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 15th & Sunday 16th June

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass:

6pm (Sat) Micheál Lalor & Fiona Dunne 11am (Sun) Catherine O'Neill / Ciara O'Neill



Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Anita O'Hara

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6pm (Sat) Clare O'Neill / Theresa McDermott / Seamus Kelly Baltinglass: 11am (Sun) Mary Vernon / Soley Agustine / Mary Burke Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Mary O'Riordan



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm Months Mind

Betty Walsh, Ardglass

Paudy McDermott, Beech Avenue, Parkmore

Anniversaries

Pat & Mary Jo McDonagh & their Son Ignatius, Edward Street

Tommy O'Connor, Irongrange

Joseph & Mary Farrell, Belan Street Shane McKeever, Baltinglass & Kilkenny

Maureen Coffey, Carrigeen

Patrick & Padraig Coffey & all deceased members of the Coffee & O'Shea Families Waterville, Co.

Kerry

Clare Doody, Hartestown John Moore, Deerpark

John Norton, Knockrigg

James & Dora Breen, Weaver Square and their

Son Larry U.S.A.

Margaret Dalton, Woodfield

Matt Owens, Parkmore

Stratford: Sun. 9.30am

Willie (Bill) Humphreys, Whitestown William (Billy) Moore, Winetavern Joseph & Mary Bollard, Randalstown

Eucharistic Adoration

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



Oratory. The Parish Centre on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion Monday 10am in St. Paul's Oratory.

St. Vincent de Paul

Church Door Collection

at all Masses this Society of St. Vincent de Paul Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June. Your support would be appreciated.

You may be interested in doing something worthwhile for the environment! ECOSIA is a search engine and 80% of the profits go to planting trees.

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. 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: Duffv 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.

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 For further details contact Mary at ACCORD Carlow phone 059 91 38 738 St Catherine's Community Service Centre, Carlow. Email: accorcarlow@eircom.net

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.

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

Special Workshop with Tom Kendsia, American Composer

will take place on Thursday 13th June in the Parish Church, Portlaoise at 8pm. The cost is free, as Portlaoise Parish are very kindly sponsoring the event. Many parishes sing Tom's music such as Stand by Me, We will Praise you, Endless is your Love, Out of Darkness etc. so you will enjoy this evening of singing old and new music.

PJ Byrne Memorial Golf

July 5th 2019 at Kilcock Golf Club. 4 Ball Scramble, Early Bird teams 9am-12noon - €200, after 12 noon €250. Meal included. To enter a team or give sponsorship contact: Kilcock Parish Office 01 62 87 406 or Liz at 087 62 87 406.

ICMA Irish Church Music Association

Celebrating 50 years with special guest Fr. Michael Joncas. The 50th Summer School will take place in St Patricks College Maynooth from 1st-5th July, this includes a two-day conference in partnership with the National Centre for Liturgy. More information is available on www.irishchurchmusicassociation.com or by phoning 01 70 83 478.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results Last Week's Winning Numbers 04, 24, 29, 30. Jackpot Winner - No Winner. This Week's Jackpot - €14,900. Match 3 winners - €100 each. Catherine Murphy, Anne Whelan, Eddie Hillan. Next draw in Germaine's Bar & Restaurant, Main Street on Monday 10th June @ 10pm. Tickets €2. Play online - www.locallotto.ie Thanks for your constant support!

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers 04, 19, 24, 28. Jackpot Winner - No Winner. This week's Jackpot - €20,000. Match 3 Winners - €65 each. Helen Markham, Mick Kelly, Doogue Family, Seán Healy. Seller's Prize: €30 - Annette Mangan. Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House, Monday 10th June @ 8.45pm. Tickets €2. www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie Your support is gratefully appreciated!

> Split the Pot Results 1st Prize: €100 - Tom & Keonan 2nd Prize: €50 - Peg Doyle 3rd Prize: €25 - Kathleen Byrne 4th Prize: €25 - Mary Balfe

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.

PLEASE NOTE Parish Office Opening Hours Monday to Friday - 9.30am - 1pm.

Baltinglass Day Care Centre

next committee meeting is on Wed. 13th June 8.30pm at the Centre. All welcome. Also a huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the *Annual Collection* and to everyone who supported it so generously. Your help and continued support is much appreciated.

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 sponsoring 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 plague in our new school. Donations can made by contacting any member of the fundraising committee: Mary O'Keeffe 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 would be appreciated.

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 Tues. & Wed. 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 welcomed for our next 12 months projects.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

Pentecost Sunday

9th June 2019



This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. It is always a great feast day celebrating new life, energy, vibrancy, positivity, creativity, hope, light and so much more. It would be great if there was a simple formula in our search for God. We are often unsure where to start and how to begin. Our searches are many, from our local Church, attending Mass and saying prayers that vary from traditional to deeply personal. Some find that these simply are not for them and search elsewhere. These searches include finding God in the humdrum of daily life, music, reading, reflection, meditation, relaxation and so on. Whatever and wherever our search, it is good that we are searching.

The Spirit of God knows no limits. It is we who have created obstacles and made it almost a burden at times to be a follower of Jesus. Pentecost Sunday is all about enthusiasm and energy. There are many days when we lack energy and motivation. But God's love for us is constantly bubbling over with life and enthusiasm. Nothing can change this. We pray to the Holy Spirit to re-energise us and to help us find the missing links on our daily journey.

> Spirit of God, fill our hearts, make us loving Spirit of God fill our minds, make us wise Spirit of God, fill our lives, make us joyful Spirit of God fill our Church, make us faithful Spirit of God fill our land, make it peaceful Spirit of God, fill our homes, make them happy Spirit of God fill us all and make us holy. Amen.