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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th April 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Marie Doyle 11am (Sun) Elaine Byrne / Mary Vernon 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) Gina Carroll

This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm Anniversaries

Madge Crampton, Parkmore Gay Halloran, Tinoran Kitty & Carmel Foley, Parkmore Mary Salmon. Lowtown Patricia Burke, Woodfield Jim Hughes, Dublin John & Mary Connolly, Carrigeen Jim Breen, Deerpark John & Mary Whitty & all deceased members of the Whitty Family, Hughestown James & Maureen Doyle, Carrigeen Sr Breda Wall, Baltinglass & Portlaoise Sean Dempsey, Coolhenry, Co. Carlow & England Rose Dempsey, Carrigeen & England Bridget Clynch, Kilalesh Stratford: Sun. 9.30am Brian Brady, Manger Sarah & James Barrett, Winetavern

We pray for Nancy Morrissey (née Doyle), Barronstown & Greenford, London who died recently and whose Funeral will take place in London on Wednesday.

May Nancy rest in peace.

Choir Practice

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

Confirmation 2019

Next Sunday April 7th, 66 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Mass in St. Joseph's Church at 1pm . 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.

Weekend Mass Times

Chrism Mass

Having journeyed together, 'Digging Deeper' into our Sunday Mass this Lent, I warmly invite each of you to join me for our annual diocesan Chrism Mass on Monday, April 15 at 7:30pm in Carlow Cathedral. The diocese is a family of parishes and on this night, we get to gather as a family, priests and people from our 56 parishes. This is a wonderful celebration of the Mass, rich in music and ritual. Come early to get a seat and stay for a cuppa afterwards!

Pre-Marriage Course

At Slí an Chroí on April 6th. Phone 086 12 25 198 for details.

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 Wojytla **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.

Lenten/ Easter Collection

for Our Priest & the supply Priests of the Parish. This envelope is in your box of envelopes and can be dropped into the collecting bags when you wish.

Collectors in April in Baltinglass

Saturdays @ 6pm Mass Main Aisle: Paddy Kelly / Matt O'Brien Convent Aisle: Mikey Keogh Lalor Aisle: Ollie Cuddy Sunday @ 11am Mass Main Aisle: Bobby Lennon / Garrett Byrne Convent Aisle: Thomas Burke Lalor Aisle: Therése Kelly

Epilepsy Ireland Annual Church Gate Collection

Baltinglass Sat. 6th April at 6pm Mass & Sun. 7th April at 11am Mass & **Grangecon** 9.30am Mass. Epilepsy is a condition that affects over 37,000 people in Ireland. It is a voluntary organisation, and fundraising is particularly important. Any support would be much appreciated.

Good Friday National Holy Face Public Prayer Vigil

A public prayer Vigil will be held in each County in Ireland at 12 noon - 1pm on Good Friday, 19th April, to make reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus and for the protection of life, faith & family in Ireland. Pope Francis has asked that we "return to the Face of Christ". "Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven". *Matt* 10:32. Enguiries to Kate Deans on 087 41 12 136.

Baltinglass Parish Bingo

Takes place every Monday night in Fatima Hall from 8.30pm - 10pm.

Free Public Lecture

by Leading US Scholar, Irish Americans in the first Parliament of Religions. Leo D. Lefebure of Georgetown University will speak at Carlow College, St Patrick's on Monday 8th April at 1.45pm. For more information and registration please visit www.CarlowCollege.ie

Applying for CAO 2019

Visit Carlow College, St Patrick's Open Evening on April 9th from 5-8pm

Recycling Clothes Collection

Bigstone Hall Friday and Saturday, 12th & 13th April. We will take your clean unwanted Clothing, Bed Linen, Curtains, Bags, Belts and Shoes in pairs. (No duvets/ pillows/socks). For details phone 086 08 42 143. Your support is very much appreciated. Funds raised will benefit Bigstone Hall and The National Council for The Blind.

The Cozy Corner Crafters

would like to thank you for your generous support of our recent Fundraiser Coffee morning for The Capuchian Day Centre for Homeless people. We are delighted to have raised €632.30 for this Centre which is run by Brother Kevin Crowley in Dublin.

