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Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Anniversaries:

Colette Johnston

*All deceased members of the Cooke Family,
Main Street.*

John O'Kane, Edward Street

James Byrne, Chapel Hill

Thomas & Catherine Scott

Patrick & Ellen Butler

Kevin Kennedy, Chapel Hill

Thomas McCormack, Allendale

John & Theresa McCormack, Athlone

Tom & Brigid McCormack, Athlone

John McCormack, Mullingar

Mary Ellen McCormack, Athlone

Mary & Mary Devoy, Stradbally

Matthew, & Elizabeth Mullhall & their Son

Michael Mulhall, Shroughaun

*John & Mary Connolly, Carrigeen, & de-
ceased members of the Doherty family,*

Jimmy & Ena Doyle, Parkmore

John Manley, Glenealy

Edward O'Keefe, Parkmore

Ned & Mick Byrne & all deceased

members of the Byrne family, Rathmoon

Stratford: 6pm: (Saturday)

Michael Moore, Main Street

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Christmas Vigil/Christmas Day

Anniversary Masses.

Mary Burke, Rathmoon

Ned & James Gahan, Carrigeen

Tom & Lil Wilson, Hollywood

Johmy Furlong, Woodfield & England

John, Christina & Ger Lally, Main St.

Baltinglass

Brian Brennan, Mill Street

William Bradley, Edward St.

Nina & Ben Hooper & their daughters Mary

& Pamela, Shroughaun

Mary & Edward Connors, Shroughaun

Christmas Vigil/Christmas Day

Anniversary Masses. continued

Baltinglass

Michael & Edward O'Toole, Tankardstown

Billy O'Toole, Main Street

James Gahan, Carrigeen

Richard & Julia Dalton, Woodfield

Michael Walsh, Deerpark.

Grangecon:

Tommy Coates, Castle Hill

Christmas Day:

Months Mind Mass of

Patricia Mulhall, Athy

CHRISTMASS SERVICES:

Vigil Mass: Thursday 24th December '09.

Baltinglass: 8pm.

Grangecon: 8pm.

Stratford: 7.30pm.

**Christmas Day: Friday 25th December
2009.**

Baltinglass: 9am. & 11 am.

Grangecon: 9.30am.

Stratford: 11am.

Mass Saturday 26th December.

Stratford: 6pm

Baltinglass: 7.30pm Vigil

Mass Sunday 27th December:

Grangecon: 9.30am.

Baltinglass: 11am.

Christmas Collection for
the Priests of the Parish.
Please note that this envelope is in
your box of envelopes now & can be
dropped into the collection bags when
you wish. Spare envelopes are
available at the back of the three
Churches.

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



Christmas Penitential Services 2009

Tullow: Monday 21st December @ 7.30pm.

Baltinglass: Tuesday 22nd December @ 7.30pm.

Rathoe: Tuesday 22nd December @ 7.30pm.

Clonmore: Wednesday 23rd December @ 7.30pm.



Christmas Vigil/ Christmas Day December 2009

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers
Stratford: 7.30pm (Thur)	Martina Cush	Ann Whittle
11am. (Fri.)	Carmel Doyle	Jennifer Bracken
Baltinglass: 8 pm (Thur)	Kate Deans/Jane Fleming	Kieran Cogan/Matt O'Brien/Clare Leigh
9am. (Fri)	John Paul Kenny	Eithne Moore & May Kennedy.
11am (Fri.)	Elaine Byrne	Phil O'Connor/Nancy Hughes
Grangecon 8pm (Thur)	Sr Bernard	Margaret Brennan/Bernie Kilcoyne
9.30am (Fri)	Kieran Hosey	Sean Connolly
		Mary Cullen
		Mary Cronin

Sunday 27th December 2009

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers
Stratford: 6pm (Sat)	Annette Mangan	Kay Halstead
Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)	Niall Doogue	Mary Hayes & Pat Murphy
11am (Sun)	Mona Nolan	Nancy Hughes & Catherine Lord
Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)	Margaret Kealy	Kay Moore

Confessions: Thursday 24th Dec. '09

St Joseph's Church - 10.30am - 11am. & 6pm to 7pm.

Stratford Church: 7pm to 7.20pm.

Grangecon Church: 7.30pm to 7.45pm.

The Folk Group will participate at the 11am Mass in
Baltinglass Church on Christmas Day.

**We remember all in our Parish who are sick at
this time. May God bless them.**

Ceremony of Light

Monday 21st December 2009 at Sli an Chroi,

Kiltegan. All Welcome

The Baltinglass Lions Club.

Baltinglass Lions Club wish to thank all those who supported
their fundraising activities over the past month. Funds raised will
gratefully assist anyone who needs support this Christmas. For
further information contact 087 9474160 in confidence.

