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**Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd February 2020**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Pat Dunne / Jane Keogh  
11am (Sun) Chris Murray / Janet Gorman  
**Grangecon:** 9.30am(Sun) Kieran Hosey



**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 Anniversaries:**

Thomas Duffy, Parkmore  
Christina Lennon, Parkmore  
Jimmy Nolan, The Wood  
Johnny Doody, Dublin & Hartstown  
Larry O'Toole, Rathsallagh & Hartstown  
Eileen Donegan, Holdenstown  
Patrick Walsh, Mill Street  
Matt O'Brien, Carrigeen  
Margaret & Michael Foley, Carrigeen  
Bridget O'Neill, Newtown  
Dora Phelan, Chapel Hill  
Seán Doyle, Graney  
Josephine Salmon, Parkmore & Weaver Square  
Tom & Gerry Curry, 2 Bawnogues  
Andy Smith, London & Rathvilly  
Bridie Dwyer, Gibraltar  
Ann Kehoe, Newtownsaunders & Barronstown  
Dermot O'Neill, Shroughaun  
Margaret Byrne, Main Street  
John Kehoe, Clough  
Mary Anne Clynch, Killalesh  
**Stratford: Sun. 9.30am**  
Peter & Margaret Kehoe, Chapel Street  
Marion & Bob Kehoe, Scotland  
Catherine Moore, Main Street, Stratford  
Michael Brady, Castleruddery Lower  
Nora Byrne, Castlehill, Grangecon



**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 PIONEER MASS**

for the Pioneers Total Abstinence Association will be celebrated  
In St. Paul's Oratory  
**Thursday next, 20th Feb. at 7.30pm.**  
Light refreshments afterwards followed by a meeting.

We pray for  
**Lily Tivenan, Crumlin**  
**& Rita Kehoe, Clough.**  
May they rest in peace.



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

**Fairtrade Fortnight 2020**

For two weeks individuals & groups come together across Ireland to promote Fairtrade & increase awareness of the people who grow our food, people who are often exploited & underpaid & how consumers can make a difference by choosing Fairtrade products. Fairtrade Fortnight runs 24th Feb to 8th March. Join Baltinglass Fairtrade Group to bring the fight for change at their **'Swap your Basket Challenge & #Ichoosefairtrade photo shoot'** on 7th March from 11 to 2 p.m. at Mc Allister monument. People are invited to indulge themselves in samples of Fairtrade Chocolate & Fairtrade Bakes like Rocky road, Chocolate banana bread, Chocolate muffins and more, served with Fairtrade Hot chocolate, tea and coffee. Immerse yourself in an afternoon of flavours, insights on Fairtrade, take the Fairtrade Chocolate Quiz, surprises and prizes on offer. This is a free event.

**From Grief to Grace**

A holy hour of prayer for those affected by sexual abuse will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.  
All are welcome.

**ARISE - Young Adult 18+ National Event**

in Knock Shrine March 7th. There will be inspirational speakers, music,celebration, fun, a chance to meet other young adults etc. For details or booking, etc. phone Robert - Youth Co-Ordinator on 059 91 64 084.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Fridays in St. Paul's Oratory 10.30am - 11.30am  
Sundays in Grangecon Church 3 - 4pm.

**Parish Liturgy Group**

will meet on Monday 17th February at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

**Baltinglass Further Education and Training Centre**

05964-82642/086-8462771  
abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie

**Manage your Money**

Starting: Early March. This course will help you to: Figure out where your money goes - daily, weekly, monthly; Plan a budget - daily, weekly, monthly; Understand the importance of saving and how to start a savings plan; Find out about financial institutions and the differences between them e.g. CU, Post Office, Bank; Get a grasp of financial terms; Understand deductions on a pay slip - USC, PAYE, PRSI and how they affect you; Understand social welfare entitlements; Identify support agencies and how they may be able to help; Know your consumer rights. For more information, phone or text: Annette or Maeve 059 64 82 642 or 086 84 627 71. Email: abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie

**Free Watercolour Workshop**

for Adults in Baltinglass Library  
Saturday, 29th February  
2.30pm - 4.30pm.

