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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th February 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Myra Kearney / Jim Kearney
11am (Sun) Helena Dowling / Ciara O'Neill

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) Mick Kehoe



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm

Months Mind

Dan Campion, Parkmore

Anniversaries

Thomas Duffy, Parkmore

Christina Lennon, Parkmore

Jim Nolan, The Wood

Jim Halloran, Tinoran

Matt O'Brien, Carrigeen

Eileen Lynch, St Anne's, Bawnogues

Terence Kelly, Boleylug

John Groves, Parkmore

James & Alice O'Neill, Downings, Kiltegan

Erik Whelan, Raheen

Pauline & Kathleen Healy, Parkmore

Ann Kehoe, Newtownsaunders & Barronstown

Stratford: 9.30am

Elizabeth & Richard Barrett, Ballinatone

Catherine Moore, Stratford

Nora Byrne, Castlehill, Grangecon

We pray for
Margaret Nolan (née Hamill), Grangecon
William (Bill) McGhee, Baltinglass
& Derry

Willie (Bill) Curry, Luton & Clough
who have died recently.
May they rest in peace.



The Environment

What can parishes do?

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

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.

Annual Prayer for

Christian Unity

St. Patrick's, Kiltegan, 8pm Wed. Feb. 27th with Rev. Robert Jones, Rector of Kiltegan Group of Parishes as 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 everyone.

Pre-Marriage Courses 2019

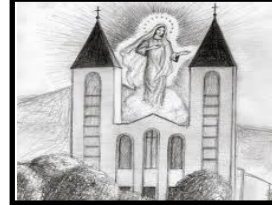
Accord Carlow - March 8th & 9th, April 5th & 6th. Bookings can be made online at www.accord.ie Phone 059 91 38 738.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tues. 19th Feb. 8pm in the Parish Centre.

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 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.

A BIG THANK YOU

to all who generously supported the Peter McVerry Homeless Trust by purchasing St. Brigid's Crosses in recent weeks. The total amount raised was €1, 607.50. The group of women across the Parish who wove the Crosses have to be commended for their commitment. The custom of placing the St. Brigid's Cross in the home or outhouses has traditionally been seen to be a protection against fire, sickness & danger. May St. Brigid Bless the House Where in You Dwell.

Towards Peace

is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people & their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. If you have been abused & would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God & spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you. www.towardspeace.ie Tel: 01 505 3028. Mobile: 086 77 10 533. Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.

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?" Tues. 19th Feb. 7.45pm in Leighlinbridge Parish Centre. Fr O'Hanlon has written extensively on Church reform & the role of the Church in the public square. Bishop Denis will attend for what will be an interesting opportunity to gain an insight into a vital change for the Church. All are welcome.

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.

Scoll Naomh Iosaf, Baltinglass

Enrolment Now Open 2019 - 2020 School Year. Closing date for enrolment is Friday March 15th. Enrolment forms available from the School Office (059 6481083) or secretary@snibaltinglass.ie

Tearmann Community Garden

AGM Tuesday 19th Feb. @ 7pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Baltinglass GC '25' Card Night

every Thursday evening 8pm to 10pm in the Clubhouse. Entry €5. Everyone is welcome including non-members.

Baltinglass Golf Club

Under New Management. Barry & Claire have taken over the catering & bar & are available for all your catering needs i.e. Birthdays, Communions, Confirmations etc. To Confirm booking phone 085 82 19 237.

Carlow College Book Fair

All book buyers & sellers welcome to this public event Wed. 27th Feb. 10am to 7pm. For details contact Dr Thomas Mc Grath, 059 9153200 vpacademic@CarlowCollege.ie

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
02, 11, 16, 27

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot - €11,700

Match 3 winners - €75 each.

Orla Hanlon, Paula McHugh, Luke, Joe & Mary,
Anthony Howard

Next draw on Mon. 18th February in Horans,
Main Street @ 10pm. Tickets €2.
Play online - www.locallotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
03, 06, 07, 16

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This week's Jackpot - €20,000.

