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**Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 30th Nov. & Sunday 1st Dec. 2019**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Niall Doogue / Laura Egan  
11am (Sun) Catherine O'Neill / Ciara O'Neill



**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sun) Anita O'Hara

**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:**

David Hallahan 'Sliabh gCua', Baltinglass  
James Bourke, Irongrange & Rahill  
Bridie Kehoe, Weaver Square  
Billy Doody, Weaver Square  
Nan Kavanagh, Carrigeen  
Frank & Jim Doyle, Carrigeen  
Dermot O'Neill, Newtown  
Seánie O'Neill, Newtown  
Tom & Christina Byrne, Shroughaun  
Patsy & Bridget Fennell, Clough  
**Stratford: Sun. 9.30am**  
John Barrett, Manger  
Rita Fluskey, Stratford on Slaney



**Weekend Mass Times**

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

**Grangecon** next Sunday 9.30am.

**Weekly Confessions**

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays

**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.

**Baltinglass Hospital**

**Annual Christmas Bazaar**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2pm.

Donations of bric-a-brac, cakes, toys  
etc would be appreciated. Monster  
raffle on the day. Tickets on sale €2.  
Your support would be appreciated.

**Drug and alcohol addiction**

knows no boundaries. 'You Are Not  
Alone', help is always available. Please  
contact You Are Not Alone support  
group on 085-7872730 for a confiden-  
tial & non-judgemental service.

**Global Caring Film – Living in harmony with  
God's creation**CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration,  
based in Westminster) have produced another  
tv-quality film resource to help parishes respond  
to Pope Francis' urgent call to be at the heart of  
the ecological challenge facing our world today.  
It is an engaging short film including input from  
Bishop John Arnold, Dr Carmody Grey and an  
inner city school. It is a free online resource, Full  
details and a short trailer can be found at  
[www.ourcommonhome.co.uk](http://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk)

**Sing Along in the Tea Room**

Baltinglass, this Tuesday 26th Nov. at 8pm.  
Free admission. Donation box on the night  
in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. All are welcome.

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

**A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR")**, was introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. Over the last number of months, we have been working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and you will see changes in the way we do things to ensure that your personal data is kept safe and secure. Our Parish has a data privacy notice which is available on our church noticeboard and/ or our parish website. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

**Collectors in December in Baltinglass**

**Saturday 6pm**

**Main Aisle:** Billy Norton / Liam Burke

**Convent Aisle:** Jim Kearney

**Lalor Aisle:** Kathleen Hanlon

**Sunday 11am**

**Main Aisle:** Kevin Kearney / Kevin O'Neill

**Convent Aisle:** Thomas Burke

**Lalor Aisle:** Therése Kelly

**INFORMATION EVENING**

**Wed. Nov. 27th 8pm in St. John the Baptist  
Church of Ireland Church, Stratford on Slaney**  
as part of the church's marking of the 16 days  
of action against **Domestic Violence**.

Ms Honoria Gilchrist from Carlow Women's  
Aid, will speak on the work they do &  
supports that are available to those suffering  
domestic violence. We will be joined by local  
Methodist minister Paul Maxwell who has  
special links with the Carlow centre. There will  
be an opportunity for questions and we will  
finish with a short Ecumenical Prayer Service  
with Fr Ger Ahern PP, Rev Máirt Hanley  
Rector & Rev Paul Maxwell.

**Teams of Our Lady**

A Christian movement for married couples  
committed to strengthening their  
relationship with each other and with God.  
Further information can be found  
at [www.equipes-notre-dame.ie](http://www.equipes-notre-dame.ie)

**Light Up A Light For Your  
Loved One**

Sponsor a light on the Christmas Tree in  
the grounds of Baltinglass Hospital.  
'Light Up a Light' cards are available in  
local shops. Hang the cards on your own  
Christmas Tree and join us for the light  
up the tree ceremony Dec. 8th 2pm at  
Baltinglass Hospital. Listen to Christmas  
carols and enjoy tea and mince pies. A  
lovely family occasion.

**Baltinglass & District  
Active Retirement**

**Meeting** on Wed. 27th November in  
Germaines at 3pm. We are always inter-  
ested in expanding our membership, if  
you are interested, come along.

**Reminder:** Babushka Boxes are due for  
return.

**The Eastern Region South Christmas  
Lunch** is in Newlands Golf Club Fri. 29th  
Nov. 1pm – 6pm. Tickets €30.

**Baltinglass Christmas Party** for Senior  
Citizens & Active Retired Members in  
Germaines on Wed. 4th Dec. at 12.30pm  
for lunch at 1pm. Tickets €15.  
Ph. Mary on 087 299 9571 for details.

