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**Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th Dec. 2019**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Una McKeever / Tommy Doyle  
11am (Sun) Seán O'Reilly / Fiona Kavanagh

**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sun) Kieran Hosey

**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**

**Months Mind Mass:**

Jimmy Doyle, Clough  
Sharon Stanley, Belan, Moone

**Anniversaries:**

Margaret (Maggie) Germaine, Bessina  
Margaret Nolan, Bawnogues  
Michael O'Connor, 29 Parkmore  
Kitty Patterson, Old County Road, Baltinglass  
Mary B. Byrne, Chapel Hill  
Tom Coogan, Carrigeen  
Jack Doyle, Tinoran  
Elizabeth Coogan, Irongrange  
Jack & Cis Kelly, The Dales  
Richard & Abina O'Brien, Cork  
Terence Kinsella, Rampere

**Stratford: Sun. 9.30am**

Margaret Nolan, Bawnogues  
Pat & Sarah Moore, Saundersgrove  
James Barrett, 3 Church Street  
Michael Kehoe, Chapel Street



**Weekend Mass Times**

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

**Grangecon** next Sunday 9.30am.

**Weekly Confessions**

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays

**Weekly 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.

**Clothing Collection Supporting  
Friends of Calcutta (CHF No 13218)**

Mon. Dec. 9th Bags to be left at  
Parish Centre up to collection time  
at 1pm. All items of wearable  
clothing and footwear most wel-  
come. We cannot accept duvets,  
pillows and cushions. To view a  
short film of what your generosity  
supported last year please visit  
"Rajiv19" m "YouTube". Phone:  
087 90 73 074. Your support would  
be appreciated!

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

As the 8th of December falls on a Sunday this  
year the feast is not celebrated as a Holy Day.  
It will be celebrated on Monday 9th December  
in St. Paul's Oratory at 10am Mass.  
Please note Mass on Monday, not usual Liturgy.

**Newsletter now available on [www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)  
Diocesan web site: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)**

**Collectors in December in Baltinglass**

**Saturday 6pm**

**Main Aisle:** Billy Norton / Liam Burke

**Convent Aisle:** Jim Kearney

**Lalor Aisle:** Kathleen Hanlon

**Sunday 11am**

**Main Aisle:** Kevin Kearney / Kevin O'Neill

**Convent Aisle:** Thomas Burke

**Lalor Aisle:** Therése Kelly

**Danny's Corner.**

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who  
supported our fundraiser last Tuesday. A  
special thanks to everyone who attended on  
the day, who bought tickets for the raffle or  
donated raffle prizes, to Germaine's for the  
use of their premises and especially all the  
singers from Scoil Chonglais, The Lalor Centre  
Choir and the Garda Band. Thanks to Mark  
Caplice who contributed hugely to this day.

**A Celebration of Christmas  
Variety Concert**

in the Arboretum Garden Centre,  
Leighlinbridge, Wed. 11th Dec. 8 pm in  
support of the Éist Cancer Support Centre,  
Carlow. Special guest - country singer, Derek  
Ryan. The Castlecomer Male Voice Choir,  
Paprika & other guests will also take part.  
Compere is Eimear Ni Bhraonain. There will be  
a mulled wine reception at 7.30 pm and a  
door prize. Tickets €20 on sale at the Éist  
Centre 059 91 39 684 or at the Arboretum  
Garden Centre. Christmas Cards with local  
scenes of Carlow town & county for €5  
available at the Centre.

**LINK PEOPLE**

Please call to the Parish Office from  
Monday onwards to collect the annual parish  
envelopes and Christmas gifts for distribution.

**Thanks!**

**Carlow Choral Society**

**Christmas Concert "Joy to the World",**  
Cathedral of Assumption Carlow, Sat  
14th 8pm. Whitbourn's Missa Carolae,  
Handel's Hallelujah chorus -Zadok the  
Priest, O Holy Night and Sing along  
Carols. Accompanied by Dublin Brass  
ensemble, Yvonne Collier, Conductor  
Blanaid Murphy. Tickets €20,  
children free, from [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) ,  
Hosey's Post Office Staplestown Rd.,  
Carlow, Choir members and on the door.

**Light Up The Christmas Tree**

Join us for the light up the tree  
ceremony this Sunday, Dec. 8th, 2pm at  
Baltinglass Hospital. Listen to Christmas  
Carols. Enjoy tea & mince pies.

**REVIEW 2019**

If you wish to purchase a copy it is  
available in The Piety Shop, Parish Office  
and shops around Baltinglass. Price €7.  
The Communications group wish to  
thank all who contributed in any way to  
make this edition possible. We hope you  
enjoy the read.

**Power Sweeping**

from your Fire Place, Stove or Cooker.  
Professional Chimney Sweeps with the  
latest equipment. Stoves fitted by a  
trained hetas fitter. Cowels and crow  
guards fitted. Phone 083 39 27 695 or  
083 12 55 548 for details.