For further information or to book a place please phone 059 64 82 300.

**Carlow COPD Support Group**

Weekly exercise sessions resume  
Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 12 - 1pm in  
O'Hanrahans GFC, Dublin Rd., Carlow.  
For further information please phone  
Anna - 086 37 94 613.

### Baltinglass GAA Club

#### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**04, 09, 14, 23.**

#### Congrats to Jackpot Winner -

**Marie Byrne** - Promoter Baltinglass Golf Club.

This week's jackpot is €6,000.

#### Match 3 winners - €40 each.

Kathleen Fitzgerald, Ann Keogh, Henry Sinnott,  
Seán Hanlon, Dave Adams, Paddy Pearson,  
Amanda McGeer, Ned Doyle.

**Next draw** is in Horan's Bar & Restaurant,  
Monday 17th February at 10pm Tickets €2.  
Play online at [www.localoto.ie](http://www.localoto.ie)

### Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club

#### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**04, 18, 27, 28.**

No Jackpot Winner.

#### This week's jackpot is €9,000.

Match 3 Winners €45 each.

Gertie Curran, Bill Cullen, Margaret Allen,  
Cogan Family, Fiona Murphy, Mag Fluskey.

**Seller's Prize:** Parkmore Stores.

**Next draw** is in the Clubhouse on Monday,  
17th February at 8.45pm. Tickets €2.  
Play online: [www.stratfordgrangeconga.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangeconga.ie)  
Thanks for your support!

### Split the Pot Results

**1st Prize:** €100 - Pauline Kavanagh

**2nd Prize:** €50 - Parker & Tinkerbelle

**3rd Prize:** €25 - Carrie Murphy

**4th Prize:** €25 - Sadie Fleming

### West Wicklow Historical Society

The first Historical Society lecture of 2020  
is Wed. 19 February at 8pm in the Lalor  
Centre (admission €5). It is by Conchubhar  
Ó Cruaíaoich on "Some Aspects of  
Surnames and Personal Names in Wicklow  
as found in sixteenth century Fiants".

Dr. Ó Cruaíaoich works with the  
Place names Branch within the Depart-  
ment of Culture, Heritage and the Gael-  
tacht. He is author of *Townland Names in  
Co. Wexford* (2016) and he has written  
several articles on surnames, forenames  
and place names. Recently he completed a  
project on the townland names of  
Co. Wicklow.

### Bigstone Tractor Run

Sunday 23rd February. Registration at  
12noon. Light refreshments afterwards.  
Auction in Mick Neill's, Castledermot.

### 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. & Fri.** 9.30am to 1pm.

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

### PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office is closed **Wed. 19th Feb.**

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time / A

16th February 2020

**"They are happy who follow God's Law".**

*'Responsorial Psalm'.*

There are two turning points each day, where darkness gradually  
turns to light and when light gradually turns to darkness. It is  
wonderful to honour both of these turnings of nature.

**"They are happy who follow God's Law", Responsorial Psalm. This  
law is the law of love written in our hearts. Some days can flow  
along beautifully where we are left with a deep sense of fulfilment  
and satisfaction and this is possible no matter how simple our lives  
are. Other days may be topsy turvy where nothing seems to go  
right.**

Matthew's Gospel tells us "all you need say is "yes" if you mean yes,  
"no" if you mean no. We are called to say a loving "yes" to God  
because we are made to love him. When we do this we are on the  
road to freedom. God inspires our decisions and we begin to realise  
what the best decision is for all of me, for my mind, body and spirit.  
When we say "yes" to God it's as if he says "I have you now". There  
is a freedom in letting go and letting God take over - letting him  
clothe us in Love.

**"They are happy who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts",  
Psalm. Each day we hopefully grow and mature a little bit more.  
Our rising each morning like a little resurrection, our sleeping like a  
little death. Nature's turning and weaving a little dance.**

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### 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.*

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Contact the Parish Office on 059 64 81 254,  
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