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Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Anniversaries:

Mary Duffy, Parkmore

Christina Lennon, Parkmore

Jean Connolly, Newtown, Lathaleer

Joseph Gethings, Parkmore

Michael & Ellen Dunne, Belan Street

Josie Dunne, Weaver Square

Richard & Lucy Barron, Chapel Hill

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

*Richard & Elizabeth Barrett,
Stratford*

Margaret & Peter Keogh, Stratford

*Sarah Humphreys Cunningham,
Whitestown*

Grangecon: 9.30am:

St. Patrick's Missionary Society,
Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.

The Annual Prayer for Christian Unity
takes place in St. Patrick's, Kiltegan on
Thurs. Feb. 25th @ 7.30pm. The Prayer
Service will be held in St. Patrick's
Chapel in the College Building. Just
come around to the side entrance at the
Care Area, beside the Chapel. There will
be a cup of tea afterwards for all who
attend. All are welcome.

The Annual Ecumenical Service
Takes place this weekend on Sunday
21st February 2010 @ 4pm in St. Paul's
Oratory, The Parish Centre, Baltinglass.

Sunday 28th February 2010

Stratford: 6pm (Sat)

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)

11am (Sun)

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)

Readers:

Hilary McDermott

Niall Lennon

Elaine Byrne

Kieran Hosey



Eucharistic Ministers

Sarah Gahan

Pat & Marion O'Reilly

John Paul Kenny/Bernie Kilcoyne

May Markham



Mission - Baltinglass Parish 2010
Will take place from the 17th April to 2nd
May. The Ceili Community will conduct the
Mission. It is a mixed group of about 20
People - 2 Priests, 1 Sister, Married Couples
& Single people. The Visitation of the
Homes & Schools in the Parish will take
place the 1st week. Then the 2nd week the
Mission Proper will take place conducted by
the 2 Priests & 8 lay people. If Parishioners
would like to volunteer to accommodate 1 or
2 people for the 1st week especially - that
would be great. Please contact Maria in the
Parish Office if you are generous enough to
volunteer accommodation. We look forward
to this new experience. The Ceremonies/
Services will take place in our 3 Churches.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2010

**Baltinglass, Hacketstown & Rathvilly/Kiltegan
Parishes. ***Pilgrimage Tour*** 23 August 2010**

- 5 nights. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner -

•749.00. *Free Travel Insurance up to age 85 years.

Supplement: Single Room •175 (very restricted)

Deposit: •200 pp. **Escorted by: Fr. Seán Maher.**

How to book. Phone 059/ 6481722 or visit Elliott
Travel (spaces are strictly limited) Early booking is
recommended! This holiday is operated by Joe
Walsh Tours Licence Number T.O. 052

House Key Found

With black leather keyring & name wrote on
it. Found in Baltinglass area in January during
the snow. Contact the Parish Office.

Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin Celebrates -
Rite of Election.

This Sunday marks the 1st Sunday of Lent but also the
beginning of the final phase of preparation for adults
who will become members of the Church at this year's
Easter Vigil. Today a number of these adults will gather
in the Cathedral at 3:00 p.m. with their godparents and
other members of the community to celebrate the Rite of
Election. During this prayer service, they will write their
names into the "Book of the Elect", indicating that they
have been chosen or "elected" by God for the sacra-
ments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
All are welcome to join with us in the Cathedral for this
celebration. In the weeks ahead we remember the "elect"
in our prayers and pray that this time will be one of
grace for them, their families and their parishes.

St Vincent De Paul Conference

Wish to thank the Parishioners of Baltinglass for their
magnificent generosity to their Christmas Collection.
Total amount collected was •3,168.35. Your goodness
allowed them to respond to many new calls before & since
Christmas. Their third world collection will be taken up
next weekend the 27th & 28th Feb. A separate newsletter
is available at the back of the Church about this collection.
Please take one.

Moone Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima.

From 14th to 19th June '10. Spiritual Director:
Fr Frank McEvoy. 5 nights accommodation in
Cinquentenario. All inclusive •665. Contact: Annie
Byrne, Sheriffs Hill, Moone. 059 8624250

Slí an Chroí - Upcoming Workshops 2010.
Awaken to new life: Sun. 28th Feb.- 10am to 5pm.

The Healing Herbs of Dr Edward Bach:
Sun. 11th April 2010.

Who am I in the Fullness of Life: Sun. 13th June.
All workshops include gentle Tai Chi exercises,
meditation & reflective time in nature. Cost •45 per
workshop (includes Lunch). Contact Rosaleen Fadden:
086/ 0789241 or 059/ 9137868

The World Annual Medjugorje Seminar
7 day trip. Departs Dublin on Fri. 26th Feb. 2010.
Total cost on B&B package •355, half board package
•390. Seminar Registration fee (optional) •60. Phone
Andrew Murphy on 059/ 6481499

Stratford On Slaney N.S.
Recently raised •887 for Haiti. Many
thanks to all involved.

First Holy Communion.

A meeting of the Parents who volunteered to
help with the programme in preparation for First
Holy Communion will be held in the Parish
Centre on Thursday 25th Feb. @ 8.30pm.

Faith Development Talks

For Parent's of **First Holy Communion**

Children on Tues. 23rd Feb., 2nd March & 9th
March, in Tullow Parish Centre. Time: 8.15pm-
9.15pm. **Please note change of time.**

PARISH MISSION (Rathvilly)

Renewal of our Faith. We hope to use the Alpha
Programme as a Parish Mission starting on Tues.,
23rd Feb., '10 in the Phoenix Centre. Alpha is a
10-week course that explores some of the basic
truths of the Christian faith. "Who is Jesus?",
"Why Did Jesus Die?" and "Does God still Heal
Today? It is Christ centred & scripturally based
& has the backing of all the Christian denomina-
tions. Participants meet weekly & listen to a talk
lasting 20 minutes. Participants then break into
small groups to discuss and talk & questions
arising from it.

