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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th May 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Francis Balfe / Yvonne Balfe
11am (Sun) Alf Gillespie / Maggie Nolan

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Carmel Doyle

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Bernie Doogue / Pat Dunne / Mary Hayes

11am (Sun) Mary Gohery / Therése Kelly / Catherine Lord

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Ann Whittle



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm

Months Mind

Nuala Rogers, Edward Street, Baltinglass

Anniversaries

Margaret Cullen, 9 Parkmore

Christopher Ryder, Deerpark & all deceased members of the Ryder Family

Sheila Murphy, Coolinarrig

Thomas Furlong, Woodfield

Eugene Dunne, Belan Street

Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am

Michael Germaine, Bessina

Helena Roache, Griffinstown



Weekend Mass Times

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

Weekly Confessions

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays

Stratford & Grangecon

Stratford 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday in St. Paul's Oratory

10.30am - 11.30am.

Every Sunday in Grangecon Church

3pm - 4pm.

Congratulations to the Boys &

Girls from Stratford N.S.

who are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday 5th May in Stratford Church.

Family Fun Day

First Sunday of July (7th). Anyone interested in helping please come to a meeting in the Parish Centre this Thursday at 7.30pm.



We pray for

Johnny Shortt, Mill Street, Baltinglass
&

Peter Sutton, Birmingham, England &
Raheen, Baltinglass

who have died recently

May they rest in peace.

Blessing of Graves & New Roadway

will take place Friday May 10th at 8pm in Kilranelagh Cemetery. All are welcome.

Darkness into Light

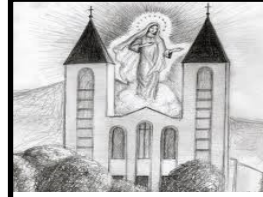
The last day to register for guaranteed t-shirt delivery is Sunday 5th May. Those who register after this date will still receive their t-shirts but we cannot guarantee that they will arrive on time for the event. Register today on www.darknessintolight.ie

Choir Practice

every Wednesday in the Parish Centre 8 - 9pm.
New members welcome.

Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie

Diocesan web site: 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.

Collectors in May in Baltinglass Church

Saturdays @ 6p.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Pat Dunne / Billy Norton

Convent Aisle: David Leigh

Lalor Aisle: Martin Donegan

Sunday @ 11a.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Joseph Kavanagh / Seán Smith

Convent Aisle: Jimmy Humphries

Lalor Aisle: Geraldine Reilly

Mass of Thanksgiving For The Beatification of Blessed John Sullivan, SJ

will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty in Clongowes Wood College Sun. 12th May at 3pm. Anointing of the sick and blessing with the cross of Blessed John Sullivan, SJ will take place immediately after Mass. All are welcome.

Grangecon Community Invites You

to our ORCHARD FEST from 1pm Mon. 6th May in our new Orchard behind the Village Parish Hall. Come and celebrate Community, Biodiversity & Sustainability. Bring a plate of food and bottle of pop. All are welcome. Organised by Grange Con Tidy Towns & Field Committee. Including Go Greener with Grangecon, Pure Mile & Baltinglass Fairtrade.

Baltinglass & District

Active Retirement

Coffee Mornings in May in Bia Blasta Fridays at 11am.

The Group are organising an event to celebrate the **Dawn Chorus** in Tearmann Gardens. Members of the public are invited to participate in this event, Sunday 5th May at 8am.

The Bealtaine event will feature a visit to the patients of Baltinglass Hospital Monday 20th May at 2pm.

Tearmann Community Garden

A sincere thank you to all who supported our recent coffee morning/cake sale and Quiz. Thanks for your continued community support in all our fundraising efforts in aid of our new Dementia and Disability Development. Donations can be handed into the Parish Office.

Scoil Naomh Iosaf

Two 5th classes from Scoil Naomh Iósaf and their teachers Eimer Casey and John O' Connor organised a Jumble Sale for Trócaire. They raised €1,390, all of which went to Trócaire. We had a representative from Trócaire in school today to give a presentation on Trócaire's work and to take photos with a large cheque. The children received certificates and badges. The children sold preloved toys, games, books, cakes as well as organising activities like pictures quizzes, penalties, golf, target games, an obstacle course, music requests, games and a raffle. We are delighted with the effort the children put in and the amount raised for such a worthy cause. This year it is in aid of land rights around the developing world.

