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**Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th January 2019**

**Ministers of the Word:**

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

**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sun) Margaret Kealy

**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) Kay Moore



**This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm  
Anniversaries**

Ambrose O'Neill, Tuckmill & deceased  
members of the O'Neill family  
Christopher Kehoe, Irongrange  
William Sutton, Belan Street  
Declan Howe, Newbridge  
Esther Curry, Parkmore  
Moira Hargaden (née Quinn), Carlow  
Brendan Doyle, Main Street, Baltinglass & all  
deceased members of the Doyle family  
Jimmy & Ena Doyle, Parkmore  
Jenny McHugh, 6 Parkmore  
Michael & Sarah O'Keeffe, Randalstown  
Andrew Doyle, Barronstown  
Mary Doyle, Tinoran  
Annie & Joseph O'Neill, Tinoran  
**Stratford: 9.30am**  
James Coleman, Stratford  
Joe Moore, Winetavern  
Tom Moore, Winetavern & London



**Weekend Mass Times**

Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm &  
Sunday 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.

**World Day of  
Migrants & Refugees  
20th January 2019.**

On this World day of migrants &  
refugees, we pray for those who have  
had to flee their homelands on account  
of war or natural disaster. Lord, may  
their rights and dignity be respected  
and upheld.

**Folk Group Practice**

in the Parish Centre Wednesday 23rd  
January at 7.30pm. All existing and  
new members are welcome.



We pray for  
**Dan Campion**, Parkmore  
**Joan Kelly** (Curry), Carrigeen  
**Pat O'Keeffe**, Parkmore  
who have died recently  
**May they rest in peace**

**Pro Life Kildare Talk**

with Prof. Patricia Casey in Ospreys Hotel, Naas  
on Thursday January 24th 7:30pm, located in the  
Falco Suite. All are welcome.

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

**Pre-Marriage Courses 2019  
Accord Carlow**

Feb 8th & 9th, March 8th & 9th,  
April 5th & 6th.

Couples getting married in spring or early  
summer 2019 should book their course now.

Bookings can be made online  
at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) For further information  
please contact Mary 059 91 38 738.

**Michael English  
& his Band in Concert**

in aid of St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Parishes  
Thursday 28th February @ 8pm.

Doors open at 7pm.  
Tickets €25 and on sale  
from the following:

Moore's, Grangecon, Patterson's Butchers,  
O'Reilly Stores, Baltinglass;  
The Parish Office; Fiona 087 68 64 596;  
Mick 087 28 75 011; Avril 087 41 19 214;  
& Ashling 085 76 79 973.

**Tickets will also be on sale  
after Mass in the Church Porches  
on Sun. 27th Jan. in Grangecon 9.30am  
and Baltinglass 11am.**

**Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan  
Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019**

Led by the Bishop of Kildare &  
Leighlin - Bishop Denis Nulty.  
1st August 2019 for 5 nights.  
Pilgrimage Director is  
Fr. Paddy Byrne.

For bookings or for further details please  
contact Joe Walsh Tours.  
Phone 01 241 0802 or Email:  
[info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

*'By your witness to the gospel, you can  
help God's dream come true.'*  
*Pope Francis at Croke Park*

**Week of Prayer For Christian  
Unity Is This Week**

January 18th - 25th. The theme is "Justice,  
only justice, you shall pursue". This theme  
was chosen for its powerful message of  
promoting truth, equality and unity.

*An Ecumenical Service will take place  
in St. Mary's Church, Church Lane  
on Wednesday 23rd January at 8pm.  
All are welcome.*

**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, con-  
cerns, knowledge or allegations arise re-  
garding a child's safety or welfare. They  
also enable the Church to meet all national  
and international legal and practice  
requirements and guidance.

**Tearmann Community Garden**

Work has commenced on the development  
of a new Dementia & Disability Friendly  
Garden. The garden is now a construction  
site & for health and safety reasons, is  
CLOSED to the public until further notice.  
When work is completed we look forward  
to welcoming everyone back into our new  
improved garden which we hope will be a  
great asset to all our community. We  
apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**Bigstone N.S. Open Evening**

Thurs. 7th Feb. 6.30-7.30pm. Prospective  
parents are invited to come along to see our  
beautiful school & meet with our teachers.  
If you wish to enrol your child & cannot  
attend on the 7th, please contact the school  
for an application form on 059 91 61 171 or  
[Emailbigstonens1@gmail.com](mailto:Emailbigstonens1@gmail.com)

## Baltinglass GAA Club

### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
10, 18, 21, 25

**Jackpot Winner - No Winner**

This Week's Jackpot - €10,900

**Match 3 winners** - €40 each

James, Jamie, Andy, Oisín; Ned Kehoe;  
Sean Hanlon; Sinead, Paul, Amy;  
Lillian Steed; Toby, Pat, Cody; John Burke;  
Romie McGreal

