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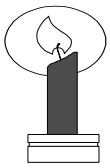
### Anniversary Masses:

**This weekend:  
Baltinglass: 7.30pm:**

#### Anniversaries:

Christy Foley, Belan Street  
Frank & Margaret Shiels (nee  
Bollard) of London & Randlestown.  
Joseph Byrne, Aughrim  
Mary Dillon, Aughrim  
Thomas & Bridget Alcock, Parkmore  
Kenneth Bookle, Shepherds Bush, London  
James Murray, Main Street  
Ellen & Julia Nolan, Parkmore  
Bridget Plant, 52 Parkmore  
**Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)**  
Frank & Margaret Shiels (nee  
Bollard) of London & Randlestown.  
Bernard Tivanan, Stratford  
**Grangecon: 9.30am:**

We pray for  
**Eric Whelan**  
Raheen, Baltinglass  
who died recently.  
May he rest in peace.



**Amen**

St Pio of Pietrelcina - Sun. March  
7th, one of the mittens worn by St Pio  
will be in the Malone home, Shindella,  
Rathangan from 11.30am to 5.30pm.  
Phone 045 525 5094

S. N. Mhuire - Stratford on Slaney  
Part-time cleaner required - 10 hours per  
week. Applications in writing to the  
School by Friday 5th March 2010.

#### Sunday 7th March 2010

**Stratford:** 6pm (Sat)  
**Baltinglass:** 7.30pm (Sat)  
11am (Sun)  
Grange Con: 9.30am (Sun)

#### Readers:

Peggy Kelly  
Nancy Hughes  
Mona Nolan  
Margaret Kealy



#### Eucharistic Ministers

Ann Whittle  
Mary Hayes & Clare Leigh  
Sean Connolly/Margaret Brennan  
Mick Kehoe



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.**  
Phone 059/ 6481722 or visit Elliott Travel. This  
holiday is operated by Joe Walsh Tours Licence  
Number T.O. 052

#### Extra Mass/Lent

Beginning this week - Mass in The Oratory  
@ 7.30am on Monday **AND** Friday morning.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
on the First Friday, the 5th of March in  
Stratford Church from 7 - 8pm.

#### Collectors for March for Baltinglass Church.

**Saturday 7.30pm Mass.**  
**Main Aisle:** Pat Gahan & Sean O'Reilly  
**Convent Aisle:** Seamie Leigh  
**Lalor Aisle:** Eugene Dunne  
**Sunday 11am Mass.**  
**Main Aisle:** Bobby Lennon & Kevin Kearney  
**Convent Aisle:** John Burke  
**Lalor Aisle:** Joey Fagan

#### World Day of Prayer

(International & Interdenominational) Women & Men  
welcome. Service takes place in St. Paul's Oratory, Parish  
Centre, Baltinglass on Friday 5th March '10 @ 8pm.

#### Lay Your Burdens on the Tree of life.

In Grange Con Church, we have the Tree of Life for  
you to lay your burdens on. We invite you to write  
your intentions/concerns/burdens on the cards  
provided & place them on the tree in the Church.  
During Lent we will remember in our prayers your  
intentions. We remember that Jesus took on himself  
our burdens & sorrows on his way to Calvary. As we  
journey to Easter the tree of our pain is transformed  
into the cross of Christ & becomes the Tree of Life  
on Easter Sunday.

#### Praying the scriptures during Lent

A scripture sharing group will meet in the Church of  
St Oliver Plunkett on Wed. evenings from 8 -9 p.m.  
Lent offers us a wonderful opportunity to spend  
more time with the scriptures. All are welcome.

Community Information Event for Baltinglass &  
District Active Retirement. Want to know more  
about Water metering, "Fair Deal" for Nursing Care,  
Community Policing, how to make your home more  
energy efficient etc. Talk in Germaine's Hotel,  
Baltinglass on Wed. March 10th '10 @ 7.30pm. Guest  
Speakers - Garda Sióchana, Fire Service & Water  
Service, The Nursing Homes Support Scheme, the Local  
Hospital Services & Day Care, Energy Conservation in  
the Home. Light refreshments provided. For informa-  
tion phone Tony Donogue 087 264 5882 or Frances  
Creegan 0402 91092 - County Wicklow Partnership.

**Collectors for Grange Con for March are  
Mick Kehoe & Jackie McGeer.**

Mick Kehoe would like to thank  
everyone who supported the Carlow Regional  
Pioneer Mass which was celebrated by Fr Sean in  
St Paul's Oratory. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs  
Jim & Ann Halloran on receiving their gold pin &  
also to Nicole Halloran as a new member.

#### Training Day for Parish Readers:

Takes place in Áras Bhríde, Kildare, (beside the  
parish church) on Sat., March 6. Registration  
takes place at 9:45 & workshop begins at 10:00  
a.m. until 3:30 p.m. This course is for new &  
current readers, who would like to renew their  
training & will be led by Julie Kavanagh of the  
K&L Faith Development Services & Fr. Seán  
Maher. Participants are asked to bring a bible, if  
they have one, and a packed lunch. Tea/coffee  
provided. If you would like to take part in this  
workshop please contact the parish office or  
one of the parish staff before Wed., March 3rd.

Mount St. Annes Retreat & Conference  
Centre. **057/ 8626153**

**Lectio Divina - Praying Through Scripture**  
starts Tuesd. 23rd Feb. & runs every Tues. night  
during Lent. 8-9pm. No Charge - Donations  
welcome. **Journey of Self -Discovery** com-  
mences Tues. 23rd Feb. & runs for 4 Tues.nights.  
40 Euro per night. 7.30 - 9.30pm.

