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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th March 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Pat Dunne / Jane Keogh
11am (Sun) Seán O'Reilly / Fiona Kavanagh

Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Anne Whelan

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Michael Lennon /Noel Kennedy /Mary Patterson /Pat Fleming
11am (Sun) Mona Nolan / Maureen Plant / Kieran Cogan

Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Mary O'Riordan



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm

Months Mind Mass

Bridget Doyle, Clough
Sophie Doyle, Rathmoon
Pat Coffey, Carrigeen House

Anniversaries

Pat Coffee Senior, Jimmy O'Shea & all deceased members of the Coffey & O'Shea Families, Baltinglass & Waterville, Co. Kerry
Anthony Leigh, Bawnogues
Phil O'Connor, Allendale & Beara
Annie Kingston, Bantry
Christopher Foley, Belan Street
John Gethings, 9 Parkmore
Thomas & Brigid Alcock, 38 Parkmore
Chris Callinan, Baltinglass & Doonbeg, Co. Clare
Patrick O'Reilly, Woodfield
Paul Doody, Clough

Stratford: Sun. 9.30am

Margaret & Peter Kehoe, Chapel Street
Bob & Marion Kehoe, Scotland
Peter Fluskey, Church Street



We pray for
Bridie O'Gorman, Redding, England
&
Vinnie McGeer, London & Parkmore
who died recently
May they rest in peace.



Pre-Marriage Courses 2019

Accord Carlow

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

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.

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

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 or by phoning 059 64 81 083.

Open Evening

Thursday March 7th - 6.30 to 8.30pm.

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.

**Baltinglass Fairtrade Group -
'Celebrate All Things Fairtrade'**

We are now well into Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 and hope that you are joining this year's campaign to 'Create Fairtrade in your own way'. If you think you might know the answer to the following: Which country grows bananas is it the UK, Colombia or Ireland? Then why not take the Fairtrade Quiz at the Library or at the 'Celebrate All things Fairtrade' evening in the Baltinglass Adult Learning Centre at 7 p.m. on the 6th March. Please feel free to come along to sample some Fairtrade products, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, home baking, Ice Cream, Chocolate and learn more about how Fairtrade, about how it's global, it's local and it's personal and how You can be the change when you switch to buying Fairtrade products!

Well Done

A packed Church enjoyed a memorable evening with Michael English on Thursday Thanks to the hard work of all the committee in making it a wonderful great success.

Grangecon Primary School

Big congratulation to our 6th class girls who spoke brilliantly on Eastcoast F.M. on Thurs. They talked about our huge involvement in Fairtrade & Greenschools. Thank you to Theresa Doyle who came in to talk to our pupils & who gave us a great insight into what Fairtrade is all about.

Grangecon Primary School

If you wish to enrol your child in Grangecon N.S. for Sept 2019, enrolment forms are available from the school office. Please phone 045 40 31 11 or email grangeconns1965@gmail.com Our open evening is 9th May 6pm - 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to Hazel Waters for her work as Sacristan in Stratford for the past three years. We appreciate very much her commitment and dedication. Regretfully Hazel is finishing with us. We wish her all the best in the future. We welcome Monica Fluskey as her replacement.

Window Boxes & Hanging Baskets

BALTO 2025, who run the weekly 'Split the Pot' fundraiser, are co-ordinating the supply of 'Flowers for the Town 2019'. Hanging Baskets & 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.

The Kare Lalor Centre

would like to thank students from Kildare & Wicklow ETB Training Service, who completed a 6 weeks Barista & Café Skills in Baltinglass Outdoor Education Centre recently. They ran a very successful coffee morning for the centre raising 612.45 & got wonderful support from the community. We wish all students the best of luck in their future careers. Thanks to their tutor Angela & Kildare & Wicklow ETB training service. From the service users & staff at the Kare Centre.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre

provides emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and friends. The centre is currently running a variety of programmes including nutrition and mindfulness. Please contact Eist at the Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow on 059 91 39 684 for further details.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
05, 20, 26, 27.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This Week's Jackpot - €12,100.

Match 3 winners - €150 each.

John Coogan & Brian Nolan.

Next draw Mon. 4th March in Timmins' Bar.
@ 10pm. Tickets €2.

Play online - www.locallotto.ie

Thanks for supporting the club lotto.

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
01, 10, 16, 21.