Parish of Carbury

Welcome Mr. Philip Ryan (currently living &
working as a Spiritual Guide in Medjugorje),
as a guest speaker in Holy Trinity Church,
Derrinturn, Carbury on Thurs. 11th March @
8pm. Philip will share the stories of Our
Lady's apparitions to the visionaries, of
conversions, healings and prayers. He will
share with us some of his own personal
stories and will give a brief history of
Medjugorje. All are welcome. Contact
Carbury Parish Office on 046 9553355.

The next date for cleaning Baltinglass
Church is on Friday 26th Feb.
@ 10.30am.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning
Numbers: 01, 06, 11, 29.

Jackpot winner: No Winner.

This week's Jackpot •**11,500.**

Match three winners: •300 each.

Tracy O'Keeffe, 23 Parkmore, Deirdre & Katelyn & Mrs Kennedy, Chapel Hill.

Tickets •2 each. Next draw in Judge's Inn on Monday 22nd Feb. 2010.

Baltinglass GAA are looking for participants for entry into Scór Sinsear 2010. We need people to take part in the Quiz, recitation (Drama), solo singing (male & female), Irish Trad. Groups, Irish Dancers both solo & groups (under maximum of 8 & minimum of 4 dancers per group). All entrants must be over 17.

Anyone interested in representing Baltinglass GAA Club contact: Caitriona Tynan 086-2361424.

Baltinglass GAA Juveniles AGM on Wed. 24th Feb. @ 8.30pm. in the Clubhouse. All parents are invited & anyone interested in lending a hand.



West Wicklow Arts Network

Present a Tom Waits Tribute on Sat. March 6th in Timmins Bar, Baltinglass. Time to be confirmed.

Rathvilly Garden and Flower Club
Meet on Wed. 24th Feb. '10 @ 8pm. in St. Patrick's Sports and Community Centre, Rathvilly with a talk on Garden Design.

We thank you! - **Baltinglass Parish Folk Group** has raised •8,000 from their 10th Birthday Concert & CD sales. This will be shared equally between Baltinglass Hospital Profile Bed Fund & the F.A.I.D. School for Deaf Children in Beirut, Lebanon. Well done to all involved & to all who supported our fund raiser. The fund remains open with the CD's available from Patterson's Butchers & the Parish Office in Baltinglass & Blessington.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement. Next Meeting on Wed. 24th Feb. in Inisfail @ 3pm. All welcome. "Get inspired with the Active Retired". Outing to Titanic Exhibition in City West on Tues. 23rd Feb. To confirm contact Vera on 6481469

Country Market.

Every Sat. from 10am to 1pm in the old Badminton Hall, Church Lane. Products all home made.

Danny's Corner.

The Lalor Centre would like to thank everybody who supported us on Tues. last for our Haiti Fundraiser. The Pancakes & Waffles went down a treat & the raffle was a great success. A total of •809.30 for the people of Haiti was raised. This would not have been achieved without the generosity of the Community.

NEWSLETTER

Items of information for the newsletter may be phoned, faxed or emailed to the Parish Office on (059/ 6481254) Fax: 059/ 6451529 admin@baltinglassparish.ie

before 12 noon on Thursdays

OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday 9.30am -1.00pm
1.30pm - 2.30pm

Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

1st Sunday in Lent

21st February 2010

At a talk I attended a few years ago I heard a man pray the confiteor (the I Confess) and I was moved to tears because of the sincerity with which he prayed it.

Here we are -it's the first Sunday of Lent - the Season of the Church's Spring-time. We are all invited to take part, to do our own inner Spring cleaning. 'I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters.... in what I have done and in what I have failed to do...' We usually think of things we have done that we regret but what about the things we failed to do?things as simple as holding the door open for someone, complimenting someone, speaking encouraging words, or maybe forgiving, being honest or loving. The list is endless.

Ask myself: In what ways can I create an atmosphere of love in my own home? In what way can I bring that love out into the community. Do the programmes I watch and the books, magazines and papers I read nourish my being?

Today's Gospel is all about Jesus entering into temptation which as we know is part and parcel of human existence and of the things we do and fail to do. Jesus enters into the depths with us and lower even still so that he can lift us up with Himself above these temptations.

The man who prayed that Confiteor so sincerely, prayed it for himself and for the whole Church. He was a Priest.

Reflect '....in what I have done and in what I have failed to do....
Maybe I too can pray this Prayer with sincerity.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2010.

BAPTISMS:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass:

Sunday March 7th @ 11.45am.

Saturday April 3rd @ 7.30pm - Easter Vigil Mass.

Sunday 2nd May @ 11.45am.

St. Mary's Church, Stratford

Saturday March 20th @ 5.40pm.



Are you female & looking for somewhere to live in Baltinglass. I can offer you **FREE RENT** in return for your help & support for you to share with me. If interested please call my Life Coach Theresa Nolan on 086 8098193 from 9am to 4.30pm.

Fetac Courses.

If you are in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment & want to study at Vision Training then you may be able to get up to 100% funding for your Course. Fetac Level 5 Health Care, Child Care, Special Needs.
086/ 1704157

Lady Available for Housekeeping, Cleaning, minding children, caring for sick or elderly. References. 086/ 3352531

Farm Machinery Auction F.R.S. Yard Tinahely on 27th Feb. '10. in conjunction with Tony Jackson Auctioneers. Lots taken up to Mon. 22nd. 059 6471560 or 0402 38427