**Calligraphy Workshop** on Sat. 6th March 10am  
- 4.30pm. Cost: 50 Euro & includes all materials  
and light lunch. **Scripture Course** continues  
every Wed. night until 31st March. 8-9.30pm.  
No charge but donations welcome

#### Danny's Corner.

"The supreme happiness of life, is the  
conviction that we are loved" We would like  
to congratulate Peter Kelly, Sandra Fleming &  
Liz Deering on achieving their Fetac level  
three Craft Project Certificates. We hope  
they enjoyed their special evening.

Baltinglass & District Forum.  
Next Meeting on Thursday the 4th March @  
8pm in the Parish Centre, Baltinglass.

Yoga for beginners on Thursday the 4th  
March @ 10am.. Phone 087 9090895

### Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning  
Numbers: 09, 16, 23, 28.



**Jackpot winner:** No Winner.

This week's Jackpot • 11,650.

**Match three winners:** • 75 each.

Niall Kirwan, Julia O'Neill,  
Martina Doody & Eoin O'Neill.

**Tickets • 2 each.**

**Next draw in Germaine's, Main Street  
on Monday 1st March @ 10pm.**

House for Rent in Knockananna Village.  
Contact Sheila on 059 64 71617 to arrange a  
viewing. This is for rental of a Thatched Cottage,  
owned by the Hall Committee in Knockananna.

Man available for Work

For part- time or full- time work in the  
Baltinglass area. Anything considered.  
Phone 087/ 2034822

My name is Myles Keogh,  
I attend the Lalor Centre. I'm in my early  
forties. Have you got an hour or two free in  
the Week? I'm looking for a male buddy to  
spend time with me. I love following sport,  
going out for a pint and having a bit of craic  
with the lads. If you are interested contact  
Myles or Teresa at 059 6481711 between  
9am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Looking  
forward to hearing from you.

Baltinglass Seniors' Annual Holiday

Will take place on Sund. 20th June to  
Thursday 25th June. Staying at the 4 star  
Connemara Coast Hotel & Leisure Centre,  
Galway. Price •395. Deposit •50. Non  
refundable. Deposit can be deposited in  
Credit Union A/C no. 4230. Must book first  
with Anne Aspill on 059/ 6473525 or 087/  
6156993. Limited places. Book early. All  
monies should be paid 2 weeks before  
departure.

Fenton's Pub - The Glen of Imaal.  
Traditional Music every Thursday night.  
All are welcome.

### Fairtrade Fortnight.

Products with the Fairtrade Mark will be  
highlighted internationally in 'The Big Swap'  
celebration from 22 February to 7 March. The

Baltinglass Fairtrade Committee will be  
encouraging Baltinglass shoppers to swap to a  
Fairtrade certified brand of tea. Tastings of  
Fairtrade teas will be staged at a number of  
locations. Look out for the giant Fairtrade  
Mug! Baltinglass Amateur Dramatics will  
serve Fairtrade tea at the interval during their  
performances on 25, 26 & 27 Feb. The Active  
Retirement group have been asked to serve  
Fairtrade tea & coffee at their Friday morning  
gatherings during Fairtrade Fortnight. The  
committee intends distributing Fairtrade orange  
juice to the children in Bigstone, Grangecon,  
Stratford & Stratford Lodge National Schools.

The final drive of the fortnight will be at  
Baltinglass Golf Club on Sunday 7 March. To  
encourage golfers to swap their usual mid-round  
snacks for Fairtrade ones, the Fairtrade  
committee will distribute Doves Farm organic  
flapjacks at the annual Captain's Drive-in that  
day. Now that Cadburys milk chocolate is  
certified, at least one Fairtrade product is  
available in most Baltinglass outlets. A range of  
products are available at All Things Natural.  
Gillespies' Supervalu stocks a growing number  
of Fairtrade items. Flemings, Pattersons &  
Quinns also include Fairtrade items in their  
shops. Fairtrade coffee is served in Baltinglass  
Golf Club & the Judge's Inn.

Black Labrador Missing.

Last seen between Moone and Crookstown.  
If you have any information contact David  
in Grangecon Stud on 045/ 403090

### 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

2nd Sunday in Lent

28th February 2010

"Master, it is wonderful for us to be here" Today' Gospel.

I remember the times we had retreats in secondary school and weren't they  
only wonderful - with beautiful hymns, inspiring talks, discussions and  
prayers. We were invited to bring what we experienced out into the every-  
day world.

Well in today's Gospel Peter says to Jesus 'Master it is wonderful for  
us to be here. He is referring to the 'mountain top' experience that  
the disciples had - a preview of the Risen Christ. Lent is a time of  
renewal, a time to make new our hearts and minds, a time to go up the  
mountain to pray as Jesus and the disciples did.

We too can get a glimpse of Heaven and this glimpse can keep us going  
during difficult times. We can bring Heaven into the lives of others by  
accepting them just as they are. So often we want to change others telling  
them what they should do. Jesus accepts each of us totally just as we are,  
just now, each one so different, so unique.

'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here' Perhaps we can say these words  
when we attend the Eucharist. Yes Lord it is wonderful for us to be here...  
And my Grandmother often commented on how much nicer I was during the  
days of the school retreats.

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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 @ 5pm.

