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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd Dec. 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Myra Kearney / Jim Kearney
11am (Sun) Alf Gillespie / Maggie Nolan

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Noreen Keogh

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Bernie Doogue / Pat Dunne / Mary Hayes
11am (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Therése Kelly / Catherine Lord

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Kay Halstead



This weekend: Baltinglass Anniversaries:



William (Bill) Nolan, Parkmore
Pat Rogers, Edward Street
Donal McDonnell, Woodfield
Patrick & Roseanna McDonnell, Woodfield
Marie Cooke (nee McDonnell), Woodfield
Paddy Geraghty, Stonefield, Carrowteige and Carrigeen
Kevin Kennedy & his Son Kieran, Chapel Hill
Tommy Andrews, Moneymore & Rathfarnham
John Byrne, Shroughaun & London
Pierce & Annie O'Neill, 49 Parkmore
Patrick & Mary O'Neill, 47 Parkmore
Edward O'Keeffe, Parkmore
Róisín Murphy, Sruthán
Anne Kerr, Belgard Heights & Irongrange
Thomas McCormack, 4 Allendale Avenue
Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am

We pray for
Ann Lawlor (née Groves), Chapel Hill
who died this week.
May Ann rest in peace.



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday in St. Paul's Oratory
10.30am - 11.30am
Every Sunday in Grangecon Church
3 - 4pm.

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.

Accord Carlow

Pre-Marriage Courses

Feb 7th & 8th, March 6th & 7th,
April 3rd & 4th

Book on line at www.accord.ie or
phone Mary 059 9138738 for details.

Counselling:

Accord offers Marriage & Relationship
Counselling by appointment. Our fully
trained Counsellors are there to listen
to you in confidence and help you find
your solutions to your problems.

Phone Mary 059 91 38 738 for
further details.

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

Masses for Christmas

Christmas Eve

Grangecon 6pm - Baltinglass 8pm

Christmas Day

Stratford 9.30am Baltinglass 11am



Christmas Collection for our Priest & the supply Priests of the Parish.

This envelope is in your box of envelopes
& can be dropped into the collecting bags
when you wish.

REACH OUT 2019

The Gift this year is a trolley fob keyring with
the message 'SHARE WITH THE HUNGRY' –
as people do their shopping for Christmas we
are asking them to actively remember the
poor and support especially this Advent, the
work of St Vincent de Paul. Throughout the
year as people shop they are encouraged to
continue supporting initiatives such as St.
Clare's Hospitality, Share Food Appeal in
Newbridge and Portlaoise Action Towards
the Homeless (PATH), as well as others.

A sincere thanks to those who distributed
them during the week to all the houses in the
parish. If you have not received yours yet it is
on it's way to you!

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

APRIL - OCT 2020: 7 Night Stay and Airport
Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for
Book any flight - any time and we provide
guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for
further info and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations
@med-irishcentre.com.

Christmas Revision Courses

LEINSTER SENIOR COLLEGE,
NEWBRIDGE

Christmas Revision Courses
for Leaving & Junior Cert.
from Mon 30th Dec - Sat 4th January.
Excellent Teachers - Excellent Results.

Book online at:
www.leinsterseiorcollege.ie
or telephone: 045 487 811.

Éist Cancer Support Centre Carlow - 059 913 9684

The Centre will close for the Christmas
holidays on Friday 20th December at
1pm and re-open on Thursday 2nd
January at 9 am. We wish all our
clients, their families and friends, a
peaceful Christmas.

Carlow Family Support Group

You Are Not Alone

Drugs and Alcohol abuse effects
families regardless of status in life. You
did not cause it, you can't control it
and you can't cure it. Help is available
for those who live with this dreadful
disease call 085 78 72 730.

*To make peace, you must be at peace.
Peace begins in each individual heart.
Blessed are the peacemakers.*

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's *Winning Numbers*

05, 06, 07, 12.

