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### Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th April 2019

#### Ministers of the Word:

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Una McKeever / Tommy Doyle  
11am (Sun) Mona Nolan / John Paul Kenny

**Stratford:** 9.30am (Sun) Hilary McDermott

#### 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) Liam Brady



#### ***This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm***

##### ***Months Mind***

Andy Smith, London & Coole, Rathvilly

##### ***Anniversaries***

Bill McDermott, Parkmore & all deceased members of the McDermott Family

Lil Germaine, Knockpatrick

Willie Twyford, Rathmoon

Hariette & Myles McDonnell

Luke Kinsella, Hughestown

Patrick (Pat) Walshe, Woodfield

William & Molly Whyte

Bridget Dawson, Tuckmill

Jim Hughes, Parkmore

William & Rose Lennon, Kilmurray

Mick Duggan, Parkmore

##### ***Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am***

Austin Lalor, Grifftown

Mary Fenlon, Barronstown



#### **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.

#### **Pro Life Campaign**

Thank you to all who donated so  
generously to last weekend's Church  
gate collection. The amount raised  
was €427.00.

#### **Choir Practice**

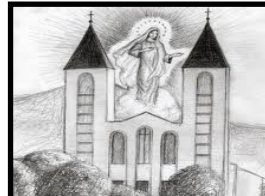
every Wednesday in the Parish Centre  
from 8 - 9pm. New members  
welcome.

### **Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service Seeking Marriage Preparation Facilitators**

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation course facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church, if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation courses locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email info@accord.ie

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

**Diocesan web site: [www.kandle.ie](http://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.

#### **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:** Garrett Byrne

**Convent Aisle:** Thomas Burke

**Lalor Aisle:** Therése Kelly

#### **Priory Institute**

##### **Holy Week Online Retreat**

Sign up now to take part in a series of 8 recorded sessions with presenters who will guide you a reflective Gospel reading in the format used by Lectio Divina. This online retreat is entirely free of charge. Register by April 12 by emailing enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

#### **Irish Church Music Association Summer School & Conference**

ICMA is celebrating 50 years of existence this year in St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Rejoice and Sing - Celebrating 50 Years of the Irish Church Music Association - Remembering, Celebrating and Moving Forward is the theme for this year's celebrations. Celebrations will begin with a two-day Conference beginning 1-2 July. Keynote speakers are Fr Michael Joncas and Professor Lizette Larson-Miller. Fr Michael Joncas continues as the guest director for the Summer School

#### **Baltinglass Earth Day**

is an event, organised by Baltinglass Fair Trade+, to highlight what individuals and communities can do to help slow down damage to the environment. The event takes place at the McAllister Monument on Saturday 13 April, from 12 noon to 3pm. It involves ten local organisations and businesses as well as information on others and input from 5th Class at Scoil Naoimh Iósaf. The event is the culmination of a six-month project supported by Wicklow County Council.

#### **Concert in Tynock Church**

Rathvilly / Kiltegan Parish will host the Celtic Brothers featuring the Willoughbys in Concert on Saturday, 27th April at 8 p.m. in Tynock Church. Tickets €20. Door Prize €100. Tickets are available from Rathvilly Parish Office 059 91 61 114, or 059 6473211, 087 2408367, 087 2668300.

#### **Danny's Corner**

We are looking for donations of oddments of wool as one of our families is making a patchwork quilt and is going to auction it off in aid of the Lalor Centre. Any amount of wool or colour would be gratefully received. Thank you,  
*Danny Doyle.*

#### **Singer Mary Byrne X Factor finalist**

Avon Rí Blessington, on Saturday 4th May @ 9pm, in aid of Blessington Day Care Centre. Tickets €25 and are available at Blessington Parish Office, Texaco and Avon Rí.

### Baltinglass GAA Club

#### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**09, 17, 24, 26.**

**Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**

This Week's Jackpot - €13,100.

**Match 3 winners - €45 each.**

Elizabeth Gavin, Betty Byrne, Eoin Kelly,  
Mike Moore, Dave Carton, Dee Caplice,  
Gerry Barnes.

**Next draw** in Germaines on Monday 8th April  
@ 10pm. Tickets €2.

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

Your support would be appreciated

### Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

#### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**02, 05, 13, 25.**

**Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**

This week's Jackpot - €20,000.

**Match 3 Winners - €30 each.**

Peadar Daly, F. Cronin, John Kenny,  
Kerry Dunbarr, Frances Wynne,  
Donal O'Keeffe, Biddy Curran,  
Andy, Maurice & Francie & Eamon Dunne.

**Seller's Prize: €30 - Gay Kinsella.**

Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club  
House, Monday 8th April @ 8.45pm.  
Tickets €2.

Play online at [www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie)  
Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

### Baltinglass Parish Bingo

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

### 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.

### New Dementia and Disability Garden in Baltinglass

Tearmann Community Garden are now in the process of upgrading their garden to incorporate a Dementia and Disability area to enable all age groups including people with varying degrees of physical and mental challenges to access and enjoy the garden. We hope it will then be a more valuable asset to all our community and people from the wider area. We are presently fundraising to meet the shortfall of 25% of construction costs which our Leader grant does not cover. We would greatly appreciate contributions from the public to meet this shortfall. Donations can be handed in to the Parish office or to the committee members or by phoning Mary on 087 69 13 257 or Patricia on 086 37 83 168. We would like to express our grateful appreciation to those who have already donated.

**On Sunday 14th April at 12 noon a Fundraising coffee morning and cake sale** will be held in the Parish Centre. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received from 10.30am at the Parish Centre. We invite all in the community to come and support us in this venture.

### Split the Pot Results

**1st Prize:** €100 - B.B. Bowes

**2nd Prize:** €50 - Pat Grogan

**3rd Prize:** €25 - Blue Boy

**4th Prize:** €25 - Martin Doyle

### Open Eir

#### Silver Surfer Awards 2019

Nominate an older friend, neighbour or relative who uses technology (facebook, email, skype etc.) to enhance the quality of their life. The closing date for accepting nominations is Thursday 25th April 2019. Full details of the categories and how to nominate are available on our website <https://www.ageaction.ie/about-us/age-action-silver-surfer-awards>

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

5th Sunday of Lent

7th April 2019

### Sacrament of Confirmation

During Mass at 1pm today 66 young people from our parish will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate them and wish them every blessing. We thank their parents and teachers for all they have done to prepare them for this special 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'** - Concludes this Tuesday in the Parish Centre from 7.30 - 9pm.

### Preparing for Holy Week

The celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) is encouraged during the season of Lent in preparation for the liturgies of Holy week when we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. On Friday (12th) evening at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Church we will have a Service of Reconciliation during which people will have the opportunity to individually receive absolution for their sins. Services will also be held in Hacketstown on Thursday 11th and Rathvilly on Tuesday 16th at 7.30pm



### Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday when we recall Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Our 11am Mass will begin with the blessing of palm outside the church followed by a procession inside led by the children preparing for First Eucharist. We encourage people to remain outside and participate in this procession.

### Chrism Mass—Bishop's Invitation

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!

