

### Baltinglass GAA Club.

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: **01, 06, 23, 25.**

**Jackpot winner: No winner.**

**This Week's Jackpot** €7,400.

**Match 3 winners:** €60 each.

Pat Whelan, John P. Kehoe, Denise Germaine, Maire Fahy & Angela Howard. Next Draw in Harbourne's Pub, Main St. On Monday, 5th December. Play online [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie) Have a go.



### Stratford/Grangecon G.A.A.

**Lotto Results.** Last Week's Winning Numbers: 1, 11, 12, 30. **Jackpot Winner - No winner.** This Week's Jackpot €7,650.

**Match three winners:** €25 each. Annemarie Murphy, Caroline Kelly, Pat & Margaret Cronin, M. & C. Nolan, Denise Fagan, Trish Harmon & Jane O Keffe. **Sellers Prize:** Pat Bollard. **Additional Seasonal prizes** Alice Lennon, McGrath Family (Hollywood) & Michelle Butler. Tickets €2.

**Stratford Grangecon G.A.A. Juvenile Presentations** took place on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. in the Club House. George O' Connor, Wexford hurling All Ireland medal winner said the Club needs as much support & help as it can from parents & the community. Damien Byrne, Chairman Coiste na nOg, George O'Connor & our senior players presented medals from U14 down to the Academy. All juveniles were presented with club gear that the Club had funded. All roads led to Moore's after the presentation as the seniors had the medal presentation for the Keating Trophy. Liam Keating presented the medals. A presentation of club gear was made to Kris Caplice & Nicholas O'Neill who leave for Australia & John Moore who will be travelling in the New Year.

### Concert for Lalor Centre Staff

**& Service Users.** Matt Leavy will give a Concert in the Lalor Centre on Mon. 5th Dec. from 8p.m. to 9.30p.m.

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

### Baltinglass Parish Bingo

In Fatima Hall, Baltinglass, every Monday night @ 8.30p.m. Jackpot this Monday night is €1,100. Your support would be appreciated.



### Touch Therapy Holistic Healthcare

**Relaxation & Meditation Classes.** Feeling stressed, can't sleep, can't think or focus. This 6 week class is designed to help you learn to relax your body & mind, learn how to de-stress using gentle exercises & guided meditation. **Venue:** Baltinglass Parish Centre for 6 weeks starting on 10th Jan. from 7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m.

**Baltinglass & District Country Market,** Stratford Lodge Old School. **Dates for your Diary:** Christmas Fayre starts on Sat., Dec. 3rd & continues every Sat. 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.

The skies will be busy around the Lalor centre on Sun.4<sup>th</sup> Dec when Santa & his elves will be on a flying visit & arrive by helicopter at our 1st craft fair. Mrs Clause will be doing story time. All are welcome. Mulled wine/tea/coffee & mince pies. Carol singing by "get vocal" group. View our hand crafts & sample our home baking. Adm. Free. Raffle & Door prize. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Baltinglass Credit Union Car/Cash Draw.** 1st prize: Breda Woulfe-Osbourne who received a cheque for €15,000. 2nd Prize: €1,000 - Sean O'Toole, Weaver Square, 3rd Prize: €500 - Anne Whittle, Rathbran. 4th Prize: €500 - James Humphries, Rathmoon. 5th prize: €500 - Kathleen Farrell, Beech Avenue, Parkmore.

### Festive Flower Demonstration

On Wed. 14th Dec. @ 8p.m. in Stratford Lodge, Old School, Church Lane, Baltinglass. Adm. €8. Tea, Coffee & Nibbles. In aid of Stratford Lodge N.S.

### 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.**



## *Baltinglass, Bigstone, Stratford & Grangecon*

2nd Sunday of Advent.

4th December 2011.

**I have Baptised you with water but he will Baptise you with the Holy Spirit. Today's Gospel.**

Sometimes I am overcome with sadness at the passing of all things, especially the passing of the God filled Precious moments. We may try to hold on to these moments but all we can do is keep them in our hearts - surrendering them and ourselves to God as we are created fresh and new day by day.

**This being the darkest time of the year is symbolic of the dark and light in ourselves. Jesus however asks us to come to him just as we are and it doesn't matter whether it's in darkness or light. The Gospel today tells us that Jesus will baptise us with the Holy Spirit. We are being baptised continuously - being cleansed and renewed. As we journey towards Christmas we are invited to look at our own lives and how we journey on a daily basis. Have we found our own 'little way' of living not just the way others want us to live.**

Do we make our decisions from that place in us which informs our mind, body, heart and spirit? Ask myself if this decision is best for all of me? May the Holy Spirit direct me in every detail of my life.

