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**Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th March 2019**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Niall Doogue / Laura Egan  
11am (Sun) Chris Murray / Janet Gorman

**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sun) Anne Whelan

**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Clare O'Neill / Theresa McDermott / Seamus Kelly  
11am (Sun) Mary Vernon / Bernie Kilcoyne / Mary Burke

**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sun) Marguerite Salmon



**This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm**

**Months Mind Mass**

Norah Murray, Rathtooles & Broadstown

**Anniversaries**

Maureen Molloy

Christy Donohoe, Tinoran

Denis Murray, Broadstown

Tom Murphy, Bawnogues

Patrick Lennon, Parkmore

John Gorman, Holdenstown

Billy Fitzgerald, Bawnogues & his Son Liam

Joe, Colette & Eileen Fitzpatrick, Bigstone

Paddy Byrne, Newtown

Patrick Doyle, Graney

James (Jimmy) Miley, Ballyraggan

Molly, Frank & Frankie Westlake, Carrigeen

Jim Murphy, Irongrange

**Stratford: Sun. 9.30am**

Susan Byrne, Randalstown

Christina Loughlin, Ballinacrow

Julia & Bernard Tivenan, Stratford

Jack Byrne, Castlehill, Grangecon



**Weekend Mass Times**

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

**Weekly Confessions**

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays

**Stratford & Grangecon**

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.

**Child Safeguarding - Standard 2**

Procedures for Responding to Child Protection Suspicions, Concerns, Knowledge or Allegations. Church bodies have clear procedures and guidance on what to do and how to ensure there is a prompt response when suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations arise regarding a child's safety or welfare. They also enable the Church to meet all national and international legal and practice requirements and guidance.

**TROCAIRE BOXES**

are available at the three Churches and at the Parish Centre. We encourage each family to give it a central place in their home during Lent, as we ensure others have a decent quality of life.

**Pre-Marriage Course**

Accord Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses. May 10th & 11th, June 7th & 8th, Sept 6th & 7th, Oct 4th & 5th. You are required to attend a Pre-marriage course if you are getting married in a Catholic Church. Please book early to avoid disappointment as there are no courses in July and August. Book on-line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie). For further information contact Mary at 059 91 38 738.

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

**Diocesan web site: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)**



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

Thursday 29th Aug - 5th Sept. Cost €725

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board at Hotel Wojtyla

**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 0900819 for details.

**Thinking of what to do for Lent?**

Bishop Denis is inviting all of us to take this time of Lent to reflect on our celebration of the Mass and to renew our own appreciation of the Sunday Mass as the highpoint of our Christian life. Over the coming weeks a whole suite of resources will be available on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) for parishes and parishioners to draw upon. See this week's video.

**Towards Peace**

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you. Phone 01 505 3028. Mobile: 086 77 10 533. [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.

**Danny's Corner - Daffodil Day Fundraiser**

The staff and service users of the Lalor Centre thank you most sincerely for your support of our Fundraiser last Tuesday. We raised the grand total of €1904.43. This is due to the tremendous support of everyone who bought tickets, sold tickets, donated raffle prizes and home baking. All raffle winners have been notified. Thanks also to the T.Y. students and Josh Gray who also were a great support on the day.

**Stop Food Waste Challenge**

Baltinglass Fair Trade+ is hosting a Stop Food Waste Challenge as part of its campaign to raise awareness of recycling, reusing and reducing waste. The 'Challenge' consists of a course of four 1-hour sessions. It is a community-based campaign that brings people together to learn and share ideas about reducing food waste. The Challenge sessions, facilitated by James Callery of Wicklow County Council, will take place in The Tea Room, Main Street, Baltinglass, on Wednesdays 20th & 27th March & 3rd April, from 7 pm to 8 pm. Admission to the course of sessions is free but booking is important. You can book by phoning 087 66 59 999 or registering through the 'event' on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BaltinglassFT/](http://www.facebook.com/BaltinglassFT/)

**Grangecon Primary School**

If you wish to enrol your child in Grangecon N.S. for Sept 2019, enrolment forms are available from the school office. Please phone 045 40 31 11 or email [grangeconns1965@gmail.com](mailto:grangeconns1965@gmail.com)

**Our Open Evening**

9th May 6pm - 8pm. Everyone welcome.

**The Kildare branch of the Irish Kidney Association**

are hosting a Kidney Information Day Sun. March 24th in the Town Hall, Newbridge -11am to 4pm. Free adm. Phone Phil on 085 250 1718.

**Folk Group Practice**

Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All are very welcome.

### Baltinglass GAA Club

#### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**06, 17, 22, 27**

**Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**

This Week's Jackpot - €12,500

**Match 3 winner - €300.**

Theresa Prendergast

**Next draw** Tuesday 19th March in Germaines  
@ 10pm. Tickets €2.

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

Thanks for your support!

