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Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Anniversaries:

Cecil McGeer, Parkmore
Mick Lennon, Parkmore
John Gethings, Parkmore
William Byrne, Shrughaun
Josephine Bradley, Edward Street
Anne McGrath, Carrigeen
Paul Rowe & his Parents, Bawnogues
Patrick Coffey, Carrigeen
James O'Shea, Waterville, Co Kerry
John Connolly, Carrigeen
Jane Healy, Glenmalure
Thomas Fleming, Castleruddery
Felix O'Neill, Weaver Square,
Patrick & Kitty Cullen, Tullow & late of
Rathdangan
Mary, Pat & Peter O'Brien, Irongrange.
John O'Connor, Parkmore
Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)
Grangecon: 9.30am:
Daniel & Bridget Coughlin, Dunlavin

The Folk Group will participate at the 11am
Mass in Baltinglass on Sun.7th March .

**The next date for cleaning the Parish
Church is Friday March 12th @ 10.30am.**

SAMARI TANS

Are seeking volunteers for their Newbridge
Branch. Recruitment Line: 086/0855785

Sunday 14th March 2010.

Stratford: 6pm (Sat)
Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)
11am (Sun)
Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)

Readers:

Carmel Doyle
Sean O'Reilly
Alice Cullen
Joe Hamill



Eucharistic Ministers

Jimmy Fanning
Bernie Doogue/Seamus Kelly
Mona Nolan/Ann Lee
Mary O'Riordan



Weekend Mass Times

Stratford: Saturday 6pm

Baltinglass: Saturday 7.30pm

Sunday 11am

Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am

Weekday Mass Times

**Daily 10am: St. Paul's Oratory, The
Parish Centre, Baltinglass.**

**Confessions in St. Joseph's
Church after 10am
Saturday Mass.**

**Lalor Centre Auction Friday
7th May. More details later**

Extra Mass/Lent

Mass in The Oratory @ 7.30am on
Monday **AND** Friday mornings

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

Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie

Newsletter also available on www.mylocalnews.ie This free service is open to
all community groups, eg, sports/youth clubs, Arts, Schools, etc.

Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

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

Mount St. Anne's - Sat. 13th March 2010.
Spend a day visiting celtic landmarks such as St. Brigid's
Well, Kildare, the High Cross at Moone, St. Patrick's Well,
Glashealy. Enjoy a picnic on the beautiful Curragh Plains.
Cost for day •25. Bring your own picnic. **057 8626153.**

We Welcome into our Christian Community
through the Sacrament of **Baptism** during the Month
of **February 2010:**

n Tamika Mary Ellen McCabe Langford

n Hannah Marie Gibbons

n Joshua Mark Daly

n Mia Kate Hallahan

n Emma Lily Byrne



Third Sunday of Lent.

Give me one more year and give me time to dig round it
and manure it. Another Season of Lent. Another annual
opportunity to fine-tune our conscience with regard to
our responsibilities to our brothers & sisters in the
developing world. What long term initiative am I going
to take on this year that will make a difference to the
lives of others?

Dawn Mass

Easter Sunday @ 6am. on April 4th at the Nine Stones
Area on Mount Leinster. Celebrate the New Dawn on
this Easter Morning. Contact Bagnelstown Parish on
059 9721154. All are welcome.

Date for your Diary.

Fashion Show in aid of Stratford Lodge N.S. Building
Fund on Fri. 16th April @ 8pm in Inis Fail, Germanes.
Tickets cost •15 & are available from any of the Parents
in the School or on the door.

Pontifical University

St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Higher diploma in Theological Studies. Course
begins Sept. 2010. The Higher Diploma in
Theological Studies is a 1 year part-time evening
course. Entry requirement: a primary degree,
normally in a discipline other than theology, or
equivalent. Application form & information
available on request or on website. Phone: 01 708
4722 or email: theology.office@may.ie Website:
www.maynoothcollege.ie Closing date for
completed application forms is the 1st May '10.

The Catholic Unattached
Directory. The object of the Directory is to
help unattached practising Catholics to find &
meet one another and so foster friendships &
marriages between them. It is run by
practising Catholics for practising Catholics.
For free information pack phone 01 2837888
or contact The Catholic Unattached Direc-
tory, 10 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1 or
website www.cathud.com

An invitation is extended

To all Choirs and Choir members throughout the
diocese to come together to celebrate the Chrism
Mass which will be held on Wednesday 31st March
2010 at 7.30pm in Carlow Cathedral. All Choir
members are invited to be part of this Diocesan
occasion under the Direction of Fr. Liam Lawton
and organist Marian Gaynor. Practice rehearsal will
take place in the Cathedral at 6.30pm on that
evening and all are welcome to attend.

