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**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Fiona Kavanagh & Anne Leigh.

**Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th June**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Myra Kearney / Jim Kearney  
11am (Sun) Mona Nolan / John Paul Kenny

**Stratford:** 9.30am (Sun) Elizabeth Thompson

**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Bernie Doogue / Pat Dunne / Mary Hayes  
11am (Sun) Mary Gohery / Therése Kelly / Catherine Lord

**Stratford:** 9.30am (Sun) Carmel Doyle



**This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm Anniversaries**

Kitty & Peter Farrell, Raheen  
Bill O'Keefe, Stratford on Slaney  
Brigid Keogh, 8 Parkmore  
Jim Somers, Kiltegan  
Bridget Byrne, Shroughaun  
Sr. Joseph Theresa Kelly, CP., Boleylug  
**Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am**

Laurence, Margaret & Deirdre Dunne, Knockrigger  
Joseph & Mary Bollard, Randalstown, Stratford



We pray for  
**Charles Kelly, Stratford on Slaney**  
who has died.  
**May Charles rest in peace.**



**Eucharistic Adoration**

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

**Retired Priests Collection**

Please support this important collection to help support our retired priests. Please use envelope provided or any envelope and mark it Retired Priests Collection. Thanks for your support!

**Begin each day with a grateful heart.**

**Weekend Mass Times**

Baltinglass: Sat. 6pm & Sun.  
11am.

**Weekly Confessions**

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays  
**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.

**Collectors in June in Baltinglass  
Saturdays @ 6pm Mass**

**Main Aisle:** Jim Kearney  
Liam Burke

**Convent Aisle** .....

**Lalor Aisle:** Kathleen Hanlon

**Sunday @ 11am Mass**

**Main Aisle:** Donal Kavanagh  
John Connolly

**Convent Aisle:** John Burke

**Lalor Aisle:** Simon Murphy

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

**Parish Pilgrimage to  
MEDJUGORJE**

Thursday 29th Aug - 5th Sept. Cost €725  
Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board.

Details from:

Parish Office 059 64 81 254

Fr. Ger 087 629 8881

Andy Murphy 087 0900819

**Pilgrimages to KNOCK  
Day - 15th June**

**3 Night - 21st July**

Details from:

Duffy Coach Hire

059 64 71 681 or 087 25 43 235.

**Kildare & Leighlin  
Pilgrimage to LOURDES**

1st - 6th Aug. €759

Booking forms available from Parish Office.



**St. Vincent de Paul**

Church Door Collection at  
all Masses on Saturday 8th  
and Sunday 9th June. Your  
support would be gratefully appreciated.

**CEMETERY MASSES 2019**

**Rathbran Cemetery**

Friday 28th June 7.30pm.

**Knockpatrick Cemetery**

Friday 5th July 7.30pm.

**Baltinglass Cemetery**

Sunday 4th August 3pm.

**Grotto/Nuns' Cemetery**

Thursday 15th August 11am.



**"No act of kindness however small  
is ever wasted".**

**Parish Family  
Fun Day  
Sunday 7th July 2 - 5pm  
Baltinglass Parish Centre  
Grounds**

**ACCORD Carlow**

Pre - Marriage Courses

Sept. 6th & 7th Fri. Night & Sat. Oct. 4th &  
5th Fri. night & Sat. To reserve a place  
book online at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) For further  
details contact Mary at ACCORD Carlow  
phone 059 91 38 738 St Catherine's  
Community Service Centre, Carlow. Email:  
accorcarlow@eircom.net

**St Mary's Group of Parishes**

had their annual tractor run last Sunday,  
it was a great day and a great success.  
Seventy tractors took part in the run and  
the weather was great. The Lalor centre  
Kare would like to thank St Marys Parishes  
for the generous donation every year and  
all who support it.

**TOWN SWEEPING**

The new initiative to deliver a more effective  
use of the Sweeper Lorry continues.