**Next draw** Mon. 21st Jan. @10pm in  
Timmin's Pub, Weaver Square.

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

## Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
10, 17, 20, 27

**Jackpot Winner** - No Winner.

This week's Jackpot - €19,250

**Match 3 Winners** - €25 each

Danielle Nolan, Jennifer Moore,  
Niall Moore Jr., Georgina Doyle,  
Lavelle Family, Danielle, Aileen Phelan,  
Rosie Kearney, Ned Byrne,  
Frances H. O'Neill, Oliver Keogh &  
Anthony O'Donovan

**Sellers Prize:** €30 - Brian Byrne

Next draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Club  
House Mon. 21st Jan. @ 8.45pm. Tickets €2.  
Play online at [www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie)

### Person Available

Part-time housekeeping, cleaning, hoovering  
etc. Kiltegan/ Baltinglass or Hacketstown/  
Rathvilly areas. Phone 086 34 38 546.

### 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

Mon. Wed. & Fri. - 9.30am - 1pm.  
& Thurs. 9.30am - 1pm  
& 1.30pm. - 2.30pm

## Thomas O Toole & Rathdangan Community Council

would like to thank everyone who helped out  
at the recent health and wellness day in  
O' Toole Hall, Rathdangan. It was an amazing  
success. €1,805 was raised for MS society.  
Thank you so much for your support.

### Wicklow Cancer Support

Has your life been touched in any way by  
cancer. We are holding an Inner  
Transformations with essential oils, 6 week  
Meditation session hosted by Gemma Deeny  
of Yoga gym commencing Wednesday 23rd  
January from 11.30am - 12.30pm in the  
Primary Care Centre Blessington. Please come  
along, no charge. All are welcome and feel free  
to bring a friend. "The best cure for the body is  
a quiet mind".

### GOODBYE HOUSE

Thinking of downsizing your family home? Is  
it an empty nest conundrum? We really want  
to help! In a brand new programme for RTE 1  
Our team will help you search for your ideal  
downsize while you and your family relive  
memories made in your family home. For  
details email [goobyehouse@stellifymedia.com](mailto:goobyehouse@stellifymedia.com)  
or phone 353 87 23 01 210.

### January Blues Hit You yet?

Start the year right by joining Baltinglass  
Credit Union. Being a Member of a Credit  
Union has so many additional benefits. For  
details on how to join, check out  
[www.baltinglasscu.ie](http://www.baltinglasscu.ie) or call 059 64 81 071.

### Danny's Corner.

Over Christmas I became a grand-uncle to  
Eabha Kate Bowes. Congrats to her parents  
Leo & Mary. Hope everyone keeps warm and  
well now that the cold spell is here.

### Split the Pot Results

**1st Prize:** €100 - Liz Nolan  
**2nd Prize:** €50 - Mary Moore  
**3rd Prize:** €25 - Blue Boy  
**4th Prize:** €25 - Duckys

*Baltinglass, Blystone,  
Stratford & Grangecon*

2nd Sunday in ordinary time.

20th January 2019

### The Wedding at Cana

I was at the funeral yesterday of a woman I knew all my life. She was 68. One of the most memorable times I spent with her was when we sat and looked at her wedding album. It was so beautiful and so simple. In fact it reflected the simple life this woman lived and of the joy she got out of doing the household tasks.

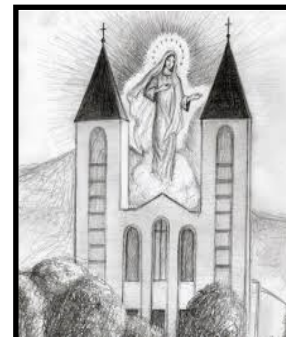
The Wedding of Cana is all about joy. It is the story of Jesus turning water into wine because the supply had run out. It is the story of Jesus blessing the Sacrament of Marriage. It is the story of our hearts being changed into hearts of joy and love. We too can ask for a miracle. Wine warms, gives courage, relaxes, softens. Let the wine of God's joy fill our hearts.

Why not ask for this?

Wouldn't it be wonderful to radiate joy to all we meet? A smile, a kind word, a wave, a handshake, a good deed, the little things of everyday life. Be faithful in small things just as my friend was as she washed the dishes, ironed the clothes, swept the floor, prepared the meals as part of her daily work.

Water and Wine - Life and Joy.

A.S.



### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board at Hotel Wojtyla  
Contact Parish, Fr. Ger or Andy Murphy for details.

Guides who work in Medjugorje will visit us on Saturday  
2nd February and speak at 6pm Mass that evening. They will  
share their experience of growing up in Medjugorje since the  
beginning of the apparitions of Our Lady in 1981.