CONGRATS TO JACKPOT WINNER

Noel Howard - €9,500.

This week's jackpot - €6,000.

Match 3 winners - €30 each.

Deirdre Kelly, Anne Whelan, Paula Boland,
Shefali, Arun, Tanisha Daly Danne,
Breda Coffey, Mary O'Keeffe X 2,
Sean Barrett, Eamonn O'Keeffe,
Maire Swinburne.

Voucher Winners

Pat Nolan, Michael Kehoe, Catherine O'Brien,
Emily Coleman, Arthur & Marion O'Toole,
J. Kernghan.

Next draw is in Lizzie Keogh's Pub on Monday
16th December at 10pm.

Tickets €2. Play online: www.localotto.ie

Thanks for your support!

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Georgina Doyle

2nd Prize: €50 - Ann Donoghue

3rd Prize: €25 - Barry O'Loughlin

4th Prize: €25 - Alice Byrne

PLEASE NOTE

**NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER
IS A 'DOUBLE ISSUE'.**

Articles for inclusion in the newsletter

Must be received before 12 noon Thursday.

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

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am - 1p.m.

Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1pm &
1.30pm - 2.30p.m.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Tuesday 24th Dec. & will re-open Fri. Jan. 3rd.

**Anniversaries can be left into the Sacristy
after any of the Masses during this time.**

Stratford/Grangecon GAA

Club Lotto Results

Last Week's *Winning Numbers*

02, 03, 04, 23.

No Jackpot Winner.

This week's jackpot €6,750.

Match 3 Winner - Alice & Elaine Byrne €250.

Sellers Prize: €30 - Maurice Mangan.

Christmas Draw Prizes - € 50 each.

Juleen Kenny, Emily Hourigan, Una McCann.

Next draw is in the Clubhouse on Monday

16th December at 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

Play online: www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

West Wicklow

Cancer Support Group

would like to wish everyone a wonderful
Christmas and a healthy and happy new
year. There will be no monthly drop in on
the last Thursday of the month (Dec.). Our
next Drop in will be Thursday 23rd January.

We are available by email at
westwicklow15@gmail.com or by phoning
087 43 46 004 over the holiday season.

Thank you to all for your ongoing
support. "The human spirit is stronger than
anything that can happen to it".

Digital Skills for Citizens Grant

FREE - Internet and Email Courses for
beginners on PC, Tablet or Smartphone.

Contact: Nora Kavanagh on 086 40 99 661.

Course Duration: 5 weeks x 2 hours.

Available in: The Library Baltinglass.

Starting: 7th Jan – 4th Feb on Tuesdays -

Time: 11am – 1pm.

OR Tuesdays - **Time:** 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Course Cost: Free of Charge.

Bigstone National School Annual Christmas Concert

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

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

Third Sunday of Advent

15th December 2019

ADVENT: A JOYFUL TIME!

**"JOY IS THE FLAG YOU FLY WHEN CHRIST,
THE PRINCE OF PEACE, IS IN RESIDENCE
WITHIN YOUR HEART"**

A lot of people confuse joy with pleasure; but there is a world of
difference between them.

Unless you know the difference you have not yet begun to live.

People who have tasted real joy are suspicious of pleasure,
because pleasure sometimes can be the death of joy.

Joy consists in having a love affair with life.

It is having a heart full of concern for your companions on the road of life.

It is looking for the happiness that comes in small ways,
realising that in the ordinariness of our lives we find the extraordinary.

It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now.

Joy is love bubbling over into life; & surprisingly, it can coexist with pain.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice!"

Parish Penitential Service

Our Service in preparation for Christmas takes place in St. Joseph's Church on
Friday next, 20th December at 7.30pm. In this form of celebration, we prepare
as a community, a number of priests are available around the church to hear in-
dividual confessions and people receive absolution individually. This is a very
special way to prepare our hearts and our lives for Christmas. Then we can truly
say that Christ is born again in our hearts and lives. 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.**