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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th February 2020

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Micheál Lalor & Fiona Dunne
11am (Sun) Alf Gillespie / Maggie Nolan
Stratford: 9.30am(Sun) Elizabeth Thompson



Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Bernie Doogue / Pat Dunne / Mary Hayes
11am (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Therése Kelly / Catherine Lord
Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Ann Whittle



This weekend - Baltinglass

Months Mind Mass

John O'Sullivan, Carrigeen

Anniversaries:

John Groves, 48 Parkmore

Jim Byrne, Carrigeen

Peter Nolan, St. Joseph's Road, Blessington

Bridget Doyle, Clough

Eileen Lynch, St. Anne's, Bawnogues

Anna Miley, Ballyraggan

Jack Gorman, Clough

Elizabeth (Lil) Kinsella, Rampere

John & Mary Byrne & their Son William, Clough & Shrouhaun

Anthony Kearney, Tuckmill

Jack & Kate Toomey & deceased members of the

Toomey Family, Glen of Imaal

Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am

Ciara Hosey, Bessina

Michael Kealy, Ballycore

Margaret Nolan, Grangecon

Mary & Michael Nolan, Lowtown, Grangecon

Bridget Salmon, Lowtown



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.

PIONEER MASS

In St. Paul's Oratory Thurs. 20th
Feb. 7.30pm. Light refreshments
afterwards followed by a meeting.
All Pioneers are welcome.

Kiltegan Drama

Present "Ghosts in the Summertime"
by local man Jack Phelan, Tynock in
St. Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan on 21st,
22nd, 28th & 29th February. Also the
6th & 7th March at 8pm sharp.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie
Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

Collectors in Baltinglass in February

Saturdays 6pm Mass

Main Aisle: Pat Dunne /Paddy Kelly

Convent Aisle: David Leigh

Lalor Aisle: Martin Donegan

Sunday 11am Mass

Main Aisle: Seán Smith /Donal Kavanagh

Convent Aisle: John Burke

Lalor Aisle: Simon Murphy

**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 to info@accord.ie The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 15th May. Application forms and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on www.accord.ie

**Social Dancing in
Donard Community Hall**

Saturday 15th February,
9pm till 12pm. Donation €10.
Light refreshments served.
Music by John & Terry.
Dancing 3rd Sat. night each Month.

**ACCORD MARRIAGE &
Relationship Counselling Service**

Are you experiencing difficulties in your Marriage or Relationship. Accord Carlow offers a confidential one to one low cost counselling service with trained and experienced Counsellors. Fluent polish Counsellor also available. For further information, phone Mary at 059 91 38 738 or 059 91 42 590.

**Volunteer with
Baltinglass Fairtrade**

With Fairtrade Fortnight just around the corner from **24/02 to 8/03**, Baltinglass Fairtrade group are looking to refresh & maintain Fairtrade Town status. What does it mean to be a Fairtrade Town? It means that local shops would stock a selection of Fairtrade products, that local catering outlets would offer FT tea and coffee as part of their menus, that our School communities would also look towards making their schools FT schools. To this end Baltinglass Fairtrade group are looking for volunteers to join us and to help us, not too much time involved, just a willing pair of hands to help out at events and promote Fairtrade products and by doing so help Baltinglass as a Fairtrade Town and show solidarity to Fairtrade farmers and their families. Interested? Would like to know more? Phone Annette Mangan 087 06 44 241 or Theresa Doyle 087 85 05 718.

THE SECRET OF BEING
HAPPY
IS ACCEPTING WHERE YOU
ARE IN LIFE AND MAKING
THE MOST OUT OF
EVERYDAY.



Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

03, 04, 05, 25.

No Jackpot Winner

This week's jackpot is €7,600.

Match 3 winners - €75 each.

Liz Gibbons, Margaret Allen,
Jeremy Keogh, Mary Darcy.

Next draw is in Lizzie Keogh's Pub, Weaver Square on Monday 10th February at 10pm
Tickets €2 Play online at www.localoto.ie
Thanks for supporting the Club Lotto!

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers

02, 14, 20, 27.

No Jackpot Winner.

This week's jackpot is €8,750.

Match 3 Winners €65 each.

Darren & Mon Fluskey, Lucy Lavelle,
Georgina Doyle, John Byrne, Eoin O'Neill.

Seller's Prize: Maurice Mangan.

Next draw is in the Clubhouse on Monday,
10th February at 8.45pm. Tickets €2.
Play online: www.stratfordgrangecongaai.ie
Thanks for your support !

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Brendan Sullivan, Carrigeen

2nd Prize: €50 - Joanne, Rebecca, & Orla Jackson

3rd Prize: €25 - Tess Mullins

4th Prize: €25 - Antoinette McCormack

Thanks to all who support this draw!

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

Coffee Morning: Venue for January is The Golf Club – each Friday at 11am.

Outing by bus: Thurs. 13th Feb. to the Mill Theatre, Dundrum to see Play by Arthur Miller, called 'All my Sons'. Performed by The Rathmines & Rathgar Society, at 8pm. For details ph. Mary - 087 29 99 571.

Musical Drama: Bookings being taken for 'Who Dares to Dream' (written by Michael English and Tommy Marren). Venue: Wexford Opera House - Sun. 19th April 8pm. Tickets €30. Transport by bus extra. For details ph. Mary - 087 29 99 571.

Recreational Activities

Art Classes: Resume *Mon.* 17th Feb 10.30am - 12.30pm for six weeks, in the Parish Centre.

Bowling: Continues Tuesdays 3pm -4.30pm in Fatima Hall.

Bridge: Wednesdays 10.30am – 12md in the Parish Centre.

NEWSLETTER

Articles for the newsletter must be received before 12 noon Thurs. and can be emailed or left into the Parish Office. Your name and contact details must be included.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am to 1pm.

Tues. 9.30 to 1pm & 1.30 to 2.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office is closed **Thurs. 13th Feb.**

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time / A

9th February 2020

*You are the Salt of the Earth;
You are the Light of the World!*



"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same." *(Nelson Mandela)*

The World day of Prayer for the Sick is on this Tuesday, February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We will remember in a special way all our parishioners who are sick and all those who care for them. In his message for this occasion Pope Francis says, *"the Church sees in you, dear sick people, the special presence of the suffering Christ"*, and he goes on to say, *"God gives us the courage to face each adversity with him and united with Him"*.

May God lay His healing hand on each one of you.

St. Valentine's Day is on Friday, February 14th. It's a day which is very commercialised; but the central message of the day applies to all of us, as it is about celebrating the gift of love and loving in our lives. God is Love and as the hymn says, *'Love is the greatest gift of all'*.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 26th Aug. - 2nd Sept. Cost €745

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board.

Flight to Mostar Airport only 30 minutes transfer to Medjugorje.

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 09 00 819 for details.

