

Baltinglass GAA Club.

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: **06, 11, 22, 23.**

Jackpot winner: No winner.

This Week's Jackpot €7,200.

Match 3 winners: €75each.

Brian & Karen Byrne, Michelle Lennon, Katie McGrath & Ann Kinsella.

Next Draw in Timmin's Pub, Main Street On Monday, 28th November. Play online www.localotto.ie Have a go.



Stratford/Grangecon G.A.A.

Lotto Results. Last Week's Winning Numbers: 1, 3, 7, 23.

Jackpot Winner - No winner.

This Week's Jackpot €7,400.

Match three winners: €37.50.

Maeve Keogh, Mark Gielty, Emily & Ian Fleming & Hughie Fleming, **Winners of Biscuits & Sweets:** Chris Flood, Michela & Colm Nolan, Margaret Lennon,

Tickets €2. Next draw in Moore's Pub, Grangecon on Monday 28th November @ 9.30p.m. Tickets €2. Thanks for your continued support.



Baltinglass Ladies Soccer Team

In association with Balto Rocks brings a night of music, entertainment & leg/chest waxing of local volunteers in the Backplace, Horans on Friday, 25th Nov. Music by The Unwanted, Ruby Mantra, Mark & Kris Caplice etc. Doors opens @ 9pm. Adm €5. Proceeds in aid of Baltinglass Ladies Soccer Club for much needed equipment & funds. See the facebook event "Balto Rocks" or contact Horans on 059-64 81 733.

Shane O' Loughlin Benefit Night.

Many thanks to everyone for their kindness & support in organising the Shane O'Loughlin Benefit Night. It was a great success & the family greatly appreciate all that was done.

Baltinglass Parish Bingo

In Fatima Hall, Baltinglass, every Monday night @ 8.30p.m. Jackpot this Monday night is €1,075. Your support would be appreciated.



Rathvilly Garden and Flower Club

Meet on Wednesday 30th November @ 8pm in St Patrick's Sports and Community Centre, Rathvilly. It will be a Flower arranging night with Richard Delmar an A.O.I.F.A. Demonstrator. The theme of the arrangements being Christmas Wonderland. All welcome.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

Monthly Meeting in Germaines, Inis Fáil, @ 3p.m. on Wed. 30th November. Speaker: Garda Mark Doran. New members welcome.

Colaiste Eoin, Hacketstown

Enrolments for Level 5 & Level 6 Fetac Childcare Night Classes are being taken. 059 6471198/ 087 4144395.

Touch Therapy Holistic Healthcare Relaxation & Meditation Classes.

Feeling stressed—can't sleep, can't think or focus, then it's time to do something positive to help yourself. This 6 week class is designed to help you learn to relax your body & mind, learn how to de-stress using gentle stretching exercises & guided meditation. **Venue:** Baltinglass Parish Centre for 6 weeks starting on 10th Jan. Time: 7.30p.m. to 8.30p.m.

Christmas Fayre in Donoughmore.

The Glen of Imaal, 3rd Dec. (2pm to 6pm). Adm. Free. Attractions include: Big Tree & Lights, Carol Singers, Live Crib, Christmas Food Demonstration, Christmas Floral Demonstration, Crepes, Hot Chocolate, Children's Craft Workshop, Homemade Cakes etc. Exhibition of Local Artists Paintings. 4 miles up the N81 towards Blessington and turn right at Whitestown Cross into the Glen of Imaal. Past Mountain View Stores, 2nd turn on the left.

NEWSLETTER.

Items for inclusion in the newsletter must be received **BEFORE 12 NOON ON THURSDAYS.** Items may be phoned, faxed or emailed to the Parish Office. Please include your name & contact details. **The Parish Office Opening hours are:**
Monday to Friday:
9.30a.m —1.00pm & 1.30pm—2.30pm.

Newsletter



Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon

1st Sunday of Advent.

27th November 2011.

"Stay awake because you never know when the time will come"
Today's Gospel.

It's wonderful to be in a place of shelter, and here I am listening to and pondering over my own connection to the wind and rain outside. Our very act of breathing is a mystery and something we can take for granted. It can be conscious or unconscious linking mind and body. This spiritual act of breathing is universal, anchoring us in the present moment, in the now! Let us bring our awareness to it.

"Stay awake because you never know when the time will come.
The time is in the here and now. We are all called to live this. So often our thoughts wander to past memories which may be so disturbing or indeed may be very pleasant-or we may be thinking about tomorrow or the future. We have no guarantee of tomorrow. All we have is this one breath-the rhythm of this breath is so magical and mysterious.

I can practice focusing on my breath standing in a queue, at a traffic light, waiting at a bus stop...wherever. This will help me to "stay awake" and will prepare me for the birth of Jesus in my heart this Christmas. Lord breathe through me.

"Stay awake because you never know when the time will come" A.S.

Baptisms - Baltinglass Church 2011.

Sunday 4th December @ 11.45a.m.

Parish Team:
Fr. Tommy Dillon: 059 - 648 27 68, Srs. Brigid & Carmel: 059 - 64 81 561, Parish Office:
Maria - Phone: 059 - 64 81 254. Fax: 059 64 51 529 Email: admin@baltinglassparish.ie

Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - 3rd & 4th December 2011.



