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 12th & Sunday 13th January 2019

#### Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass:6pm (Sat)Pat Dunne / Jane Keogh<br/>11am (Sun)Grangecon:9.30am (Sun)Kieran HoseyMinisters of the Eucharist:6pm (Sat)Michael Lennon/ Noel Kennedy /<br/>Mary Patterson/ Pat Fleming<br/>11am (Sun)Baltinglass:6pm (Sat)Mona Nolan / Maureen Plant /<br/>Kieran CoganGrangecon:9.30am (Sun)Mary Cronin



#### This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm

The Ferguson Family, London Bridget Kerley, Graney Jane & Michael Clynch, Lathaleer & their Son John & daughter Margaret Michael Leigh, Shroughaun Jim & Tom Rooney, Ballymaconey & deceased members of the Rooney Family John Molloy, Raheen Sarah Leigh, Rathbran Charlie Shortt, Chapel Hill Martha Shortt, Tuckmill Edward & Mary Byrne, Tuckmill Jack & Marcella Kenny, Clough Patrick & Thomas Kelly, Castlesallagh, Donard Tottie Byrne, Main Street Teresa & Mick Kenny, Kiltegan, Clough & London

#### Stratford: 9.30am

Egils Puris, Manger, Stratford Mary & Tommy Whittle, Rathbran Elizabeth & Richard Barrett Francis McCabe, Stratford Weekend Mass Times Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday 11am. Weekly Confessions

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays

# **Stratford & Grangetown**

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

#### Christmas Collection for Our Priest & the Supply Priests of the Parish.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to this collection.

Collectors in January in Baltinglass Saturdays @ 6pm Mass Main Aisle: Matt O'Brien Pat Dunne Convent Aisle: Mikey Keogh Lalor Aisle: Martin Donegan Sunday @ 11am Mass Main Aisle: Donal Kavanagh John Connolly Convent Aisle: Jimmy Humphries Lalor Aisle: Geraldine Reilly

## 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

### Let Your Light Shine!

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lit the flame within us.

### Michael English & his Band in Concert

in aid of St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Parishes Thursday 28th February 2 @ 8pm. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets €25 and are now on sale and available from the following -Moore's in 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

## 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.

Every Second brings a fresh beginning. Every hour holds a new promise. Every night our dreams can bring hope. Every day is what you choose to make it.

#### Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers 07, 11, 15, 27

Jackpot Winner - No Winner This Week's Jackpot - €10,500 *Match 3 winners* - €40 each. Martha Ashton; Margaret & Philip Hughes, Billy Kenny; Mark Staines; Lo Gleeson; Hannah Dowling; Billy Byrne; Jimmy Moran. *Next draw* on Monday 7th January in Horans' Pub, Main Street @ 10pm. Tickets €2. Play online www.locallotto.ie

Thanks for supporting the Club Lotto

### The Eist Cancer Support Centre

Happy New Year and all good wishes for 2019. The Eist Cancer Support Centre provides emotional support and practical help to people with a cancer diagnosis, their families and carers. The opening hours are Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm and Friday 10 am to 1 pm. For further details please contact us on 059 91 39 684.

## 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.

# 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

## Baltinglass Day Care Committee

Next meeting will take place on 9th January at 8.30pm at the Centre. All are welcome. We would like to wish every success to the new committee as follows -Chairperson: Larry Cole Vice Chairperson: Anne Aspill Maura O' Halloran Secretary: Assistant Secretary: Josie Rouse Treasurer: Rena O Toole Assistant Treasurer: Mary Jackson **P.R.O.**: Lorraine Aspill.

### **Baltinglass Parish Bingo**

in Fatima Hall every Monday from 8.30pm - 10pm. Your support would be appreciated!

Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

The Epiphany of The Lord

6th January 2019

## The Feast of the Epiphany.

"From the East came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord, and opening their treasures they offered their precious gifts":

> **Gold** for the great King: **Incense** for the true God **Myrrh** in preparation for his burial.

It's a celebration of the reality that Christ came for everyone.

In celebration of the feast of the Epiphany in Ireland, January, 6th is marked by Nollaig na mBan or Women's Little Christmas. In many parts of Ireland traditionally, exhausted women relaxed with a cuppa and men took over the housekeeping duties for one day only!

As we journey through the beginning of 2013 many of us are hoping and praying for a good year. From a spiritual point of view the beginning of a new year is always a welcome opportunity. No one is praying for a perfect or trouble free year. But we do pray for God's blessings, knowing that each day is a treasure of such blessings.

We pray for guidance & direction in our plans, hopes & dreams for the future.

We pray for strength & courage to get through the challenges of each day. We pray that we will be open to surprise, laughter and the joy that life can bring.

We pray for balance in our lives throughout 2013, mindful that each day & especially today is God's most unique & precious gift to us.

We wish all Our Parishioners a very Happy New Year! Fr. Ger and Sr. Eileen.