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Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April 2019

Ministers of the Word:

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

11am (Sun) Máire Lawless / Mary Jo Ovington

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Peggy Kelly



Ministers of the Eucharist:

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

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

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Noreen Keogh



Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Pat Dunne / Jane Keogh

11am (Sun) Seán O'Reilly / Fiona Kavanagh

Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Mary Ross



Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sun) Michael Lennon / Noel Kennedy / Mary Patterson / Pat Fleming

11am (Sun) Mona Nolan / Maureen Plant / Kieran Cogan

Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Kay Moore



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm

Anniversaries

Ned Byrne, Raheen

Eddie Gahan, Carrigeen

Dr Billy & Clare Lyons, Irongrange

Joan Moore, Moneymore

Patrick & Mary Kearney, Tinoran & their

daughter Kathleen Tyndall

Godfrey Timmins, Weaver Square

Una Timmins, Weaver Square

All the deceased members of the Timmins Family

Grangecon: 9.30am

Patrick Harte Snr. & Patrick Harte Jnr.,

Barronstown & London

James Murphy, Lowtown

Joseph Hamill

Stratford Sun. 11am

Mary Hawtin, Stratford

Anniversaries - Baltinglass

27th & 28th April

Lily Rooney, Tinoran

Ellen Humphries, 3 Church Terrace, Dunlavin

Paula Horgan, Bawnogues

Stratford: Sun. 9.30am

Maisie & Jim Browne, Ballymore Eustace



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.

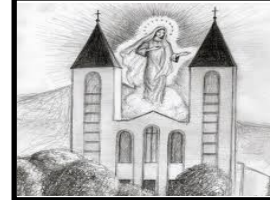
Message from Bishop Denis

My most sincere thanks to all the clergy and parishioners who attended the Chrism Mass on Monday last. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate our Diocese. Many thanks also to those behind the scenes making sure everything ran smoothly.

Every blessing to all over this Easter season and once again thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

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.

Collectors in May in Baltinglass Church

Saturdays @ 6p.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Pat Dunne / Billy Norton

Convent Aisle: David Leigh

Lalor Aisle: Martin Donegan

Sunday @ 11a.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Joseph Kavanagh / Seán Smith

Convent Aisle: Jimmy Humphries

Lalor Aisle: Geraldine Reilly

Clonfert Mercy Sunday April 28th

Bus leaving Tullow Car Park 8am sharp via Barrack St. bus stop, Carlow. Bring a packed lunch. Phone Lily on 059 91 51 245 or 087 22 45 193.

Rosary at the Grottos

Join thousands of people around Ireland as we go to our local Grottos to pray the Rosary daily during the month of May at 8pm (unless otherwise stated). Call/text 087-27 86 552 or go to www.coastalrosaryireland.ie to sign up to your local Grottos.

Credit Unions

across the country featured in a series on RTE 1 called 'The Borrowers'. The first episode aired Tues. 16th April and will continue Tuesdays @ 8.30pm for 7 more episodes. Credit Unions look at people as individuals, with their own stories and their own reasons to borrow. No two loans are the same and, equally, no two borrowers are the same. Credit unions are open for all types of loans, to people from all walks of life. We hope you can tune in to see the real side of how the Credit Union works.

FUN QUIZ & LOCAL MUSIC

Friday April 26th in Germaines. Quiz starts 9 pm sharp. Great Prizes (incl. 2 tickets for the All Ireland.) Table for 4, €40. All Proceeds in aid of the new wheelchair-accessible Sensory Garden at Teermann Community Garden, Baltinglass, opening May 14th.

Danny's Corner

We in the Lalor Centre were very saddened to hear the news of the passing of Nuala Rogers. Nuala was a great supporter of the Lalor Centre and was always on hand to help in any way. We send our sympathies to the Rogers and Doody families.

Divine Mercy Sunday 28th April

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3 - 4pm in Grangecon Church. Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and blessing of the Divine Mercy Image, concluding with Benediction. 9 day Novena begins on Good Friday, April 19th.

Graiguecullen / Killeshin

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen. 9 Mon. nights, 29th April - 24th June 7.30pm. (Rosary at 7.10pm). Singing will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton, accompanied by the Poor Clare Community and Parish Choirs. Please join us in Prayer.

Accord Catholic Marriage

Care Service Seeking

Marriage Preparation Facilitators

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation course facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church, if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation courses locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email info@accord.ie

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers **04, 08, 22, 27.**
Jackpot Winner - No Winner. This Week's
Jackpot - €13,500. **Match 3 winners - €60 each.**
Dan & Mikey, Bernie Kilcoyne, P.J. Hanlon,
Katie Murphy, Winnie Byrne.
Next draw in on Tuesday 23rd April @ 10pm.
in Horan's Pub, Main Street. Tickets €2.