Scoil Chonglais Present

their annual End of Year Show in Fatima Hall on Wednesday and Thursday next the 8th and 9th of May. The show theme this year is 90's Popstars and it promises to be a fun-filled night of reminiscing back to the 90's. Doors open at 7.00 p.m with show kicking off at 7.30p.m. All are welcome.

Baltinglass Parish Bingo every Monday night at 8.30pm in Fatima Hall.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

02, 20, 23, 24. Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot - €13,900.

Match 3 winners - €45 each. Mona O'Toole,

Breda Bowes, Harry McDermott, Eamonn

O'Keefe, Pauline Murray, Fionn O'Toole,

Kevin O'Neill. **Next draw** in on Tues. 7th May

@ 10pm in Germaines. Tickets €2.

Play online - www.localotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

12, 14, 16, 30. Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This week's Jackpot - €20,000.

Match 3 Winners - € 50 each. Chloe Keogh,

Edward J. Kelly, Kieran Fitzgerald,

Trish Harmon, Tom Nolan.

Seller's Prize: €30 - Casey Barrett.

Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club

House, Tuesday 7th May @ 8.45pm.

Tickets €2. Play online at

www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Michelle Birmingham

2nd Prize: €50 - Ann Lawler

3rd Prize: €25 - Bridget Halpin

4th Prize: €25 - Nancy Dody

Baltinglass Day Care Committee

next meeting will take place at the center on

May 8th at 8pm. All welcome.

The Annual Collection for Baltinglass Day

Care Center is Friday May 24th & Sat. 26th.

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.

Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1pm

& 1.30pm. - 2.30pm.

Stratford Scallywags Preschool

are now taking enrolments for Sept. All children who are three on or before 31st Dec. 2016 are eligible for ECCE. Part-time places are also available for children not eligible for this scheme. Please contact Jane at 086 77 49 061.

TOWN SWEEPING

This week a new initiative to deliver a more effective use of the Sweeper Lorry has started. It is a trial for the next three bank holiday weekends. It will involve no parking on a particular side of the streets where the bollards are placed. Many thanks to BALTO 2025 for linking in with the local WCC Overseer and Operatives. You can support BALTO 2025 by contributing to 'split the pot' - only €2 per entry. This is an initiative through B&D Forum- new members welcomed for any of our workgroups.

Baltinglass and District Forum

are hosting a Hello Day at Baltinglass Courthouse on Sunday 5th May from 2pm to 4pm.

Music and Food. All welcome.

TOWN PARK INITIATIVE.

A fresh approach to getting our Town Park fully repaired and correctly maintained has started. Concerned people are forming a workgroup to engage with WCC. Are you interested in having the Town Park repaired? Your involvement would be welcomed. Contact Pauline by text on 087 6732156. This is an initiative through your local B&D Forum.

It's Gr8 Savers Week (6th - 12th May)

at Baltinglass Credit Union - A great opportunity to pick up some tips & tricks on how to teach your child/niece/nephew/grandchild the benefits of starting to save from a young age. Not a member yet? Now is the ideal time to join. Visit baltinglasscu.ie for details.

Raising Voices, Raising Notes

by the Big C Choir & friends Sun. 19th May, the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, 7.30pm. Special guests Owen C. Lynch and Bernie Heaney, hosted by Liam Kett & Ciara Plunkett in aid of Jack & Jill Children's Foundation & Cancer Support group Newbridge.

Tickets €15 and available from Jack & Jill Foundation Naas & Newbridge and Caragh Parish Office.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

3rd Sunday of Easter

5th May 2019

An Easter Tide.

Christ our life,

You are alive

in the beauty of the earth,
in the rhythm of the seasons,
in the mystery of time and space,
Alleluia.

Christ our life,

You are alive

in the tenderness of touch,
in the heartbeat of intimacy,
in the insights of solitude,
Alleluia.

Christ our life,

You are alive

in the creative possibility,
of the dullest conversation,
the dreariest task,
the most threatening event,
Alleluia.

Christ our life,

You are alive

to offer re-creation,
to every unhealed hurt,
to every damaged heart,
Alleluia.

You set before us a great choice,

The dance of resurrection roars and surges,
through the whole creation.
It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table.
This is grace, dying we live.
So let us live.



Kathy Galloway