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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th May.

Ministers of the Word:

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

Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Joe Hamill

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)
 Katie O'Hara

This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm Months Mind

Dan Kehoe, Allendale & Weaver Square

Anniversaries

Paul Kehoe, Weaver Square Annie Murphy, Carrigeen Dick Nolan, The Wood Jim Keogh, Parkmore Patrick Coogan, Irongrange Mary Coogan, Knockfield Fr Tom McDonnell, Coolinarrig Teresa, George & Paddy Prendergast & the Moran Family, Kyle, Baltinglass Paddy O'Reilly, Carrigeen Mary Groves & her daughter Annie, Parkmore *Stratford: Sun. 9.30am*

Patrick Moore, Winetavern & Ballinasloe Thomas & Anna Bollard, Randlestown & their daughter Margaret Shiel (London) & her husband Frank

We pray for Marie Dunne, Belan St. Betty Walsh, Ard Glass, Baltinglass & Patricia (Paudy) McDermott Beech Avenue, Parkmore who have died May they rest in peace.



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.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Let your heart be untroubled. Even though you can't see the end of a difficult time, soothe your heart with confidence in a Power beyond yourself.

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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.

Congratulations

Clane Parish Novena

to the Boys & Girls from *Grangecon N.S.* who are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday 12th May in Grangecon Church at 11am.

Baltinglass Day Care Centre Annual Collection

Friday May 24th & Sat. 26th. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

Clane Parish welcome Kevin Hyland, OBE and former UK Human Rights Commissioner on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.30pm to speak at the Novena in the parish church. Kevin will be speaking on modern day slavery and human trafficking and is working closely with the Vatican on this social justice issue.

Parish Family Fun Day Sunday 7th July 2-5pm Baltinglass Parish Centre Grounds

Cleaner Required

Baltinglass Parish Bingo

in the Rathvilly area. If interested please phone 086 33 97 981 after 3pm.

Every Monday night at 8.30pm in Fatima Hall.

Tearmann Community Garden

An Tearmann Community Garden are pleased to announce the official opening of their new Dementia and Disability Garden on Tuesday 14th May at 11am. We are sincerely grateful to all those who donated so generously and hope to welcome all to the garden on the Opening Day. This event is open to all the Community and your support would be greatly appreciated. There will also be music and light refreshments served.



Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results Last Week's Winning Numbers 07, 15, 20, 23. Jackpot Winner - No Winner. This Week's Jackpot - €14,100. Match 3 winners - €60 each. Karen Quinn, Bob Barrett, Jane, Tommy & Tom, Conor Manning, Jim Lawlor. Next draw in Horan's Bar & Restaurant on May 13th @ 10pm. Tickets €2. Play online - www.locallotto.ie Thanks for your constant support!

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results Last Week's Winning Numbers 06, 15, 20, 26. Jackpot Winner - No Winner. This week's Jackpot - €20,000. Match 3 Winners - €85 each. Kay Moore, Brigid Byrne, David Bracken. Seller's Prize: €30 - Fishers. Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House, Monday 13th May @ 8.45pm. Tickets €2. Play online at www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie Your support is gratefully appreciated!

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.

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Jim Halloran
2nd Prize: €50 - Brendan O'Sullivan
3rd Prize: €25 - Tess Farrell
4th Prize: €25 - Nancy Doody

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.

Buy A Brick For Scoil Naisiunta Mhuire, Stratford-on-Slaney

Our Buy A Brick fundraiser has been launched & we are encouraging people to support us by sponsoring bricks to augment the funding received from the Department of Education, in order to fit out our school yard & classrooms to the highest standards. The names of those who purchase a brick will "go down in history" with their name displayed on a plaque in our new school. Donations can made by contacting any member of the fundraising committee: Mary O'Keeffe 087 6305574, Lena Byrne 087 62 07 572,

Hilary Cronin 087 29 60 433, Richard Whittle 087 25 20 324, Caroline Kelly 087 77 14 110, Juanita Nolan 087 338 9416 or online www.gofundme.com/STRATFORD-NS. Your support of this fundraiser would be appreciated.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

4th Sunday of Easter

12th May 2019

Vocations Sunday

Today we celebrate Vocations Sunday. We recognise today in a very special way our own unique calling as sons and daughters of God. On the day of our baptism we were anointed with chrism to set us apart for the work of God. On that day our giftedness and our sacredness was recognised by the whole community. Today we rejoice in our sacredness and we thank God for the dignity he gives us.

As we recall our baptism we unite our prayers with the prayers of all believers throughout the world in praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We ask: Lord send workers to your vineyard.

We pray for our seminarians as they respond bravely to the call of God to follow him in the Priesthood? We pray for those who may feel called to ministry in our Church that they will have the courage to respond to that call.

Prayer for Vocations

Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Priests, Sisters, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A COME & SEE WEEKEND

will take place on the 18th/19th May in Maynooth College for those who are considering answering a call to priesthood. For further information please email info@vocations.ie