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.

This week's Jackpot - €20,000.

Match 3 Winners - € 50 each.

Miriam Foley, Adam Hurley, Lillian & Jason Steed,
Laura Foley & Gerry O'Neill.

Seller's Prize: S. Ovington

Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House,
Mon. 4th March @ 8.45pm.

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

Daffodil Day In Aid Of The Irish Cancer Society

will be held in Baltinglass & surrounding areas on
Friday 22nd March. All volunteer helpers would
be gratefully appreciated. If you wish to help in
anyway, please leave your name & number into
Patterson's Butchers or come along on the morn-
ing to McAlister. Donations of fresh daffodils
would be very gratefully received. **Carmel
Murphy**, area organiser for the Irish Cancer Society.

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.

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Martin Doyle

2nd Prize: €50 - Jade Reilly

3rd Prize: €25 - Josie Byrne

4th Prize: €25 - Brogan & Comiegh Barrett

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

Coffee Mornings for March: Golf Club
on Fridays at 11am. **Holiday Break to Dunblane,**

Scotland: Deposit of €100 per person is due
now. Information from Mary on 086 06 29 435.

St Patrick's Day Parade: Participating members
please meet at Scoil Conglais at 11.30am, Sun.

17th March. **Bridge Club:** Members are invited
to join the Bridge Club, which meets each Wed.
in The Parish Centre from 10.30am – 12md.

Beginners are particularly being invited .

Outing for March: Fri. 29th March to G.B. Shaw
Theatre/Visual, Carlow to see a nostalgic play
(with music from the '60s), called 'The Voice
Within – a Showband Story'. Tickets €20. Further
information from Mary on 087 29 99 571.

April Outing: Sat. 13th April to National Concert
Hall to see R & R Musical Society in 'The Sound
of Musicals'. Phone Mary on 087 29 99 571.

Annual National Art Exhibition, Mount Wolse-
ley Hotel on Wed. 8th May. Application Forms
are available from Mary on 087 29 99 571.

Clean Up For St. Patrick's Day

Meeting point at McAllister Wed. 6th March
5pm-7pm. All hands on deck to get the town
looking fabulous for St. Patrick's day. All tools
provided. We would appreciate your help.

Danny's Corner

Hello All. We are holding our annual Coffee
Morning, Cake Sale and Raffle in aid of Daffodil
Day on March 12th from 8.45am -12noon. We
would be grateful for your support for this very
worthwhile charity. We would appreciate if all
the bakers in the parish could donate any home
baking for us to sell on the day.

Baltinglass Women's Group

are holding an event for International Women's
Day March 5th in the Tearooms 10am to 1pm.
This is a free event. There will be talks on wom-
en's health & women in the community. Tea,
coffee, food and a free raffle. All are welcome.

*Baltinglass, Blystone,
Stratford & Grangecon*

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd March 2019

ASH WEDNESDAY

6th March - Baltinglass Church Mass at 10a.m. & 7.30p.m.
Ash Wednesday is a day of fast & abstinence.

TROCAIRE BOXES will be available at the three Churches and at the Parish Centre.
We encourage each family to give it a central place in their home during Lent, as we
ensure others have a decent quality of life.

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner
attitudes of our minds. The miracle of inner change is possible. History and
literature are full of examples: Paul on the road to Damascus, Charles Dickens'
miser Scrooge, Matt Talbot the alcoholic. Something happened inside each of
these, and they became new people. Change requires the substituting of new
habits for old ones. It calls for self discipline. You have to command yourself and
make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all
through the power of prayer. 'Lord, each spring you renew the face of the earth.
May you also renew each of us, so that we may be able to celebrate Easter in
newness of mind and heart.

LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

Daily Mass

St. Paul's Oratory
Tuesday-Friday 10am
Prayer Service
on Mondays

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Spend some time in the
presence of the Lord.
St. Pauls – Friday 10.30-11.30am
Grangecon - Sunday 3 - 4pm

Stations of the Cross

Visit the church daily/weekly and
meditate on the Way of the Cross.

Family Prayer

Take some time to pray as a
family, perhaps around the table
after the evening meal using
the icon you received
at Christmas.

Trócaire Box

Have a box in your home
and support this year's
Lenten Campaign.
(€3,783 in 2018)

Fast and Abstinence

One day a week.
Give up something you enjoy.

