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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th March 2020

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Mary Hayes / Marie Doyle
11am (Sun) Mona Nolan / John Paul Kenny

Stratford: 9.30am(Sun) Liam Brady

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Bernie Doogue / Pat Dunne / Mary Hayes
11am (Sun) John Paul Kenny / Therese Kelly / Catherine Lord

Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Carmel Doyle



This weekend - Baltinglass

Months Mind Mass

Rita Kehoe, Clough

Anniversaries:

Mary Nolan, St. Joseph's Road, Blessington

Madge & Hal Dunne, Shroughaun

Mick Lennon, Parkmore

Billy O'Brien, Raheen & all deceased members of the O'Brien Family

Kathleen Nolan, Glencannon

William & Margaret Crampton, Parkmore

Thomas & Brigid Alcock, Parkmore

Felix O'Neill, Weaver Square

Anne McGrath, Carrigeen

John O'Connor, 7 Parkmore

Patrick Coffey Snr., Carrigeen & his wife Maureen & Son Pádraig & all deceased members of the Coffey & O'Shea Families, Waterville.

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Paul Rowe, Bawnogues

Pat, Peter & Mary O'Brien, Irongrange

Richard & Lucy Barron, Chapel Hill, Baltinglass

Brigid Plant, Parkmore

Joe Murray, Dunboyne, Co. Meath

Grangecon: Sun. 9.30am

Bridget & Daniel Coughlan, Dunlavin

Margaret Cronin, Springfield

Mary Harney, Colbinstown



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.

Danny's Corner

We are looking forward to seeing ye at our annual Coffee Morning/Cake

Sale & Raffle which is in aid of Daffodil Day on Thurs. 19th March from 8.45am - 12noon in the Lalor Centre. If you would like to donate home baking we would be delighted. See you soon.

Wax, Shave Or Dye

Fundraiser in aid of Stratford Community Shop and Café. Venue: Stratford Arms on Friday 13th March at 8pm. D.J. Adm. €10 on the door.

We pray for
Patrick (Pat) Hayden,
Raheen, Baltinglass
May he rest in peace.



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

Collectors in Baltinglass in March

Saturdays 6pm Mass

Main Aisle: Billy Norton / Liam Burke

Convent Aisle: Jim Kearney

Lalor Aisle: Kathleen Hanlon

Sunday 11am Mass

Main Aisle: Joseph Kavanagh /Prakash Devasia

Convent Aisle: Anthony Gill

Lalor Aisle: Michael Cogan

**John Waters Talk Along With
Every Life Counts**

Speaker Vicky Wall, in Lawlor's Hotel, Naas on Thursday March 12th at 7:30pm. Located in the Pearse room suite. All welcome.

St Vincent De Paul

will hold a collection at all Masses on the weekend 14th / 15th March. All proceeds go to assisting those less fortunate in our community.

We would like to remind customers of Gillespie's Supervalu and Quinn's Euro Spar that they can continue to donate their loyalty points to SVP. Simply ask the cashier to swipe your points to SVP. We would like to thank Supervalu and Euro Spar and their customers for their continued support.

Baltinglass Welcomes

A huge thank you to all for the magnificent response to the launch of our appeal for sponsorship of a Syrian family currently living in a refugee camp. We as a community are now well on our way to reaching our target of €10,000. We will keep you informed of further fundraising events. We look forward to welcoming a family, at present living in the hope of an opportunity of rebuilding their lives having lost everything so tragically. In response to some requests our account is named "Baltinglass Welcomes" and is in the Credit Union - Number 19991, if you were unable to donate at the weekend & would like to give directly that way.

**Baltinglass Further Education and
Training Centre**
Manage your Money

Day or night class - FREE to everyone - starts this month. This course will help you to figure out where your money goes - Plan a budget, understand the importance of saving and how to start a savings plan; Find out about financial institutions and the differences between them e.g. CU, Post Office, Bank. Get a grasp of financial terms; Understand deductions on a pay slip, Understand social welfare entitlements; know your consumer rights, Support agencies and how they can help you. Phone / text: Annette or Maeve 059-6482642 / 086-8462771 Email: abebaltinglass@kwetb.ie

**Participants Wanted for
Goodbye House**

Are you looking to move house? Does your home no longer fit your lifestyle? Are you saying goodbye to your house? We want to talk with you....Stellify Media & RTE are looking for participants to take part in the highly acclaimed lifestyle series Goodbye House. For more information phone 01 56 86 398 or email aine.oneill@stellifymedia.com

Daffodil Day 2020

in aid of the Irish Cancer Society will be held in Baltinglass & surrounding areas Friday 27th March. Merchandise & fresh daffodils will be on sale at different locations in the town. Anyone wishing to help are welcome to leave their name & number into Patterson's Butchers or come along to the Main Stall at McAlister Monument. Donations of fresh daffodils will be gratefully received. Thank you for your wonderful generosity every year. **Emma Hayden -area organiser for the Irish Cancer Society.**

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.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers **05, 19, 22, 30.**

Jackpot Winner - No winner.

