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Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Fiona Kavanagh & Anne Leigh.

Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th January 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Francis Balfe / Yvonne Balfe

11am (Sun) Alf Gillespie / Maggie Nolan

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Carmel Doyle

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) Ann Whittle



This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm Months Mind

Bill Nolan, Parkmore

Anniversaries

Alice Farrell, Weaver Square

Mary Hanlon, Broadstown & Main St.,

Baltinglass & San Francisco

Deirdre O'Connor (née Fleming),

Carlow & Baltinglass

Annie Gethings, Parkmore

Paul O'Brien, Edward Street

Nick Carty, Deerpark & Wamfler

Seán Kearney, Tinoran & Helmshore, U.K.

Breda Patterson, Belan Street

John Kenny, Shroughaun

Mary Malone, 11 Parkmore

Phil Mahon, Bunclody & her Sister Lil McHugh

Esther McGuinness, Tankardstown

Thomas McGuinness, Stratford

Joe O'Toole, Main Street

Denis & Kathleen Byrne, Parkmore

Terry Fitzpatrick, Riverview Close, Carlow

Patrick Sinnott, Enniscorthy

Grangecon: 9.30am

Mary McGeer, Knockrigg

John Salmon, Lowtown

Paddy Murphy, Seskin, Donard

Jimmy Hanlon, Blessington

Michael & Margaret Kehoe, Grangecon Hill

We pray for **Tom Smyth, Ballyraggan** who has died recently **May Tom rest in peace**



Weekend Mass Times

Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday 11am.

Weekly Confessions

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays

Stratford & Grangetown

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday St. Paul's Oratory 10.30am - 11.30am. Every Sunday Grangecon Church 3 - 4pm.

'By your witness to the gospel, you can help God's dream come true.' Pope Francis at Croke Park

God grant me the courage to change the things I can, the patience to accept the things I can't, and the wisdom to know the difference.

The Serenity Prayer

Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin - Bishop Denis Nulty.

1st August 2019 for 5 nights.

Pilgrimage Director is

Fr. Paddy Byrne.

For bookings or for further details please contact Joe Walsh Tours.

Phone 01 241 0802 or Email: info@joewalshtours.ie

Child Safeguarding -Standard 2

Procedures for Responding to Child
Protection Suspicions, Concerns,
Knowledge or Allegations. Church bodies
have clear procedures and guidance on what
to do and how to ensure there is a prompt
response when suspicions, concerns,
knowledge or allegations arise regarding a
child's safety or welfare. They also enable
the Church to meet all national and international legal and practice
requirements and guidance.

Michael English & his Band in Concert

in aid of St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Parishes
Thursday 28th February @ 8pm.
Doors open at 7pm.
Tickets €25 and on sale
from the following:
Moore's, Grangecon, Patterson's Butchers,
O'Reilly Stores, Baltinglass;
The Parish Office; Fiona 087 68 64 596;
Mick 087 28 75 011; Avril 087 41 19 214:
& Ashling 085 76 79 973.

Pro Life Kildare Talk

with Prof Patricia Casey in Ospreys Hotel, Naas on Thursday January 24th 7:30pm, located in the Falco Suite. All are welcome.

Further Education & Training Centre, Baltinglass Maths Course

New - Part-time Course starting this January

- Do you worry your maths will let you down?
- Would you like to be more confident when using numbers?
- would you like to understand percentages and fractions better?
- Can you work out area and volume?
- ♦ Would you like to be more confident in helping your children with their Maths homework?

 If so contact 059 64 82 642 or text 086 84 62 771 or ABEBALTINGLASS@KWETB.IE

Tearmann Community Garden

Work has now commenced on the development of a new Dementia and Disability Friendly Garden. The garden is now a construction site and for health and safety reasons, is CLOSED to the public until further notice. When the work is completed we look forward to welcoming everyone back into our new improved garden which we hope will be a great asset to all our community. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Walking for Unity

in conjunction with the Church of Ireland & Methodist Churches to mark Church Unity Week, Fr Lalor is organising a "Walk Towards Unity" in Carlow. The walk begins at 2.30pm Sun. 20th Jan. at the Methodist Church, Athy Road, proceed to St. Mary's Church in Haymarket & on to the Cathedral of the Assumption. There will be areading from the scriptures/prayers/hymns at each church.

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
14, 16, 26, 27

Jackpot Winner - No Winner
This Week's Jackpot - €10,700

Match 3 winners - €300

Shauna & Josie Dooley

Next draw on Monday January 14th
in Germaines, Main Street @ 10pm.

Tickets €2. Play online at

www.locallotto.ie

Thanks for supporting the Club Lotto

Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers
07, 24, 25, 29

Jackpot Winner - No Winner.
This week's Jackpot - €19,000

No Match 3 Winners - Therefore Lotto has being increased by an extra €250.

Sellers Prize: €30 - Brigid Bollard

Next draw is in Stratford-Grange Con Club

House on Monday 14th January@ 8.45pm.
Tickets €2. Play online at
www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

Split the Pot Results

Thanks for your continuous support!

1st Prize: €100 - Geraldine Keogh 2nd Prize: €50 - Mary Moore 3rd Prize: €25 - Michael Dowling 4th Prize: €25 - Bernice Lennon

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. & Thurs. 9.30am - 1pm & 1.30pm. - 2.30pm.

Aspiro – Ireland's Leading Choir

for children & young people

finally recruiting new members in 2019. Classes resume Tuesday 15th January. Limited number of places available in all groups. For further information please email info@aspirochoir.ie or phone 085 74 51 111.

O'Toole Memorial Hall Rathdangan

If part of your 2019 resolution is to get healthy and fit then O'Toole Hall is the place to be this Sunday January 13th from 12pm - 5pm. On behalf of MS Ireland we will hold a holistic health and wellness day. Experts will be available to chat to you in all areas of holistic health, e.g. Homeopathy, Yoga, Reiki, Amatsu Massage, Nutrition, Counselling, Excercise, Meditation etc. Healthy treats available to buy or sample throughout the day. Talks given on all the different therapies. Angel and Tarot Card readings available. It will be a very interesting day. All money raised will go to MS Ireland. Adults €5. Children U16 free.

Beginners Jiving & Waltzing Dance Classes

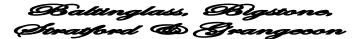
commencing Thursday 31st January.
Course runs for 6 weeks 8pm -9pm every
Thurs. No Partner Required. Registration
& Payment (€60) on the first night.
Academy of Dance, Carlow Youth &
Community Centre, Green Lane, Carlow.

Danny's Corner

Operation Transformation is happening. If you are out walking in the evening or early morning please wear clothing that is visible, especially a hi vis vest. It is important to be safe when out walking.

Baltinglass Parish Bingo

in Fatima Hall every Monday from 8.30pm - 10pm.



The Baptism of The Lord

13th January 2019

How to enter the New Year

If you're reading this, you lived to see the new year.

This is no small matter! Your life makes a difference in the universe, whether or not you embrace your God-given power.

May this prayer accompany your initial steps into the future.

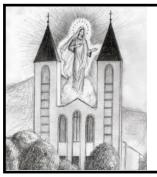
God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly,
Thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.
May we walk gently,
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.
May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.

May we cast off the small, vindictive God our fears have made.



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Thursday 29th Aug - 5th Sept. Cost €725

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board at Hotel Wojytla

Contact Parish, Fr. Ger or Andy Murphy for details.

Guides who work in Medjugorje will visit us on Saturday 2nd February and speak at 6pm Mass that evening. They will share their experience of growing up in Medjugorje since the beginning of the apparitions of Our Lady in 1981.