Baltinglass Seniors' Annual Holiday

Will take place on Sund. 20th June to Thurs.
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.
Book early. All monies should be paid 2
weeks before departure.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 01, 09, 24, 26.



Jackpot winner: No winner
This week's Jackpot •**11,800**

Match three winners: •100 each.

Sheena Nolan, Ladystown, Helen Markham, Grange Con & Donnie McCarthy.

Tickets •2 each. Next draw in Timmins Pub on Monday 8th March 2010.

BALTO JUVENILE PRESENTATION
On Friday, 12th March @ 8pm
in Scoil Chonglais. All are welcome.

Race Night in The Judge's Inn on Sat. 13th March @ 9pm in aid of Baltinglass Juveniles.

Scoil Chonglais Disco

Organised by the Parents' Association takes place in Fatima Hall on Friday 19th March from 8pm. to 11pm. Doors close @ 8.30pm. Secondary School Children only.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service.

Will be visiting the Dunlavin area with their mobile blood collection team on Tuesday 9th March 2010 from 5pm to 8.30pm in Imaal Hall, Dunlavin. It is important that we all remember that patients always need our blood and this need never stops regardless of what else is going on in the world.

Dancing for Pleasure

O' Toole Memorial Hall on Saturday, 13th March from 9:30pm - 12:00. Music by Knockout

Leaving Cert.

Higher level irish grinds required. Fridays after 5pm or Saturdays. Phone: (087) 6647708.

Book Sale Upstairs in Quinns.

From Monday 8th March until Saturday 13th March. All proceeds will be donated to the Patients' Comfort Fund in Baltinglass Hospital.

DANNY'S CORNER.

Eoin O'Malley is having his first Exhibition of his Brush Work in The Lalor Centre on Friday the 12th March 2010. All welcome.

Scoil Naomh Iosaf, Baltinglass.

Pupil enrolment for Sept. 2010. Please enrol your child on or before Friday March 26th 2010. Enrolment Forms available from School Office. Enrolling early will ensure a place. Contact the School Office on 059/ 6481083.

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 2010 @ 7.30pm. Guest Speakers on above topics. For further information Phone: Tony Donogue 087 264 5882 or Frances Creegan 0402 91092 - County Wicklow Partnership.

Experienced Qualified Teacher.

Grinds in Maths, Business Studies, Biology & Home Economics, Junior and Leaving Certificate level. Extra times available during Easter holidays. Ring 086/ 1058941

Day Care Centre Meeting.

A very important meeting of the Baltinglass Day Care Centre Committee will take place on Wed.10th March in the Day Care Centre @ 8.30p.m. New members welcome.

All Ireland Talent Show.

Local Kiltegan lad represents the East of the Country in the Semi-Final this Sun. 7th March. David Lofts, Tynock who was a student in Tynock N.S. & now attending Colaiste Eoin, Hacketstown. This is the chance in a lifetime for any young performer so why not give him your vote. David will be on the All Ireland Talent Show this Sun. at 6.30 p.m. on RTE 1.

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

3rd Sunday of Lent

7th March 2010

'I am who I am' 'This is my name for all time'.
Today's Gospel.

Did you ever lock the car or switch off the cooker and later wonder to yourself if you had actually done just that? Well, I have many a time. I find it's a good idea to say to myself 'I am switching off the cooker,' 'I am locking the door' as I do the task.

In today's first reading, God tells Moses his name 'I Am who I Am'. His name is not I was or I will be but is God of the present moment. 'I Am'. We are all invited to live in the moment, to let go of the luggage of the past, to live an original life just as Jesus did.

Christianity is meant to lead us into freedom, not to keep us bound up. Christ did not imitate anyone. He was a revolutionary person. To realise this all we need do is read or listen to the Gospel, the beatitudes, the parables as in today's story of the fig tree. Listen to or read his words or about the things he did.

How much of my life do I live in an original way? Do I grow a little on my spiritual journey each day? Do I give any time to focus inwardly, to focus on the great 'I Am'. Without the 'I Am' I can do nothing. I am nothing of myself I indeed I can't even switch off the cooker or lock the car without the great 'I am who I Am' living in me.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2010

BAPTISMS:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass:
7th March @ 11.45
3rd April @ the 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass.
2nd May @ 11.45.
St. Mary's Church, Stratford
Saturday March 20th @ 5pm