**Kids Aloud**

Thanks to everyone in the community for  
their support for our fundraising coffee  
morning and cake sale and to all the local  
businesses for giving prizes to our raffle.  
Your generosity is appreciated.

## Baltinglass GAA Club

### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**08, 10, 25, 28.**

**No winner - This week's jackpot - €9,500.**

**Match 3 winners - €75 each.**

Peter Burke, Mary Murphy, Martin Fleming,  
Cora Shortt.

### Voucher Winners

Darragh Doyle, Ann McCaly, John Fleming,  
Joan Sheerin, Keith Doyle, Margaret Hughes.

**Next draw** is in Timmins Pub, Weaver Sq.

Monday 9th December at 10pm.

Tickets €2. Play online: [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

## Stratford/Grangecon GAA

### Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**05, 07, 23, 26.**

**No Jackpot Winner.**

**This week's jackpot €6,500.**

**No Match 3 Winners**

**Sellers Prize:** €30 - Maurice Mangan.

**Christmas Draw Prizes - €50 each.**

Frank O'Neill, Anne Whelan, Margaret Dunne.

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

Play online: [www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie)

## Split the Pot Results

**1st Prize:** €100 - May Fox

**2nd Prize:** €50 - Marie Kelly

**3rd Prize:** €25 - Ryan Keogh

**4th Prize:** €25 - Linda Davis

## NEWSLETTER

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

### Parish Office Opening Hours

**Mon. Wed. & Fri.** 9.30am to 1pm.

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

## Come to Moone At Christmas

A Winter Wonderland on Monday 15th  
6pm. Switching on of Lights Ceremony,  
Christmas stalls, Elves, Hot Chocolate etc.  
Admission free. Army band playing in the  
Church at 7.30 pm. Admission €10 for  
adults and €5 for children. All proceeds to  
Moone Church Restoration.

## Bigstone National School Annual Christmas Concert

in Bigstone Hall on Thursday 19th of  
December at 7pm sharp. Free entry. Raffle  
on the night. All are welcome.

## Baltinglass Group of Parishes

Thanks to everybody who attended our  
recent annual Bazaar, bought tickets or  
gave donations and raffle prizes.

### Our Raffle Winners were:

**1st:** Wendy Gillis; **2nd:** Des & Liz Edwards;

**3rd:** Derek Freeman; **4th:** Ashley Bourne;

**5th:** Miriam & Trevor Pearson

**6th:** Lucas Nicholson; **7th:** Joe Stephenson.

### Our Budding Chefs were 5-8yrs

Shortbread - **1st:** Conor Keogh;

**2nd:** Katelyn Moody; **HC:** Lucy Murphy.

**Rice Krispies 1st:** Glen Moody;

**2nd:** Jack Condell; **HC:** Lily Mae Keogh.

### 9-12yrs Biscuit Cake

**1st:** Darragh Blake; **2nd:** Niamh Keogh;

**HC:** Emma Tutty.

### 9-12yrs Gingerbread Men

**1st:** Sophie Doyle; **2nd:** Ciara Blake.

### CHEESECAKE

**1st:** Grace Keogh; **2nd:** Sarah Blake.

**The turkey winner** was Christine Murphy.

## Home Help

to the elderly. Very reliable lady.  
Phone 087 82 31 877 for details.

## TRY RUGBYTOTS

Weekly play sessions for boys and girls  
aged 2 - 5 at Scoil Naomh Iosaf, Sat.  
mornings. Phone 083 818 5726.

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

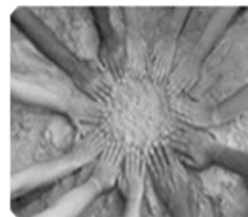
BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

Second Sunday of Advent

8th December 2019

*"My peace I give you...."*

Advent is a time for straightening crooked paths in our relationships, for filling in the holes and removing the stumbling blocks that trip us up on our journey with God and God's people.



Many people carry hurts, angers and other heartaches. There is the heartfelt cry and a longing for peace- peace of mind, peace in families, in communities and in so many places in our world.

Advent is a time to let go of our resentments and of our failures to forgive so that the **Prince of Peace** can be born again and again in our hearts and lives.

This is a precious time to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus each day into our lives, to be aware of how blessed we are in sharing our lives and our faith with each other.

*Lord, make me a channel of your Peace.*

### Our Family Prayer for the Week

Loving God, on this Advent day we turn to you in prayer.

As we wait for the coming of your Son,

we ask your blessing on each of us.

Bring your healing upon us and help us to welcome

your light into our lives,

a light that gives us **the gift of peace.**

May your **peace** guard our heart, our mind and our homes.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Together we pray: **Come Lord Jesus.**



## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

As we journey through Advent our minds are fixed on celebrating the birth of Christ at Christmas. People are busy preparing for the festive season. In the midst of this we should not forget the reason we celebrate. And so our spiritual preparation is most important. Why not participate in one of our Penance Service and celebrate God's great gift to us—the gift of forgiveness.

**Wednesday 18th—Rathvilly, Thursday 19th—Hacketstown,  
Friday 20th—Baltinglass. All at 7.30pm.**