Day of Prayer for Healing

in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on Saturday 6th April - Eddie Stone. Bus departs Church Car Park Tullow 8a.m. via Killerig Cross, Closh Stores & bus stop Barrack Street, Carlow. Bring a packed lunch. To book a seat phone 059 91 51 245.



Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results Last Week's Winning Numbers 06, 15, 22, 26 Jackpot Winner - No Winner This Week's Jackpot - €12,900 Match 3 winners - €60 each Enda & Olivia, Aine O'Neill, Alex Murphy, Aine O'Neill, Michael Howard Jnr. Next draw in Horan's Bar on Mon. 1st April @ 10pm. Tickets €2. Play online - www.locallotto.ie

U8 girls training Saturdays 11am

Astro Pitch (at Scoil Chonglais). New players welcome. Little Shamrocks Nursery Programme starts back in Baltinglass GAA grounds 6-7pm Thurs. 4th April. New players welcome (from age 4). Fun is a priority.

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results Last Week's Winning Numbers

03, 16, 21, 23 Jackpot Winner - No Winner This week's Jackpot - €20,000 Match 3 Winners - €30 each Noel Farrell, Miriam Foley, Mary Cullen, Eimer Keogh, Bieta Wisniewska, John Kenny, Patricia Foley, Anthony Graham, Helen Barrett Doyle. Seller's Prize: €30 - O'Reillys. Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House, Monday 1st April @ 8.45pm. Tickets €2. Play online at www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Tom Humphries 2nd Prize: €50 - BB Bowes 3rd Prize: €25 - Brian Halloran 4th Prize: €25 - Georgina Doyle

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.

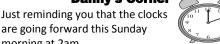
NTR Pilates

Classes for all levels with Naomi. Naomi is a **Registered Exercise Professional with REPs** Ireland, has a nursing background of 14 years and holds an Advanced Diploma in Pilates Mat work, EQF Level 4 from Pilates Institute of Ireland.

Classes for All levels and Pregnancy. Classes run Monday evenings and Saturday Mornings in Baltinglass Parish Centre. Please phone 086 33 50 980 for more details.

Danny's Corner Just reminding you that the clocks

morning at 2am.



We are also looking for volunteers to help us collect for Special Olympics on Friday 5th April in Baltinglass. If you are interested, please contact the Lalor Centre on 059 64 81711. Thank You, Danny.

Baltinglass Day Care Center

next Committee meeting will be held on 3rd April at 8pm at the Day Care Centre. All are welcome.

Eist Cancer Support Centre

A meeting of the South East & Central Leinster Brain Tumour Support Group at the Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow Tues. 2nd April, 7pm - 9.pm. This meeting offers support for those diagnosed with a brain tumour and their families. Phone 059 91 39 684.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

At the AGM in Germaines on 27th March the following Officers were re-elected:- Chairperson: Mary Hayes; Vice Chairperson: Mary Vernon; Secretary: Maura O'Halloran; Assistant Secretary: Rose Lawlor: Treasurer: M. Doran: Assistant Treasurer: Loretta Byrne; PRO: Mary Hickson. Coffee Mornings in April in Germaines Fridays at 11am. Outing: Thurs. 4th April to Kilmaccurragh Botanic Gardens. Bus departs Weaver's Sq. 10.30am. Interested members contact Mary on 087 29 99 571. Dawn Chorus: Sunday. 5th May 8am in Tearmann Gardens. Bridge Club is happy to invite new members, particularly beginners. They meet Wednesdays in The Parish Centre 10.30am - 12noon.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

4th Sunday of Lent

31st March 2019

Today God we honour all mothers and we thank you for the many things that are ours because of them. A mother is someone who cares about you; She's someone you could always run to as a child; Someone you can always turn to as you grow up.





Whatever the situation, a mother seems to know iust what you need: And whatever the need. she's willing to help, ready to listen, able to understand, she's someone who encourages you to be all you can be, yet accepts you just as you are. A mother is someone who will always have a special place in your heart and life; Lord, as a mother looks after her young so you look after us.

Blessed are you always, God of life and love.

Happy Mother's Day!



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 Tuesday 9th

April.

Daily Mass

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

Fast and Abstinence One day a week give up something you enjoy.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Spend some time in the presence of the Lord.

St. Pauls -Grangecon -

Friday 10.30-11.30am Sunday 3 - 4pm

Stations of the Cross

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