This week's jackpot is €6,400.

Match 3 winners - €50 each. Enda Nolan, Clara Timmins, Johnny Kenny, Jason Sinnott, Marguerite Salmon, Michael Browne,

Next draw is on Monday, 9th March at 10pm Tickets €2.

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club

Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers 03, 09, 17, 19.

No Jackpot Winner.

This week's jackpot is €9,750.

Match 3 Winners - Betty Salter, Sandra Greene,

Francie Kavanagh, Christine Iennon,

Valerie Deering, John O'Reilly, Taxi Ted, Kris Caplice,

Bridget Dunne, Ciara Kinsella.

Seller's Prize: Timmins' Pub.

Next draw is in the Clubhouse on Monday,

9th March at 8.45pm. Tickets €2.

Play online: www.stratfordgrangeconгаа.ie

Baltinglass Citizens Information Centre

provides a free & confidential information service to the people of Baltinglass and the surrounding area. We are currently recruiting volunteers. If you are interested in helping people & have some time to give, please contact us for details. Phone Sarah Drea at 087 193 5276. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 20 March.

4th Annual Coffee Morning in Aid of Cancer (Daffodil Day)

Friday 20th March from 9.30am - 11am in the Foyer of Inis Fáil, Baltinglass. All are welcome.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 26th Aug. - 2nd Sept. Cost €745

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board.

PLACES LIMITED

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.

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Pauline Walsh,

2nd Prize: €50 - Hannah Rose McDermott

3rd Prize: €25 - Georgina Doyle

4th Prize: €25 - Brigid Bolland

St. Patrick's Day Parade

will start at 12 noon. Our theme is THE ROARING 20's. All groups & societies wishing to take part who have not already registered please contact Pauline on 087 6732156. Walking groups will congregate at Scoil Chonglais at 11.45am and trucks, cars and trailers will meet at the factories at Lathaleere for 11.30am. Food/drink vendors are also welcome so please call to book your place. We are all looking forward to a great day so come out to support your town and enjoy all the activities and entertainment on March 17th.

Sweet Creations

New Shop in Main Street, Baltinglass. I make and sell all kinds of cake toppers, sugar flowers, communion and confirmation cake decorations, ribbons and personalised candles. I stock vintage giftware, jams and chutneys and cake boards and boxes. Email: miriam@sweetcreations.ie or phone 059 64 81 124 or 086 40 51 555.

Mass can once again be heard on radio by tuning into 100.2Fm

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 - 1pm & 1.30 - 2.30pm.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

2nd Sunday of Lent A

8th March 2020



In the Transfiguration we see the three disciples with Jesus on a high mountain – often a place in scriptures where God makes a special revelation to people. Here they have a moment of insight into the reality of who Jesus is and they experience both joy and fear, though Jesus tells them not to be afraid. This Gospel reading comes to us near the beginning of Lent. It puts Jesus at the centre of our Lenten journey. Lent is our opportunity to experience the joy of discovering again who Jesus is, to listen to him and to follow him. And we do not need to be afraid. See kandle.ie for weekly reflections on the Lenten Sunday readings for group, family or individual use.

Daily Mass

St. Paul's Oratory

Tuesday-Friday 10am

Prayer Service on Mondays

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Spend some time in the presence of the Lord.

St. Paul's – Friday 10.30 - 11.30am

Grangecon - Sunday 3 - 4pm

Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph's Church Friday's 7.30pm

Family Prayer

Take some time to pray as a family, perhaps around the table after the evening meal.

Trócaire Box

Have a box in your home and support this year's Lenten Campaign. (€3,204 in 2019)

Fast and Abstinence

Give up something you enjoy on one day each week.



CORONA VIRUS

Following advice from the HSE and instructions from Bishop Nulty please note that until further notice the Sign of Peace and the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue have been suspended. We ask for your co-operation and understanding at this time as we all take responsibility for preventing the spread of this virus.