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Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Tues. 24th & Wed. 25th Dec. 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass:	8pm (Tues)	Sr. Eileen /Mary Vernon / Una McKeever / Yvonne Balfe			
	11am (Wed)	Sr. Eileen / Mary Jo Ovington / Michael Cogan / Maggie Nolan			
Grangecon:	6pm (Tues)	Margaret Kealy			
Stratford: 9.	.30am (Wed)	Liam Brady			
Ministers of the Eucharist:					
Baltinglass:	8pm (Tues)	Pat Fleming / Mary Patterson / Rena O'Toole / Matt O'Brien			
		Noel Kennedy / Bernie Kilcoyne / Seamus Kelly / Mags Byrne			
	11am (Wed)	Maureen Plant / Kieran Cogan / Seán Connolly / Mary Burke			
		John Connolly / Mags Byrne			
Grangecon:	6pm (Tues)	Mary O'Riordan			

Stratford: 9.30am (Wed) Kay Halstead



Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th Dec. 2019

Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Micheál Lalor / Fiona Dunne 11am (Sun) Chris Murray / Janet Gorman Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Mary Ross Ministers of the Eucharist: Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Clare O'Neill / Theresa McDermott / Seamus Kelly

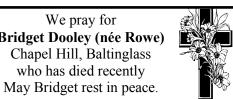
11am (Sun) Mary Vernon / Bernie Kilcoyne / Mary Burke Grangecon:9.30am (Sun) Marguerite Salmon

Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th Jan. 2020

Ministers of the Word:

6pm (Sat) Pat Dunne / Jane Keogh Baltinglass: 11am (Sun) Michael Cogan / Catherine Burke Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Peggy Kelly Ministers of the Eucharist: Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Patricia Carwood / Rena O'Toole / Matt O/Brien 11am (Sun) Soley Agustine / Seán Connolly / John Connolly Stratford: 9.30am (Sun) Liam Brady

We pray for **Bridget Dooley (née Rowe)** Chapel Hill, Baltinglass who has died recently



This weekend: Baltinglass

Anniversaries

Mary Burke, Rathmoon Monica Mullen, White Rock John Furlong, Woodfield & London Catherine & Thomas Scott, Parkmore Ellen & Patrick Butler, Dublin & their sons Kevin, Gerald, Paddy, Aidan & Brendan Kitty & Tom Burke, Weaver Square Hugh Kelly, Boleylug

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Anniversaries this weekend continued

John O'Kane, Edward Street Mark Heffernan, Eadestown Stratford Sun: 9.30am Michael Moore, Stratford

Anniversaries: Christmas Eve / Day

Nina McEntee (née Hooper), Bawnogues Brian Brennan, Mill Street Billy Walshe, Woodfield All the deceased members of the Byrne Family. Chapel Hill & Mark Dalton Ger & Ann O'Reilly, Kildangan Jimmy & Liz Nolan, The Wood & their sons & daughters Pam Nolan. The Wood Esther McGuinness, Tankardstown Thomas McGuiness. Stratford Brendan Doyle, Main St. & all deceased members of the Doyle Family John & Mary Whitty, Hughestown & their son Johnie & daughters Elizabeth Whitty & Nan Kavanagh Edward & Mary Connors Richard & Julia Dalton & their daughter Margaret Dalton, Woodfield Sheila & Lar Murphy, Randalstown Deceased members of the Lally, Nolan & Harris Families Josephine & Daniel McDonnell, Parkmore Jack & Josie Byrne & their son Noel. Main St. Joe Byrne, Carrigeen Eathna Byrne, Carrigeen Peggy Byrne Flynn, Carrigeen Murt & Elizabeth Byrne, Carrigeen John & Kathleen Toner, Letterkenny Bill & Margaret Whelan, Winetavern Pat Burke, Rathineska & Baltinglass & all deceased members of the Burke Family John & Bridget Hunt, Belan Street Michael O'Neill, The Wood, Glencannon Michael & Edward O'Toole, Tankardstown Billy O'Toole, Main Street James Gahan, Carrigeen Hill

Grangecon:

Andy Moore, Moneymore

Stratford: The Halstead & the Hanly Families

Anniversaries 28th & 29th Dec. **Baltinglass:**

Aileen Walshe, Woodfield P.J. Kavanagh, Bawnogues Kathleen Curran, Galway Seamus Conneelly, Galway Liam O'Meara, Wexford Sr Gabriel Thornton, Galway Freda Keogh, Parkmore Michael & Mary Nolan, Bawnogues Annie Burke, Woodfield William Bradley, Edward Street

Grangecon:

Elizabeth & Peter Cullen, Bessina

Collectors in Baltinglass in Jan. Saturdays 6pm Mass

Main Aisle: Pat Kearney / Matt O'Brien **Convent Aisle:** Lalor Aisle: Ollie Cuddy Sunday @ 11am Mass Main Aisle: Alf Gillespie / Garrett Byrne **Convent Aisle:** Jimmy Humphries Geraldine Reilly Lalor Aisle:

Tearmann Community Garden

committee wish to express our appreciation to everyone in the community who gave donations and their support to us during the year. Thanks to the TY's Scoil Chonglais & all the other Schools & Creches, the Lalor Centre Staff & Service Users, Men's Shed & Cozy Crafters & all the other groups for their continued commitment to the garden. We wish you all a very happy Christmas & new year.