U7 training for boys resumes Thursday evenings  
from 6 - 7pm on the Astro pitch behind Scoil  
Chonglais. All boys born in 2012 and 2013 are  
welcome to attend. All new players are welcome.

### Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

#### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**17, 22, 25, 30**

**Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**

This week's Jackpot - €20,000

**Match 3 Winners - €50 each.**

Dee Caplice, Mary Donegan, John Bollard,  
Evelyn Ryan & Sarah Scanlon.

**Seller's Prize:** Frances H. O'Neill.

Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House,  
Tuesday 19th March @ 8.45pm.

Tickets €2. Play online at

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

Thanks for your constant support!

### Split the Pot Results

**1st Prize:** €100 - Louise Jackman

**2nd Prize:** €50 - Jim Lawlor

**3rd Prize:** €25 - Helena Hegarty

**4th Prize:** €25 - Veronica Winder

### NEWSLETTER

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

Articles can be emailed or left into the Parish Office. They must include your name & contact details.

#### Parish Office Opening Hours

**Wed. & Fri.** - 9.30am - 1pm.

**Tues. & Thurs.** 9.30am - 1pm  
& 1.30pm. - 2.30pm.

### Daffodil Day In Aid Of The Irish Cancer Society

will be held in Baltinglass & surrounding areas on Friday 22nd March. All volunteer helpers would be gratefully appreciated. If you wish to help in anyway, please leave your name & number into Patterson's Butchers or come along on the morning to McAlister. Donations of fresh daffodils would be very gratefully received. **Carmel Murphy**, area organiser for the Irish Cancer Society.

### St. Patrick's Weekend

Fundraiser In aid of

**Tinkerbelle Community Preschool Ltd**  
in Kiltegan Hall on Saturday 16th March.

Supper served. Raffle on the night.

**Music by The Wicklow Man.**

Dancing from 10 - 12pm. Admission €8.

Your support would be gratefully appreciated!

### Calling All Running Fans!

Register now to secure your place in the Coimín Greenway 5k on Sunday the 16th of June.

The chip timed 5k race trail begins at The Avon Blessington and runs along the Greenway. Please see the Blessington AFC facebook page for more details and to register online.

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday 17th March

Starting from Lathaleere Industrial Estate, Baltinglass at 12.30 sharp.

**Featuring the Ballymore Brass and Reed Band.** For further information phone Fran - 086 31 31 627 or Noel - 087 24 48 975.

### Eist Cancer Support Centre

in conjunction with Brain Tumour Ireland, are hosting a Brain Tumour Support Group Tuesday 2nd April from 7 to 9 pm in their Centre at The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow. This Support Group is for those diagnosed with a Brain Tumour and their families. For further details please call Eist on 059 91 39 684. Also the Women's Breast Cancer Support Group is held at the Centre every 2nd Tuesday from 7.30 - 9 pm. (12th and 26th March, 9th April).

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS—BIGSTONE—GRANGECON—STRATFORD

2nd Sunday of Lent

17th March 2019

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

*is the feast of our national patron, is a day to celebrate all that is good in our lives and around us. It is a time to be proud of our Spiritual heritage and traditions. St. Patrick had great devotion to God and was always sensitive of God's presence in creation. In to-day's world where many people drift aimlessly in life, Patrick is a voice of hope. He took great confidence from God's presence in his life. This then is a time for each of us to acknowledge God's gentle presence in our lives. It is a time to pause for a moment in prayer and like Patrick, not to be afraid to ask God for guidance, direction and an abundance of blessings.*



#### Sunday Mass



### Dig even deeper! - 'Signposts on the Road to Emmaus'

If you would like to explore even more the aspect of the Mass of Sunday's homily you can do so by coming along to 'Signposts on the Road to Emmaus' - this Tuesday in the Parish Centre from 7.30 - 9pm. The programme will continue on Tuesdays 26 March and 2/9 April.

### LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

#### Daily Mass

St. Paul's Oratory  
Tuesday-Friday 10am  
*Prayer Service on Mondays*

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Spend some time with the Lord.  
St. Paul's - Friday 10.30-11.30am  
Grangecon - Sunday 3 - 4pm

#### Stations of the Cross

Visit the church daily/weekly and meditate on the Way of the Cross.

#### Fast and Abstinence

One day a week.  
Give up something you enjoy.

#### Family Prayer

Take some time to pray as a family, perhaps around the table after the evening meal using the icon you received at Christmas.

#### Trócaire Box

Have a box in your home & support this year's Lenten Campaign. Boxes available in church porches. (€3,783 in 2018)



#### Signposts on the Road to Emmaus

Attend this four night programme exploring the Mass.  
Parish Centre 7.30-9pm  
Tuesdays 19/26 March & 2/9 April