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**Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th February 2020**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Myra Kearney / Jim Kearney  
11am (Sun) Seán O'Reilly / Fiona Kavanagh  
**Grangecon:** 9.30am(Sun) Anita O'Hara



**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) 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 Anniversaries:**

Sophie Doyle, Rathmoon  
Phil Kavanagh, Broughillstown  
Kearney Family, Lathaleere  
Lily Burke, Knockfield & Mayo  
Bridget & John Salmon, Lowtown  
P.J. Nolan, Rathtoole House, Moone  
John Swayne, Rathvilly  
Pat Coffey, Carrigeen House, Baltinglass & his  
Father Patrick & Mother Mary & all the deceased  
members of the Coffey & O'Shea Families,  
Carrigeen House & Waterville, Co Kerry  
**Stratford: Sun. 9.30am**  
Joe Burke  
Noel Brady, Manger  
Joe Moore, Winetavern  
Tom Moore, Winetavern & London



**Weekend Mass Times**

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

**Weekly Confessions**

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays  
**Stratford & Grangecon**  
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.

**Blood Donation Clinic**

in Germaine's Hotel  
Thursday 6th February  
from 4.30pm - 8pm.  
giveblood.ie  
LoCall 1850 731 137

**Baltinglass Parish Bingo**

In Fatima Hall every Monday from  
8.30pm—10pm.

We pray for  
**Denise Kerley, Graney, Baltinglass.**  
May Denise rest in peace.



**Eucharistic Adoration**

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

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

**Collectors in Baltinglass in February**

**Saturdays 6pm Mass**  
**Main Aisle:** Pat Dunne /Paddy Kelly  
**Convent Aisle:** David Leigh  
**Lalor Aisle:** Martin Donegan  
**Sunday 11am Mass**  
**Main Aisle:** Seán Smith /Donal Kavanagh  
**Convent Aisle:** John Burke  
**Lalor Aisle:** Simon Murphy

**ACCORD Marriage & Relationship  
Counselling Service**

Are you experiencing difficulties in your  
Marriage or Relationship?  
If you can't talk to one another, why not  
talk to us? Accord Carlow offers a  
confidential one to one low cost counselling  
service with trained and experienced  
Counsellors. Fluent polish Counsellor also  
available. For further information, phone  
Mary at 059 91 38 738 or 059 91 42 590.

**Baltinglass Golf Club**

are holding a Table Quiz on Saturday  
15th February at 8pm. Table of 4 €40.  
Come along and enjoy the fun.

**Kiltegan ICA**

A meeting will take place Wed. 5th Feb. at  
8pm in St. Peter's Hall, Kiltegan. People from  
surrounding districts who may be  
interested in joining, are welcome to attend.

**Baltinglass Credit Union**

The Opening hours in our Baltinglass Office  
change from February 1st.  
**Mon. - Thurs** 9.30am- 4.30pm  
**Fri.** 9.30am- 8pm  
**Sat.** 9.30am—1pm.  
The Office is open through lunch each day.

**Monday next 3rd February  
is the Feast of St. Blaise;**  
Mass in the Oratory on Monday  
morning at 10am followed by  
blessing of throats.

**O'Toole Memorial Hall  
Rathdangan**

Due to the Elections the Social Dance  
previously advertised for Feb. 8th will be  
cancelled.

**Baltinglass & District  
Active Retirement**

**Coffee Morning:** Venue for January is  
The Golf Club Fridays at 11am.

**Outing by bus:** Thurs. 13th Feb. to Mill  
Theatre, Dundrum to see Play by Arthur  
Miller, called 'All my Sons'. Performed by  
The Rathmines & Rathgar Society, at  
8pm. Phone Mary on 087 29 99 571.

**Musical Drama:** Bookings are being taken  
up now for 'Who Dares to  
Dream' (written by Michael English and  
Tommy Marren). **Venue:** Wexford Opera  
House - Sun. 19th April at 8pm. Tickets  
€30. Transport by bus extra. Phone Mary  
on 087-299-9571.

**Recreational Activities** are up and run-  
ning again, and members are invited to  
join in the fun.

**Bowling:** Tuesdays 3 - 4.30pm in Fatima  
Hall;

**Bridge:** Wednesdays 10.30am—12md in  
Parish Centre.

**Art Classes** resume Mon. 17th Feb.  
10.30am-12.30pm for six weeks.

### **Baltinglass GAA Club**

#### **Lotto Results**

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**04, 18, 22, 25.**

#### **No Jackpot Winner**

This week's jackpot is €7,400.

**Match 3 winners - €75 each.**

Ger O'Neill, Robert Kearns, Romie Mc Greal,  
Eddie Erwin.

**Next draw** is in Timmins Pub, Weaver Square  
on Monday 3rd February at 10pm Tickets €2  
Play online at [www.localлото.ie](http://www.localлото.ie)

*Please continue to play*

### **Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club**

#### **Lotto Results**

Last Week's Winning Numbers

**03, 12, 25, 26.**

No Jackpot Winner.

**This week's jackpot is €8,500.**

Match 3 Winners €85 each.

Mick Moore, Martina Barrett, Noel Keogh.

**Seller's Prize:** Tracy Norton.

Next draw is in the Clubhouse on Monday,  
3rd February at 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

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

*Thanks for your constant support!*

### **Split the Pot Results**

**1st Prize:** €100 - The Twins C/O Tom

**2nd Prize:** €50 - Bingo

**3rd Prize:** €25 - Jacintha Cuddy

**4th Prize:** €25 - Dan & Ian Kearney

Thanks for your support!

### **An Sean Scoil**

A sessional Pre-School located on Chapel Hill catering for children aged 2.5-5years.

We provide a happy and stimulating environment for children to: learn, play, grow and develop in a safe and meaningful way based on their own emerging interests. We have limited ECCE & NCS places remaining for September 2020. Please Contact Ashling on 087 11 99 340 for more information or to book your place.

### **Carlow Region Ptaw Annual Dinner Dance**

In The Seven Oaks Hotel, Sun. 16th Feb.  
Music by "Pat Costello" Dinner at 1.30pm sharp. Tickets €25 and available from Mick Kehoe. Phone 087 287 5011.

### **Carlow Family Support Group You Are Not Alone**

Drugs and Alcohol abuse effects families regardless of status in life. Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease call 085 7872730

### **NEWSLETTER**

Articles for the newsletter must be received before 12 noon Thurs. 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.

# **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD**

**The Presentation of The Lord**

**2nd February 2020**

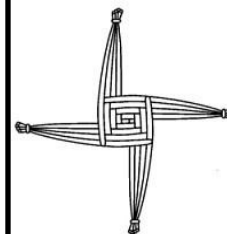


Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.



Many women in the parish have been making St. Brigid's Crosses for the past few weeks. These are on sale this weekend at the Church doors for €2. All proceeds will go the Peter McVerry Homeless Trust. The practice of placing a Brigid's Cross in the home has been traditionally understood as a protection against fire, sickness & danger.

### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

Wednesday 26th Aug. - 2nd Sept. Cost €745  
Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board.

*Flight to Mostar Airport only 30 minutes transfer to Medjugorje.*

**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 09 00 819 for details.