Lengthening Shadows.

*Lengthening shadows creep relentlessly on
as the darkest day approaches.*

*Birds foraging for food perch upon
ground already frozen.*

*The darting sun fitfully sheds wan light
On air, thin, icy-cold*

*and pale-faced - the moon at night
Smiles mid biting stars a million-fold*

*children reluctant, at morn set off for school.
In darkness, numbed fingers, satchels clasping*

*Little minds intent on mighty things
Cool knowledge firmly grasping*

*Lengthening shadows in the gathering gloom.
Evenings I well remember*

*Lengthening shadows fill my firelit room
Shadows of mid-December.*

17/12/1970 F. P. Hunt.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning
Numbers: 5, 7, 14, 16



Jackpot winner: No winner

This week's Jackpot •**10,150**

Match three winners:

Theresa Prendergast, Kyle, Lisa Keogh,
Bill, Liz & James Tyrrell.

Voucher Winners: Sean Dunne, Stratford,
Niall Kirwan, Rampere, Katie Murphy,
Bawnogues, Robert Fleming, Tom Humphries & Ann Sleator.

Tickets •2 each.

**Next draw in Horan's Pub, Main Street
on Monday 21st December 2009.**

Stratford/Grangecon GAA.

The year for our club is almost at an end. It has been a mixed year for all our teams. From Seniors, Juniors & Juveniles. There were some fine wins & some hard losses but a great effort was put in by all. The club would like to thank everyone who gave so much of their time to help in so many ways, from training, coaching, transport, fundraising, catering, jersey washing etc. Your help has been appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year. To all families in the community who have suffered bereavements in the past year the club would like to extend its sympathies this time of year. To all the sick in the parish we wish them a speedy recovery. The clubs AGM is provisionally fixed for Sun. Jan. 24th at 2pm in Stratford NS. Nomination & motion forms will be sent to all members shortly. More information in the new year. The club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

PLEASENOTE:

Next week's Newsletter is a Double Issue.

All articles for next weeks newsletter must be phoned, emailed, faxed or dropped into the Parish Office by **Tuesday 22nd December @ 12 noon** if they are to be included in the weekends newsletter.

Thank You.

One and all, for your supporting our handmade Christmas gift sale at the Judge's Inn recently. All monies go to the members who made the gifts who belong to our organization as a way of fostering creativity in our community. All things bright and beautiful. **Happy Christmas from the West Wicklow Gifted Children's Association.** Contact Mary Powell Doyle on 059 / 6482123.

St. Lazarian's Hall, Knockananna

Celebrates it's 60th Birthday with a Dance on St. Stephen's night. Music by the Davitt Showband. Adm. •10.00. 9pm - 1am. Light Refreshments served during dance.

Margaret Jackson - Rainbows Montessori School, Woodfield, **Baltinglass.** Now accepting enrollments for Free Pres-School Places as part of Government ECCE Scheme. Fully trained Montessori Teacher with 22 years experience in early childhood education & Care. Please email margaretjackson@eircom.net or phone 086 0681624.

Christmas shopping with a conscience. If you're having trouble finding that perfect gift, then buying ethical gifts like Trocaire's global gifts may be for you. Contact Theresa Doyle on 087/ 8505718

An Naíonra

Pre-school through Irish. Places available for Free Pre-School year from January 2010. Phone Maisie 059 6481199 or Patricia 059 6481326.

Used Clothing Collection Drive
For Homeless orphans in Kenya. Please donate your used clothing, household textiles & used paired footwear. Please leave as many bags as you can outside Fatima Hall on Wednesday 23rd December at Fatima Hall before 12 noon.

**THE PARISH OFFICE
is closed from Wed. 24th December
(inclusive) & and will re-open on
Mon. 4th January @ 9.30a.m.
Anniversaries can be left into the
Sacristy after any of the Masses
during this time.**

Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

4th Sunday in Advent

20th December 2009.

Peace on
Earth



CHRISTMAS

Áthas agus síocháin na féile don phobal uile

A Prayer

Let there be respect for the earth.
Peace for its people. Love in our lives
Delight in the good. Forgiveness for past wrongs.
And from now on, a new and fresh start.

To all parishioners who constantly support and take part in the life of the Parish. To all who plan and participate in our Christmas celebrations... to Choirs and Musicians, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Link people, Collectors, Sacristans, Servers, all who cleaned and decorated our 3 Churches, those who set up the Cribs and the Christmas trees arrangements. Thanks to Leaders and members of our local clubs and organisations, to School Principals and staff for their care and co-operation with families and Parish. To Boards of Management, Parents Associations, all members of our Parish Pastoral Council and its Groups for their work on behalf of Parish life and growth. To each and all "Well done"

Beannacht Dé oraibh go leir.