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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th February 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Una McKeever / Tommy Doyle

11am (Sun) Mona Nolan / John Paul Kenny

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Elizabeth Thompson

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) Carmel Dovle



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm Anniversaries

Jack Germaine, Knockpatrick

Jim Byrne, Carrigeen

Eileen Donegan, Holdenstown

Johnny Doody, Dublin & Hartstown

Margaret, John & Michael Foley, Carrigeen

Patrick Walsh, Mill Street

Jack Gorman, Clough

Seán Doyle, Graney

Elizabeth (Lil) Kinsella, Rampere

Thomas Donegan, Kilmurry

Anna Miley, Ballyraggan

Mary Ann Clynch, Kilalesh

Bridget Hayden, Annie Hayden Janeson & Bridget

Hayden Satelle, Raheen & all deceased members of the

Hayden Family

Kate Toomey, The Glen

Mary & John Byrne, Shroughaun & their Son William

Grangecon: 9.30am

Ciara Hosey, Bessina

Mary Murphy, Lowtown

Mary Nolan, Lowtown

Bridget Salmon, Lowtown

We pray for Bridget Doyle, Clough Padraig (Pat) Coffey, Carrigeen House

Sophie Dovle, Rathmoon who have died recently. May they rest in peace.



Pioneer Mass

in St. Paul's Oratory on Friday 15th February at 7.30pm. There will be light refreshments afterwards, followed by a meeting. All Pioneers are welcome.

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.

The Environment What can parishes do?

How can we "green" our parishes? Sr Catherine Brennan from Eco-Congregation Ireland will address a meeting at Prosperous Parish Centre on Saturday 23rd February at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend. Sr Catherine is a guest of the Prosperous Laudato Si Group.

Blessed John Sullivan

A Mass of thanksgiving for the Beatification of Blessed John Sullivan will take place in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Gardiner Street, Dublin 1 on Saturday 16th February at 11 am. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will be the principal celebrant and homilist. All are welcome to attend.

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 for details.

World Day of Prayer 2019

Every year, worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme. World Day of Prayer is celebrated on March 01, 2019. The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Through the World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of the other countries and cultures and no longer live in isolation. They are also encouraged to take up the burdens of other people, to sympathize with the problems of other countries and cultures and pray with and for them. They are further encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world

Annual Prayer for Christian Unity

in St. Patrick's, Kiltegan at 8pm Wed, Feb. 27th with Rev. Robert Jones. Rector of Kiltegan Group of Parishes as our guest speaker. We cordially invite you to join us for this Prayer Service for Christian Unity. The Prayer Service will be held in St. Patrick's Chapel here in the College building. We will have a cup of tea afterwards for all who attend.

Pre-Marriage Courses 2019

Accord Carlow - March 8th & 9th, April 5th & 6th. Bookings can be made online at www.accord.ie Phone 059 91 38 738.

Michael English & his Band in Concert

in aid of St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Parishes Thursday 28th Feb. @ 8pm. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets €25. On sale from Moore's, Grangecon, Patterson's Butchers, O'Reilly Stores, Baltinglass; The Parish Office; Fiona 087 68 64 596: Mick 087 28 75 011: Avril 087 41 19 214: & Ashling 085 76 79 973.

The Three Tenors in Concert

Borris Church, Co Carlow. Ireland's Greatest Voices. An evening of popular classic hits from Sinatra, The Dubliners, Pavarotti & Spiritual Favourites! Saturday 16th Feb 8pm. Tickets €25. Available from The Parish Centre, Borris, O'Shea's Centra Borris, Brophy's Shop Borris, The Little Shop Bagenalstown & Doran's Supervalu Graiguenamanagh. This is a Fundraiser for Borris Church.

The Quiet Revolution of Pope **Francis**

Fr Gerry O'Hanlon SJ will give a talk on his book "The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis – A synodial Catholic Church in Ireland?" on Tuesday 19th February at 7.45pm in Leighlinbridge Parish Centre. Fr O'Hanlon has written extensively on Church reform and the role of the Church in the public square. Bishop Denis will be in attendance for what will be an interesting opportunity to gain an insight into a vital change for the Church. All are welcome.

If the only prayer you ever say in your life is 'Thank you God' it will be enough".

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

04, 14, 20, 26

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot - €11,500.

Match 3 winners - €50 each.

Mary & Laura O'Sullivan, Julia O'Neill, Louise

McGeer, Eamon O'Connell, Sarah Fennelly.

Next draw on Mon. 11th Feb. in

Timmins Pub, Weaver Square @ 10pm.

Tickets €2. Play online - www.locallotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

15, 18, 22, 27

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.
This week's Jackpot - €20,000.

Match 3 Winners - €85 each.

K. Doherty, Olivia Donegan & Breda Kelly.
Sellers Prize: €30 - Francis H. O'Neill.

Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House,
Mon. 11th February @ 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

Play online at www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Ann Browne 2nd Prize: €50 - Larry Dowling 3rd Prize: €25 - Stuart O'Moore 4th Prize: €25 - Sheila Guing

Eist Cancer Support Centre

provides emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and friends. The Women's Breast Cancer Support Group will take place every second Tuesday at 7.30 pm, starting on Tuesday 12th February. The Support Group provides an opportunity for women to meet and discuss their experiences and receive peer support.

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.

Kiltegan Drama

are staging their play Happy Birthday Dear Alice in Kiltegan Hall on Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th, Fri 15th, Saturday 16th, and Sunday 17th February. Show starts 8pm sharp. Tickets not necessary.

Baltinglass Day Care Committee

next meeting will be held in the centre on Wednesday 13th February at 8pm.

All are welcome.

Please note the change of time.

Baltinglass & District Active Retired

Please note change of date for Dundrum Mill Theatre - Don't Dress for Dinner is now Thursday 14th for the 8pm Show. If interested please phone Mary on 087 299 9571.

Coffee Morning in aid of The Homeless

in the Cozy Corner on Friday 22nd February from 10.30am - 12.30pm. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

Carlow College, St Patrick's Book Fair

All book buyers and sellers welcome to this public event on Wednesday 27th February, 10am to 7pm. For details contact Dr. Thomas Mc Grath, 059 91 53 200 vpacademic@CarlowCollege.ie

Newbridge and Kildare Samaritans

are recruiting new volunteers. If you live in County Kildare or surrounding counties and are interested in volunteering with the Samaritans, please come along to one of our upcoming information nights for prospective volunteers. Date: Wed. 20th and Thurs.

21st Feb. Time: 7.30pm.Venue: 3 McElwain Terrace, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. For details phone 086 08 55 785 or email samaritansrecruitment@gmail.com

Carlow Farmer's Hunt

Point to Point at Borris House, Sun. 3rd March. First Race 1pm. Family Fun Day. Contact Liz Doran on 086 1992457 for details.

Baltinglass, Blystone, Geraford & Grangeson

5th Sunday in ordinary time.

10th February 2019



World Day of Prayer for the Sick

February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organisations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.

Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day.

This Monday to mark the feast there will be Mass at 10am in the Oratory, during which we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

