Parish Team: Fr. Ger Ahern: 059 - 64 82 768. Sr. Eileen Deegan - 059 64 81 123. Parish Office: 059 - 64 81 254. - Email: admin@baltinglassparish.ie Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Fiona Kavanagh & Anne Leigh.

Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd March 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Micheál Lalor / Fiona Dunne

11am (Sun) Máire Lawless / Mary Jo Ovington

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Noreen Keogh

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Patricia Carwood / Rena O'Toole / Matt O'Brien

11am (Sun) John Paul Kenny/ Soley Agustine/ Seán & John Connolly

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Anthony McDermott



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm **Months Mind Mass**

Mick Sinnott, Shroughaun

Anniversaries

Mary Duffy, Parkmore & deceased members

of the Duffy Family, Mill Street

Joe & Theresa Gethings, Parkmore

Thomas Kavanagh, Carrigeen

Kathleen Nolan, Castledermot Road

Patrick Foster, Parkmore

Annie & Mary O'Reilly, Saggart

Kathleen Fitzgerald, 47 Parkmore

Elizabeth & Rickard Barrett, Ballinatone

Catherine Heffernan, Eadestown

Joseph Morrin, Slaneyside

Richard & Lucy Barron, Chapel Hill

Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am

Pat & Dora O'Toole, Grangecon

Larry O'Toole, Griffinstown Glen, Grangecon

Willie Bourke, Grangecon

We pray for Norah Murray, Rathtoole, Moone & The Pike. Broadstown, Baltinglass Dora Phelan (née Carton) Chapel Hill, Baltinglass Joseph (Sonny) Byrne Essex & Clough who have died recently.

May they rest in peace.

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.

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.

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.

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, Fiona 087 68 64 596; Mick 087 28 75 011; Avril 087 41 19 214: & Ashling 085 76 79 973.

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 on 087 0900819 for details.

Collectors in March in Baltinglass

Saturdays @ 6pm Mass

Main Aisle: Liam Burke / Pat Kearney

Convent Aisle: Hugh Coogan Lalor Aisle: Joey Fagan Sunday @ 11am Mass

Main Aisle: Kevin Kearney / Kevin O'Neill

Convent Aisle: Anthony Gill Lalor Aisle: Michael Cogan

World Day of Prayer

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.

Coffee Morning

in Baltinglass Outdoor Education Centre. Tues, 26th Feb. 11am.Coffee, Tea, Hot chocolate, Soft Drinks, Cakes, Brownies etc. Raffle also. All proceeds going to the Lalor Kare Centre.

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 12 sessions are available and there is no fee.

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

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

Summer holiday break: Scotland / Dunblane Sun. 2nd June for 4 nights. Interested members, please contact Mary on 087 29 99 571.

Bowling Tuesdays from 3pm – 5pm in Fatima Hall. Beginners welcome. One last chance in February for members to drop in to see the Bowling Team in action, free of charge.

The monthly meeting will take place Wed. 27th February at 3pm in Germaines. New members welcome.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers **02, 06, 21, 28.**

Jackpot Winner - No Winner. This Week's Jackpot - €11,900.

Match 3 winners - €75 each.

Fiona Doyle, Mary Vernon, Pat Barrett & Tom Goff.

Next draw Mon. 28th Feb. in Germaines @ 10pm. Tickets €2.

Play online - www.locallotto.ie

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers 04, 10, 14, 15.

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

Match 3 Winners - €65 each.

Shane & Denise, Maria Barrett, Domhnall Moore,
Donna Moody. *Seller's Prize:* O'Reillys
Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House,
Mon. 25th 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.

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Tony Keogh 2nd Prize: €50 - Lorrie Norton 3rd Prize: €25 - Julie Deegan 4th Prize: €25 - Lily Brennan

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.

Rathvilly & Castledermot Garden & Flower Club

meeting Thurs. 28th Feb. 7.30 pm in Teach
Diarmada. Mervyn & Michelle Morrison from
The Veg Patch in Ferns will talk about preparing
the ground & growing vegetables. Tea, chat &
raffle afterwards . Entry €5 & Raffle €5.
All are 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 I level 5. Send your CV's to kidsaloud@eircom.net before Fri. 1st March.

Scoil Naomh Iosaf, Baltinglass

Enrolment Now Open 2019 - 2020 School Year.
Closing date is Fri. March 15th. Enrolment forms available from the School Office by emailing secretary@snibaltinglass.ie Ph.059 64 81 083

Open Evening

Thursday March 7th - 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Window Boxes & Hanging Baskets

BALTO 2025, who run the weekly 'Split the Pot' fundraiser, are coordinating the supply of 'Flowers for the Town 2019'. Hanging Baskets and Window Boxes will be available to order by the end of March for delivery at the end of May. Make the Town pretty - please place your order when you get the letter!!

Try Rugbytots

Weekly play sessions enable boys & girls aged 2-5 to develop their social & physical skills in a fun environment. Classes run in Scoil Naomh Iosaf, Baltinglass. Phone 083 818 5726 for details.

Baltinglass GC '25' Card Night

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

Danny's Corner

It is great to see work commencing at the Presentation Convent Baltinglass. We look forward to seeing the finished product.

Baltinglass, Blystone, Gerasford & Grangecon

7th Sunday in ordinary time.

24th February 2019

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight kicks off from the 28th February to the 10th March. Support for Fairtrade in Ireland is making a real difference to the lives of over 1.7 million people around the world.



Baltinglass Fairtrade group are pleased to support and promote the theme of this years Fortnight, which is 'Create Fairtrade' in Communities, Schools, Homes, and in our everyday lives. To this end Grangecon National School during this Fairtrade Fortnight will be showing the film, 'What is Fairtrade? They will also be creating healthy Fairtrade Flapjacks and making their application to become a Fairtrade School. Well done to the efforts of the pupils, teachers and parents.

Baltinglass Fairtrade group will have an information stand in the local library to assist people to find out more about Fairtrade and how to be involved. Visit the display and take the Fairtrade quiz and be in with a chance to win a Fairtrade hamper. The group will host an evening 'Celebrating all things Fairtrade' in Baltinglass Adult Learning Centre on the 6th March at 7 p.m. All are welcome to come along, mingle, sample Fairtrade products, see the work of Fairtrade on the ground and lots more. Let's Celebrate Fairtrade 2019.