Match 3 Winners - €20 each.

Ger Moorhead, Conor Hammond,
Bieta Wisniewska, Enda Hallahan, Bill Keogh,
Clodagh Daly, Paddy Byrne, Mary Donegan,
Angela Keogh, Margaret Metcalfe, Ann Clare,
Lynda Lynch, Sean Kelly &
Fiona Phelan.

Seller's Prize: Joseph Murphy

Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House,
Mon. 18th February @ 8.45pm.

Tickets €2. Play online at
www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Stratford Grangecon GAA Club

invite tenders for proposed waste water
treatment plant at the club house grounds in
Stratford on Slaney. Please email
secretary.stratford.wicklow@gaa.ie for further
information and tender documents. Tender
return date March 1st at 12 noon.

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.

Coffee Morning

in aid of The Homeless in the Cozy Corner
Friday 22nd February - 10.30am to 12.30pm.
€3 donation. Your support would be appreciated.

Eist Cancer Support Centre

If you are a cancer survivor we will be running
mindfulness and nutrition courses in March. If
you would like to avail of either of these courses
please phone 059 91 39 684.

Empowering Youth Enriching Communities - Foróige

Are you affected by someone else's drug/alcohol
use? Young Person Support Programme Wed.
afternoons starting 27th Feb. in Baltinglass Parish
Centre. Phone 086 795 3215 or email
darren.shanahan@foroige.ie

Carlow Choral Society

are hosting in association with Carlow Lions Club
a Music and Social Dance Night Tues. 26th Feb.
9.30pm in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Car-
low. Adm. €8 from members & on the night.
Raffle. Music by John & Terry. All are welcome.

Scoil Naomh Iosaf Cake Sale & Coffee Morning

Wednesday 20th February 9.30am - 12.30pm in
the School Hall. Everyone welcome.

Childcare Practitioner Required

relief work for Kids Aloud Community Pre-school
& Afterschool service. This position is part time
and would cover Breakfast Club 7:45am -9am &
afterschool service 1.40-6pm. All applicants must
hold a minimum QQ level 5. Send your CV's to
kidsaloud@eircom.net before Fri.1st March.

Danny's Corner. Tues. 26th Feb @ 11am, the
students of the Barista Course will hold
a coffee morning in Baltinglass Outdoor Educa-
tion Centre with a selection of Coffees, Teas, hot
Chocolates & an assortment of lovely cakes to go
with them. All proceeds are being donated to The
Lalor Centre. Your support would be welcome.

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Bruno; **2nd Prize:** €50 -
Larry Dowling; **3rd Prize:** €25 - Mary Foley;
4th Prize: €25 - Ingfa & Keonan.

*Baltinglass, Blystone,
Stratford & Grangecon*

6th Sunday in ordinary time.

17th February 2019

Celebrate Every Day

Make every day a day to celebrate and be thankful.

Look to everyday as a day of new beginnings,
opening your heart to positive hope and unlimited potential.

Take time to pull yourself away from all the noise
and just look around you.

Take inventory.

Appreciate those who have enhanced the quality of your life,
and remember that they have been a gift to you.

Also remember that you are a gift to them too.

Be grateful for the choices you've made, both good and bad.

Accept your mistakes, you can't change them anyway.

Apply what you have learned and go on.

Use these lessons to help with your other decisions in life.

Appreciate yourself and your own uniqueness.

Go outside and look at the sky.

Soak in the atmosphere.

Enjoy the colours of the landscape.

Feel the textures of every place you are and be thankful.

Smile at the world.

Don't allow negative feelings to creep into your consciousness.

Feel the power of your own acceptance.

Put a positive spin on every thought you have.

Make every day special. Own it. Enjoy it.

Bask in the glory of life.

Appreciate the gift of your own life.