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

Lotto Results. Last Week's Winning Numbers
04, 10, 12, 18. **Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**
This week's Jackpot - €20,000. **Match 3**
Winners - €30 each. Marie Halstead, Carol
Moody, Helen O'Keefe, Paul Gibbons,
Noel Dowling, Eoin Kelly, Nigel O'Neill,
Bernie Gannon, Madeleine Foley.
Seller's Prize: €30 - Jason Barrett.
Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House,
Tuesday 23rd April @ 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Peg Doyle; **2nd Prize:** €50 -
Richie Harmon; **3rd Prize:** €25 - Harry Farrell;
4th Prize: €25 - Susie Cloake.

Rathvilly & Castledermot Garden & Flower Club

April meeting Thurs. 25th at 7.30 pm in Teach
Diarmada. This will be our Annual Alpine Show.
Paul Cutler from Altamont will judge our entries.
Paul will give a talk on growing Alpine or Rock
plants. Raffle followed by tea, cakes & chat.

SILVER SURFER AWARDS 2019

Nominate an older friend, neighbour or relative
who uses technology (facebook, email, skype
etc.) to enhance the quality of their life. Closing
date for nominations is Thurs. 25th April. Details
at <https://www.ageaction.ie/about-us/age-action-silver-surfer-awards>

Please Note

This Week's Newsletter is a Double Issue.
Please leave your articles into the Parish Office
before 12 noon on Thursday 2nd May
for the next newsletter.

The Parish Office is closed and will re-open
Monday 29th April @ 9.30am. **Please leave**
anniversaries into the Sacristy before or after
any of the Masses during this time.

Buy A Brick For Scoil Naisiunta Mhuire, Stratford-on-Slaney

Our Buy A Brick fundraiser has been launched &
we are encouraging people to support us by spon-
soring bricks to augment the funding received
from the Department of Education, in order to fit
out our school yard & classrooms to the highest
standards. The names of those who purchase a
brick will "go down in history" with their name
displayed on a plaque in our new school.
Donations can be made by contacting any member
of the fundraising committee: Mary O'Keefe
087 6305574, Lena Byrne 087 62 07 572,
Hilary Cronin 087 29 60 433, Richard Whittle
087 25 20 324, Caroline Kelly 087 77 14 110,
Juanita Nolan 087 338 9416 or online
www.gofundme.com/STRATFORD-NS. Your
support of this fundraiser would be appreciated.

FREE CPR TRAINING at Stratford Grangecon GAA Club

Hands for Life, the Irish Heart Foundation is
offering a FREE community CPR training
programme in communities with the support of
Abbott and ESB Networks. **Venue:** Stratford
Grangecon GAA Club House, Wed. 1 May,
8 – 9pm. There is availability of other times (5pm
& 6.30). Ring Annette 087 06 44 241 or Eileen
087 68 79 193. **Training Details -** Hands for Life
CPR training sessions are suitable for adults 18 &
older & only takes 1hour. During the course
attendees will learn how to perform hands-only
CPR practicing on a manikin. Topics covered -
Recognise cardiac arrest, use an AED, conduct
hands-only CP, Help someone who is choking,
Know the difference between heart attack and
cardiac arrest, recognise signs of a stroke. **How to**
sign up for a course? This is a FREE course
but places need to be booked in advance.
Contact Annette or Eileen or register direct with
handsforlife.ie. Let us know if you register as we
need to ensure we have 30 people.

The Irish Wheelchair Association

are working directly with the elderly in the com-
munity under our Enhanced Homecare Services
& are seeking employees to carry out this service
on our behalf. You will need to be studying or
have completed a Fetac Level 5 in healthcare or
its equivalent. If you are interested in working
with the IWA as a caregiver, send your CV with the
email below. We offer excellent rates. Training
is provided. Email Mairin.oneill@iwa.ie

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

Easter Sunday

21st April 2019

They have taken the Lord out of the tomb.

She had come back to the tomb, a woman who missed Jesus,
as we visit the graves of our loved ones.

She couldn't wait and arrived in the darkness.
And don't we often go to God in our darkness?

Our darkness of grief, doubt, sadness;
The days we feel downcast, let down, hopeless about a job,
anxious about a child, worried over an exam;
we go to God in our deadness and darkness.

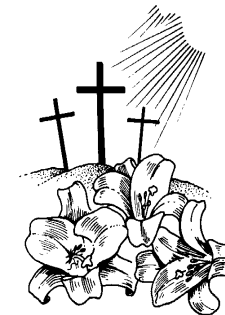
Like Mary going to the tomb; something had died in her when Jesus died.

In her darkness she went where she would find some hope:
to the tomb of the One who gave her life.

And she found life again; but not immediately.
Maybe then there were glimmers of hope,
like joy returning slowly at times in life.
With the disciples who gradually recognised that his promise of rising again was
true,
she knew again the light and the joy she once had.

We go to the tomb of Jesus in our darkness,
in our hope that peace, courage and good times will follow.
Let Easter nourish our faith, increase our hope, and keep alive our love
that the Lord is risen.

Nobody took the Lord out of the tomb!
He was raised from death by God his Father.
He is risen indeed.
Like the apostles may we believe this truly;
He is risen indeed,
Alleluia.



Trócaire Boxes

Boxes may be returned during the week. It would be a great help if coin was converted
into notes if at all possible. However, in whatever form it comes it will be appreciated.