Ministers of the Word:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Janet Bermingham
11am (Sun) Jacqui Kenny
Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Kieran Hosey



Eucharistic Ministers:

Baltinglass: 6pm (Sat) Mary Hayes/Bernie Doogue/Seamus Kelly
11am (Sun) Catherine O'Neill/Mary Gohery
Grangecon: 9.30am (Sun) Mary Cullen



This Weekend:

Baltinglass: 6p.m.

Months Mind Mass of

John Hughes, Parkmore

Anniversaries:

Annie (Nan) Kavanagh, Carrigeen

James Bourke, Irongrange

Elizabeth Nolan, Parkmore

Brigid Fennell, Clough

Dermot O'Neill, Newtown

Seanie O'Neill, Newtown

Paddy & Elizabeth Rooney & their Son

Colm Rooney

Matt & Elizabeth Mulhall & their Son

Michael, Shroughaun

Geraldine (Meena) Gethings, Parkmore

John Bookle, Irongrange

Stratford: 9.30a.m.

Christina Hanly



Weekend Mass Times.

**Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm & Sunday
11am.**

**Weekly Confessions after 6pm Mass on
Saturday.**

**Stratford & Grange Con
Every Second Sunday @ 9.30am.
Mass in Grangecon next weekend.**

**Weekday Mass Times
Daily 10am in St. Paul's Oratory, the
Parish Centre, Baltinglass.**

Come & See - Sunday 27th November.

Are you interested or curious about the priesthood in Kildare & Leighlin? An afternoon of prayer & information will take place in the

Holy Family Convent, Newbridge (beside St. Conleth's Church) from 2.30pm till 5.30pm for anyone who would like to explore the question of a call to the priesthood. More information available from Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill 045 434069.

ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com

**The next date for cleaning Baltinglass
Church is Friday, 2nd December @
10.30a.m.**

St. Patrick's Missionary Society

Christmas Cards & Christmas Mass Bouquets in aid of St. Patrick's on sale in Baltinglass Parish Office. Please save your used stamps for the Missions. Tear it off with a half inch margin around the stamp & drop them into the Parish Office.

**Collectors in Grange Con for the month
of December are Mick Kehoe & Ned
Byrne.**

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

St. Joseph's Church Piety Shop.

At the main door. Statues, Rosary Beads, Pictures, Candles, Bibles, Baptismal Candles, Mass Cards, Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets etc. & more. Shop open before & after 6p.m. Mass. From the 4th December the Shop will also open before & after the 11am Mass.

Ethical Gifts for Christmas

Give someone special in your life a very special gift this Christmas with Trocaire's 9 life changing gifts. From fruit trees to safe motherhood, your gift will change lives for thousands of families in need this Christmas. For just €7 you can provide families in Guatemala with fruit trees to plant so they can grow nutritious fruit to eat and sell. For €15 your gift of chickens can provide a livelihood to a family in Malawi. Through your generosity, you can help people in the developing world to help themselves - to grow food, to earn an income, to get an education, to access healthcare & to protect their human rights. Each Global Gift consists of a decorative certificate enclosed in a card, showing how the selected gift will be used. You can send this card to a friend or family member as a gift to them. Please contact Theresa Doyle on 087 85 05 718.

REVIEW REVIEW REVIEW

The 2011 edition of the Review (Parish Magazine) will go on sale at the usual price of €5 after Masses in the Parish on the weekend of 3rd & 4th December 2011. After that weekend, the Review will be available in the Parish Office & local shops & newsagents around Baltinglass. We hope you will enjoy the read.

Baltinglass Hospital.

Annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 27th Nov. @ 2p.m. All the usual stalls. Santa arriving by Garda Escort at 2p.m. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Collectors in Baltinglass for December.

Saturday 6p.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Pat Gahan/Noel Kennedy

Convent Aisle: Seamie Leigh

Lalor Aisle: Joey Fagan

Sunday 11a.m. Mass:

Main Aisle: Kevin O'Neill/Kevin Kearney

Convent Aisle: Kevin Kelly

Lalor Aisle: Joe Kinsella

Baltinglass & District

Country Market, Stratford Lodge Old School. **Dates for your Diary:**

Christmas Fayre starts on Saturday, December 3rd & continues every Saturday until December 17th from 10a.m. to 1p.m. Mince Pies, Christmas Cakes, Puddings, Chutneys & Beautiful Crafts. An excellent way to source your presents locally.

Danny's Corner - Reminder.

Our Crafts Fair is on Sunday 4th December in the Lalor Centre from 12 noon to 5pm. Thank you to all our Exhibitors. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Craft Fair. Santa will be making a flying visit.

**Mount St. Anne's Retreat &
Conference Centre. :**

Phone: 057 86 26 153

**Christmas Carol Service - Friday 9th
December, 2011 at 7pm.**

Enjoy an evening of music and song in preparation for the Christmas Season.

There is no charge - all are welcome.

**Advent Reflection Afternoon - Sunday
11th December, 2011 - 3pm to 6pm.**

Join us for an afternoon of prayer and reflection in preparation for Advent.

No Charge - Donations welcome.

**To all who are sick in the Parish at this
time may God bless them.**