Christmas Season Masses Christmas Evo

Christmas Eve						
Grangecon 6pm		Baltinglass 8pm				
Christmas Day						
Stratford 9.30am		Baltinglass 11am				
St. Stephen	's Day	10am	St. Joseph's			
Friday		10am	St. Joseph's			
New Year's	Day	11am	St. Joseph's			
Feast of the	Baltinglass					
Sunday 5th	7	.30pm				
Monday 6th	า	11am				

Baltinglass GAA Club Lotto Results Last Week's Winning Numbers: 17, 23, 25, 29. Jackpot Winner - No winner. This week's jackpot - €6,200. Match 3 winners - €100 each. R. Miley, Patrick Barrett, P.F.D.C.N.BN Voucher Winners J. Barrett, Laura Cullen, Stephen Fitzpatrick, Seam Keogh, Raymond Danne, Gina Borris. Next draw is in Horan's Pub on <u>Sun. 22nd Dec</u>, at 10pm. Tickets €2. Play online: www.locallotto.ie Thanks for supporting the Club Lotto!

Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers: 01, 11, 18, 26. No Jackpot Winner. This week's jackpot €7,500. Match 3 Winner - €125 each. Emma Furlong & Dermot Heatley. Sellers Prize: €30 - Maurice Mangan. Christmas Draw Prizes - €50 each. Jim Keogh, Ann Heatley, Emma Healy. Next draw is in the Clubhouse on Monday 6th January at 8.45pm. Tickets €2. Play online: www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie The Club would like to wish all our supporters a very Happy Christmas & a prosperous new year!

Split the Pot Results

1st Prize: €100 - Barry O'Loughlin **2nd Prize:** €50 - Aisling Byrne **3rd Prize:** €25 - Edward Wall **4th Prize:** €25 - Bridget Byrne

Parish Calender available in the church porches. Please take one per family.

Christmas Message from Bishop Nulty also available.

PLEASE NOTE - THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER IS A 'DOUBLE ISSUE'.

Articles for inclusion in the newsletter *Must be received before 12 noon Thursday.* Articles can be emailed or left into the Parish Office & must include name & contact details.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Tuesday 24th Dec. & will re-open Fri. Jan. 3rd.

Anniversaries can be left into the Sacristy after any of the Masses during this time.

Adult Country Jiving, Quickstep & Waltzing Dance Classes

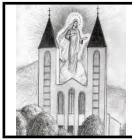
commencing Thurs. 23rd Jan. Course is 6 weeks 8pm - 9pm every Thurs. No partner required. Registration & payment (€60) on the night. Academy of Dance, Carlow Youth & Community Centre, Carlow. Ph. 087 27 27 315.

Attention Active Retirement Clubs throughout Ireland

We are organising a Guided Tour of Berlin for three days 8th May 2020 ex Dublin including two half days of Guided Tours throughout Berlin with 4 Star Hotel in City Centre. Contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01 24 10 800.

Danny's Corner

We would like to thank Istanbul Turkish Barbers for calling to the Lalor Centre as they do every year to treat us all to a haircut and have us looking smart for Christmas. Congratulations to all the volunteers who over the last few weeks have Baltinglass looking bright and beautiful for Christmas Well done to all. We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 26th Aug. - 2nd Sept. Cost €745 **€50 discount if €100 deposit paid by 1st February** 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 0900819 for details.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2019



You Are Chrístmas

You are Christmas every time you smile and help to make the world a brighter place. You are Christmas every time you laugh and let the sound join with all the happy music of the world.

You are Christmas every time you speak a word of encouragement to some fearful person along the road of life.

You are Christmas every time you pray a prayer for those who need your very special blessing.

You are Christmas every time your loving hand goes out of the way to give that extra special service.

This Christmas, may Christ our Light be born again & again in us and among us and may we bring light and joy to those we meet each day. May the story of Christmas awaken in us memories of loved ones and childhood dreams.

May we be blessed with the spirit of the season which is Peace; The gladness of the season, which is Hope; and the heart of the season which is Love.

Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year Sr. Ger & Sr. Eileen