**Christmas Trees For Sale**

All sizes available from 5ft. To 14 ft.  
Phone Henry on 087 9376878 .

## Baltinglass GAA Club

### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers 05, 09, 16, 22.

**No winner - This week's jackpot - €9,100.**

**Match 3 winners.** - €50 each.

Rena Doyle, Mary Moore, Bridget Prendergast,

Bill Byrne, Claire & Barry, Barry & Claire.

Next draw is in Horan's Pub on Monday

November 25th at 10pm Tickets €2.

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

## Stratford/Grangecon GAA

### Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers 13, 24, 25, 28.

**No Jackpot Winner.**

**This week's jackpot** €5,750.

**Match 3 Winners** - €125 each.

Valerie Lawrence, Miriam Foley.

**Sellers Prize:** €30 - Ellen O'Neill.

**Next draw** is in the Clubhouse on Monday

25th November at 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

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

## Split the Pot Results

**1st Prize:** €100 - Bernie & Catherine, Lathaleer

**2nd Prize:** €50 - Mary Gahan

**3rd Prize:** €25 - Fergus Hutton

**4th Prize:** €25 - Brenda O'Sullivan

## Review Magazine 2019

The Launch took place Fri. 22nd Nov. in the Parish Centre. The Results of the Art Competition were given out. The Review Magazine will go on sale at all Masses in the Parish on Sat. 30th Nov. & Sun. 1st Dec. Price €7.

## NEWSLETTER

Articles for the newsletter must be received before 12 noon Thursday and can be emailed or left into the Parish Office. Your name and contact details must be included.

### Parish Office Opening Hours

**Mon. Wed. & Fri.** 9.30am to 1pm.

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

## Al-Anon Support Group

Are you affected by someone else's drinking? Do you worry about how much they drink? Al-Anon can offer understanding and support for families and friends of problem drinkers whether they are still drinking or not. Al-Anon Family Groups have weekly meetings where all are welcome. Carlow - St. Catherine's Community Service Centre, St. Joseph's Road Mondays at 8pm. Askea Parish Centre, O'Brien Road, Askea, Thursdays at 8pm or phone 01 873 2699 for details. Website: [al-anon.ie](http://al-anon.ie)

## Lalor Centre & Friends Present

The Garda Band, Lalor Centre Choir & the Scoil Chonglais Choir on Tuesday December 3rd in Germaine's at 1pm. Entry €5. Raffle on the day. Thanks for all the generous donations for our raffle from the Community.

## Kaideen Knitwear Baltinglass

### Massive Clothing Sale

Opening hours Mon. - Fri. 10am-5pm.

Sat. 12pm - 4pm. Sun. 2pm-5pm.

## Rathvilly & Castledermot

### Garden & Flower Club

Thurs. 28th Nov. in Teach Diarmada at 7.30pm. Floral Demonstration by Marie Dodrill entitled "Christmas Surprise". Entry €5. Raffle on the night. Tea & Coffee and a chat after! All are welcome.

## Meeting of Baltinglass

### Day Care Committee

Wednesday, 27th November at 8pm, in the Day Care Centre. All are welcome.

## Kids Aloud Fundraiser.

### Coffee Morning and Cake Sale.

Thurs. 28th Nov. 9am-1pm in Kids Aloud, 16 Parkmore. All welcome. All proceeds go towards new equipment for Kids Aloud. Donations of cakes, buns etc appreciated.

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

Feast of Christ the King

24th November 2019



## 10am Mass this Wednesday

**Bishop Nulty will be the celebrant of Mass in the Oratory. He will bless the recently installed stained glass windows. Afterwards he will join us for refreshments.**

## "Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King" *(Today's Gospel)*

The Church bell is ringing, inviting us to take a few moments in prayer - maybe a prayer of our own creation concerning our material needs, maybe a prayer we have recited for years or even maybe a prayer of reflection or silence.

It can be so difficult at times to relax the body and calm the mind, both being necessary to lead us into a prayer of silence and so to inner transformation.

**Well, it's the last Sunday of the Church year, the feast of Christ our Universal King. It's a good time to reflect on how we have lived the past year especially on how much we have grown personally and how our prayer life or inner life has developed or do I even care.**

Jesus conquered sin and death and in doing so did it for all of us. We are alive in him and he in us. St. Paul gives a great account of Jesus in the Second Reading but our minds cannot understand God. His ways are not our ways. With him everything is upside down. Jesus is the fullness of humanity. He 'being the image of the unseen God is a mirror image of the Father Jesus' in Him were created all things in Heaven and earth. Jesus, first born from the dead. Jesus, all things reconciled through him and for him.

Jesus - 'made peace by his death on the cross'

Jesus - Our Universal King.

A. Sayers.