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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:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Pat Dunne / Jane Keogh

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

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

We pray for
Bridget Dooley (née Rowe)
Chapel Hill, Baltinglass
who has died recently
May Bridget rest in peace.



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

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 McGuinness, 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

Lalor Aisle: Geraldine Reilly

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 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 Epiphany Baltinglass

Sunday 5th 7.30pm

Monday 6th 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 Sun. 22nd Dec. at

10pm. Tickets €2. Play online: www.localotto.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.stratfordgrangeconkaa.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.



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.

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 NEWSLETTER

BALTINGLASS - BIGSTONE - GRANGECON - STRATFORD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2019



You Are Christmas

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

Fr. Ger & Sr. Eileen