**I have Baptised you with water but He will Baptise you with the Holy Spirit.**

May I awaken to and recognise what the everlasting Spirit brings - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and trustfulness - everlasting fruits - not just passing. **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 - 10th & 11th December 2011.**



**Ministers of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Helen Bourke  
11am (Sun) Nancy Hughes  
**Stratford:** 9.30am (Sun) Carmel Doyle



**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Phil O'Connor/Mary Leigh/Michael Lennon  
11am (Sun) Nancy Hughes/Catherine Lord  
**Stratford:** 9.30am (Sun) Helen O'Keefe



**This Weekend:**  
**Baltinglass: 6p.m.**

**Anniversaries:**

Ger and Elizabeth Curry,  
Bawnogues.  
Michael Curry Bawnogues.  
Tim and Dina Whelan, Castledermot  
Jim Mc Keever, Lathaleere.  
John, Margaret and James Somers,  
Ballyraggan  
Mary Hanlon, Broadstown.  
Elizabeth (Lil) Coogan, Irongrange  
Sean McLoughlin, Newtown  
Justin Wall, Bawnogues.  
Sheila Fitzmaurice, Tuckmill Upper  
John O'Neill, Late of Mountkelly  
Annie & Denis Doyle & Denis Doyle  
jnr., Rathmoon

**Grangecon: (Sun) 9.30a.m.**



We pray for  
**Billy Kelly, Mulhuddart-  
Blanchardstown, Dublin &  
Formerly of the Green Lane**  
Who has died during the week  
**May he rest in peace.**



**St. Vincent De Paul**

Christmas collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be taken up at the Parish Masses on the 10th & 11th December. Calls to us for help have increased greatly. Please help us to help the needy.

**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 Stratford next weekend.**

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

**REVIEW**

The 2011 edition of The Review is on sale at €5 after Masses in the parish this weekend. It will be available in the shops, newsagents & parish office from Monday 5th Dec.11. The Communications group wish to express our sincere thanks to all who had an input in getting the 2011 edition of the Review assembled & published. Our thanks to the shops who will sell the Review over the coming weeks and we hope you enjoy the read.

**Signpost to Congress Workshop.**

Session 2 - Christ gathers us to listen, to hear, to be nourished & to be formed into community by God's Word (The Liturgy of the Word) takes place on Tues., 6th Dec. @ 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly National School.

**Newsletter now available on [www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)  
Diocesan web site: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)**

**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.

**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.

**Upcoming Events at Mount St. Anne's**

**Retreat** Centre, Killenard, Portarlinton, Co. Laois - 057-8626153. **Christmas Carol Service - Friday 9th December, 2011 @ 7pm.** Enjoy an evening of music, song & scripture in preparation for the Christmas Season. No charge. All welcome.

**Celebrations, Main Street, Baltinglass.**

Is now open Monday to Saturdays from 9p.m. to 6p.m. Shop open every Sunday from 9pm. To 6p.m. till Christmas. Kids toys, Christmas decorations etc. Santa coming this Sunday between 2—4p.m.

**Baltinglass & District Active Retirement Association** are hosting the Senior Citizens Annual Dinner on Tues. 6th Dec. in Inis Fail. Tickets €10 & available from Attracta on 64 81 622, Phil on 059 64 81 622 or Mary H. on 087 2999 571 or Mary V. on 087 69 13 256. Adm. By ticket only.

**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

**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.

**Circuit Training.**

Every Tuesday night @ 7p.m. up to & including Tuesday the 20th of Dec. Classes will resume on Tuesday the 10th of January after the Christmas break, in the new Badminton Hall, no 4 Euro Park, Lathaleere, Baltinglass. Classes are suitable to all ages of all fitness levels. Classes These classes consist of Resistance, Step Aerobics, exercise to music. & Body Conditioning exercises. New members welcome. Contact P.J. Doyle at 087 9940057 or [doylepj413@gmail.com](mailto:doylepj413@gmail.com)

**Reach for a Cuppa and the Stars!**

Culture Café on Monday, Dec.5th @ 8p.m. in Davidstown Hall, Glen of Imaal. A mix of stargazing & music. This monthly event, promoted by West Wicklow Arts Network, brings people together to mingle & appreciate the variety of local culture and our open fire! This time we'll have a talk on astronomy & some classical guitar music. The event is open to all. If you'd like to participate or have any queries e-mail [artsnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:artsnetwork@gmail.com) or call 087-9048095.