cathedral Parish, Carlow are organising a bus to Greystones for this rosary event.

Leaving outside St Leo's College at 12.30pm, cost €10. Bookings through Cathedral Parish Centre, 059-91 64 086.

### **Power Sweeping**

from your fire place, stove or cooker. Professional chimney sweeps with the latest equipment. Stoves also fitted by a trained hetas fitter. Cowels & crow guards also fitted. Phone 083 39 27 695 or 083 12 55 548 for details.

#### **Danny's Corner**

We at the Lalor Centre are eagerly awaiting the arrival of a new purpose built wheelchair accessible swing. This is all thanks to St. Mary's Group of Parishes Tractor run and also a donation from Mr Bob Lester RIP, who was a long time supporter of the Lalor Centre and whose family are originally from Tuckmill, Baltinglass. Our sincere thanks all.

# Co Wicklow PPN is Inviting People

to express their views about Policing, Safety & Security. The 2020 Policing Plan for Co Wicklow is now open for consultation. Co Wicklow PPN is inviting community groups and individuals to come to a meeting to find out more about the plan, express their views, and have their voices heard in a Co Wicklow PPN community submission. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm in Baltinglass Parish Centre. To book a seat contact Helen on 087 18 95 145 or Grainne on 086 048 7434 or Email: countywicklowppn@gmail.com

#### FOLK GROUP

If you would like to join the Parish Folk Group please contact the Parish Office.



#### **GARDENING CLASS**

'Know Your Plants' - Gardening Class starting in Baltinglass Further Education & Training Centre. Fridays 10am - 1pm. Starting Fri. Oct.11th. Fun, flexible and free. QQI accreditation at Level 3.Phone: 059 64 82 642 for details.



Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results Last Week's Winning Numbers 13, 16, 19, 30. No winner - This week's jackpot - €7,400. Match 3 winners - €75 each. Jennifer Bollard, Deirdre Kinsella, Jack, Grace & TJ Norton, Frank Faulkner . Next draw is in Horan's, Main Street on Monday 7th October at 10pm. Tickets €2. Play online - www.locallotto.ie Thanks for your support!

#### NEWSLETTER

Articles for the newsletter must be received before 12 noon Thursday.

Parish Office Opening Hours Mon., Wed., Fri. 9.30 - 1pm. Thurs. 9.30 to 1pm & 1.30 to 2.30pm PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday.

# **RESULTS FOR SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER**

PROMOTER

Parish Office

Mags Byrne

Marie O'Shea

Maureen Plant

Ìna O'Keeffe

Mags Byrne

Kay Moore

Marie O'Shea

Tom Hannafin

Tom Hannafin

Margaret O'Reilly

#### WINNER

€500 Thomas Whittle Snr.
€200 Noel & Esther Dowling
€100 Betty Burke
€50 Sadhbh Byrne
€50 Tessie Farrell
€30 George Long
€30 Jean Hunt

### Additional Prizes

- 25 Donal Moore,
- 25 Tom Hannafin
- 25 Jimmy Burke 25 Tom Hannafin
- Promoter's Prize:
  - 60 Mary Doran

Thanks for your support!

# Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers 21, 23, 24,25. **No Jackpot Winner. This week's jackpot** €3,750. **Match 3 Winners** €65 each. Mary Lee Stapleton, John Kenny, Sam Blake, Maura Toomey. Sellers Prize: €30 - Daisy A Day. **Next draw** is in the Clubhouse on Monday 7th October at 8.45pm. Tickets €2. Play online - www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie Thanks for your support!

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

1st Prize: €100 - Elaine Pollard 2nd Prize: €50 - Tony Keogh 3rd Prize: €25 - Edward Wall 4th Prize: €25 - Ducksy Keogh

# BACK FOR ONE DAY ONLY!

*Sr. Brigid and Sr. Carmel* will visit the parish on Tuesday 15th Oct. Join them for 'Morning Coffee' after 10am Mass or 'Afternoon Tea' from 2.30 to 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.

# **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD** 

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th October 2019

## Day for Life Pastoral Message for 2019 – 'The Scourge of Domestic Abuse'

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year they have chosen to focus on domestic abuse as the theme for Day for Life 2019.

#### An Intolerable Problem

One in four women and about one in six men suffers from domestic abuse in their lifetime. According to a 2018 report' almost nine out of every ten women murdered in Ireland are killed by a man known to them. This fatal violence is at the most severe end of the spectrum of domestic abuse. Women's Aid says that the dangerous patterns present in abusive relationships are all too often dismissed and not taken seriously, which can put women at risk of serious assault or homicide. It is a deeply regrettable fact that men, women and children suffer domestic abuse at the hands of husbands, wives, parents and other family members. Violence of this kind should never be tolerated or justified. It is an offence against the dignity of the human person.

#### How can Catholic parishes and communities be places of safety, welcome & assistance?

This is a call to action for our parishes, schools & Catholic communities to reflect, learn and act together, so that we can help those suffering from domestic abuse in our parishes, our workplaces and even in our own homes. Knowing what to look for and spotting the signs means that, individually and collectively, we can make a real difference to people's lives. It is time to start talking and taking action.

Go to www.dayforlife.org or www.catholicbishops.ie to find out more about what you can do.

## Bishop's Message for Safeguarding Sunday

#### Dear Parishioners,

I welcome this initiative to have an annual Safeguarding Sunday in our Diocese. Each year it will remind us all that the key to Safeguarding is good public awareness of the potential danger to children and the importance of good practice across the diocese. On this, our first Safeguarding Sunday event I, along with the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee want to say thanks to close to 200 people who have voluntarily worked for the safeguarding cause in the Diocese over the years. Special thanks to those who continue to serve at this time.

We also should never forget the hurt and damage caused to so many people who have been abused as children and the enormous impact this has on their lives. The Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin fully acknowledges the devastation caused by abuse and takes the role of establishing a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults within the church very seriously. The Safeguarding of Children involves all of us working together to ensure that children grow up with their right to dignity respected.

I thank and applaud all of you for making this possible. Bishop Denis Nulty