Please adhere to the **no parking** signs  
where they are placed. Many thanks to  
BALTO 2025 for linking in with the local  
WCC Overseer and Operatives. Voluntary  
sweeping Tuesday and Wednesday  
evening - get involved !! You can support  
BALTO 2025 by contributing to 'split the  
pot' - only €2 per entry. This is an initiate  
through B&D Forum- new members wel-  
comed for our next 12 months projects.

### **Baltinglass GAA Club**

#### **Lotto Results**

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
**01, 09, 19, 28.**

**Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**

This Week's Jackpot - €14,700.

**Match 3 winners - €75 each.**

Veronica Dunne, Tommy Byrne, Peter Byrne,  
Jacinta Cuddy.

**Next draw** in Horan's, Main Street on  
Tuesday 4th June @ 10pm. Tickets €2.

Play online - [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

Thanks for your constant support!

### **Tearmann Community Garden**

The Tearmann Community Garden Committee wish to express their appreciation too all the Community who contributed in any way to the development of the garden and to the official opening on Tuesday, 14th May. To those who gave donations, goods, time, expertise, supplied cakes/sandwiches, made tea and the TYs who helped in many ways, the gardeners who made this possible, we would like to say a special word of thanks. The development and maintenance is ongoing so continued support is needed. The garden is open every day during daylight hours and all are welcome to come and visit.

*Lettuce and scallions are available for sale Monday to Friday from 9am - 12 noon.*

### **Daffodil Day 22/3/2019**

On behalf of the Irish Cancer Society I wish to acknowledge cheque for €15,300 received Thurs. 2nd May. *The Lalor Centre* €1,904.43; *Peg & Geraldine Coffee Morning in Germaines* €950; *Daffodil Day* €12,466 - **Total 15,300.** I wish to thank all volunteers, Active Retirement, Men's Shed etc. To you the Community of Baltinglass and surrounding areas who support us so generous every year and for all the beautiful fresh daffodils donated to us on the day, sincere thanks to everyone. *Carmel Murphy - Area Organiser Irish Cancer Society.*

### **Baltinglass & District Active Retirement**

**June Coffee Mornings** Horan's Fridays 11am.  
**Outing:** Tues. 25th June to Summer Fest at the Brockagh Centre, Laragh, starts at 11am. Details for interested members, from Rose on 08726 48 471. Baltinglass Active Retired Committee is hosting a **Summer Tea Party** for Senior Citizens and Active Retirement Members Tues. 2nd July in The Golf Club 4pm. Details from Rose on 087 264 8471.

# **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD**

**The Ascension Of The Lord**

**2nd June 2019**

**"He blessed them".**

The gorse (furze) is in bloom and the very scent from it makes me feel drunk. It is so prickly and its deep golden yellow flowers are only heavenly.

**"Lifting up his hands he blessed them"! Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven. He had to leave so that his spirit could become part of every human being. Jesus was chosen by the Father to fulfil a certain mission on earth - so that he would renew the whole world. He was mediator between God and humanity.**

Some of us may know people who have the peace of Christ - an inner peace not dependent on exterior circumstances. We are all invited to this peace - not wanting more than what we have and thanking God for it. There is a peace in handing over and allowing our lives to unfold rather than wanting to control everything.

**Jesus blessed his disciples - maybe we too could bless others. Thank you God for people in my life who are helping me on life's journey. Bless them and bless the mayflower, the song of the bird and the beautiful scent of the gorse.**

"Now as he blessed them he withdrew from them and was carried up to Heaven".

**(Ann Sayers)**

### **Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club**

#### **Lotto Results**

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
06, 17, 23, 29.

**Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**

This week's Jackpot - €20,000.

**Match 3 Winners - €65 each.**

Six Pence, Kieran & Carmel,  
D. O'Reilly, Kay Kelly.

**Seller's Prize: €30** - Pamela Mann.

**Next draw** in Stratford-Grange Con  
Club House, Tuesday 4th June @ 8.45pm.  
Tickets €2. [www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie](http://www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie)  
Your support is gratefully appreciated!

### **Split the Pot Results**

**1st Prize:** €100 - Bruno

**2nd Prize:** €50 - Andy Prendergast

**3rd Prize:** €25 - Mary Foley

**4th Prize:** €25 - Alice Byrne

### **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.