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Anniversary Masses:

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

Carmel Scanlon, Shrouhaun
PJ Nolan, Rathtoole, Moone
Liam Furlong, Late of London &
Woodfield
Annie & Paddy Cullen, Deerpark
Annie O'Neill, Parkmore
Paddy Fogarty, Bawnogues
Brendan Fogarty, Bawnogues
Thomas Donegan, Kilmurray
Margaret Byrne, Main Street
John Kehoe, Clough
William & Maureen Doran, Mill
Street
Betty Sutton (nee Hanrahan) New
York & Weaver Square
Nancy McDonald (nee Hanrahan)
New York & late of Weaver Square
Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)
Katie Dwyer, Late of Las Vegas &
Gibraltar
Joseph Moore, Winetavern
Grangecon: 9.30am:
Larry O'Toole, Griffinstown

*Sincere thanks to all who contributed so
generously to the Christmas Dues for
the Priests of the Parish*

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.**

Monday 1st Feb. - Feast of St. Brigid, Patron Saint
of our Diocese.

Mass in St. Joseph's Church @ 10am.

Tuesday 2nd Feb. - Feast of the Presentation of
the Lord. (Candlemas Day)

Mass in St. Joseph's Church @ 10am. Blessing
of candles will take place. Please bring your own
candles.

Wednesday 3rd Feb.: - Feast of St Blaise. Mass
in St Joseph's Church @ 10am. Throats will be
blessed at this Mass.



Thursday 4th, Friday 5th & Sat. 6th Feb. Mass
will take place in St. Paul's Oratory @ 10am.

**Throats will be blessed at the 6pm Mass in
Stratford this Saturday 30th Jan. & at the
9.30am Mass this Sunday the 31st Jan. in
Grangecon.**

Collectors for Grangecon for the
month of February are Peter
Doyle & Anne Whelan

Sunday 7th February 2010

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

Readers:  **Eucharistic Ministers** 
Elizabeth Thompson Ina O'Keeffe
Yvonne Balfe Clare Leigh & Michael Lennon
Fiona Kavanagh Catherine O'Neill & Fintan Doyle
Mairead Fenlon Mary Cronin

Dates for your Diary.

Confirmation in St. Joseph's Church Baltinglass
takes place on Sunday 18th April @ 12.30pm.

First Holy Communion:

Stratford: Sunday 25th April @ 11am
Baltinglass: Sunday 9th May @ 12.30pm
Grange Con: Sunday 16th May @ 11am.

First Holy Communion Meeting.

A meeting of the parents who
volunteered to help with the
programme in preparation for the
First Holy Communion will be held in
the Parish Centre on Friday the 5th
Feb. @ 8.30pm. Please note change of date.



Day of Healing.

In Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert
on **Sat. 30th Jan. 2010.** Bus departs the Square,
Baltinglass @ **7.30a.m.** via Tullow & Carlow.
Bring a packed lunch. **059/ 9151245** or **059/
9151120** for booking.

Carlow Regional Pioneer Meeting

In the Parish Centre on **Frid. 12th Feb.** 2010 after
7.30pm Mass in St Paul's Oratory. Refreshments will
be served after the Meeting. All young people or
anyone requiring a **silver** or **gold pioneer pin**
contact **Mick Kehoe urgently on 087/ 2875011**

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2010

The Pilgrimage to Lourdes is provisionally
fixed for August 23rd to 28th 2010. More
information soon.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorge.

30th March to the 4th April 2010.
Cost •625 including transport to and from
Dublin airport. Further details from Duffy
Coach Hire. Phone 059/ 6471681 or 087/
2543235.

Collectors for Baltinglass

for the month of February 2010 are:

Saturdays @ 7.30pm Mass.

Main Aisle: Matt O'Brien
Paddy Kelly

Convent Aisle: Hugh Coogan

Lalor Aisle: Martin Donegan

Sundays @ 11am Mass.

Main Aisle: Seamus O'Reilly
Brendan O'Neill

Convent Aisle: Eamonn Hanlon

Lalor Aisle: Simon Murphy

Thanks to all those Christmas
shoppers with a conscience

Heartfelt thanks to all who took the opportu-
nity to think of others last Christmas &
purchased a Trocaire global gift. In doing so
you were part of changing someone's world,
for the better. Gifts of Goats, Chicks, School
lunches, Vegetable patches & Food were
provided to people in developing countries.

The gift sales were over 700 euro and a
sponsored cycle brought the total up to 1,000
euro. So special thanks to all the people of
Baltinglass parish, you know who you are &
to the Cronin family Grange Con for their
continued support.

Mount St. Anne's

Retreat & Conference Centre,
Killenard, Portarlinton, Co Laois.
057 8626153 or Email: msannes@eircom.net
Scripture Course - The New Testament
starts on Wed. 27th Jan for 9 nights from 8pm
to 9.30pm. Cost: donation.

Yoga Classes start Thur. 14th Jan til 18th
March for 10 weeks - 8pm to 9.30pm. •10 per
night. Booking essential.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning
Numbers: 08, 12, 18, 22



Jackpot winner: No Winner

This week's Jackpot • **11,050**

Match three winners: •30 each.

Jo Coogan, Grange Con, Ned Byrne, The
Rocks, Michael Lynch, Hacketstown,
Helen Doyle, Nuala McDonald, Water-
ford, Henry Sinnott, Marian Whyte,
Mary Doyle, Alice McLoughlin,
Newtownsaunders & Sean McKelvie,
Bawnogues.

**Tickets •2 each. Next draw in
Harbourne's Pub on Monday 1st Feb.**
Play online www.localotto.ie

Jon Kenny Dun' Believable Concert
In Carlow Rugby Club on Friday 12th
February @ 8.30pm. Tickets •20 and are
available at Tommy Doyles, Jimmy
Burkes or P.J. O'Reillys.

CHOCOLATE GARDEN WORKSHOPS

Now taking bookings for 13th & 27th
Feb, 13th & 27th March, 3rd April.
Learn all about the delights of choco-
late & make and decorate your own
chocolate product. Tel. 059-6481999
www.chocolategarden.ie Next door to
Rathwood Home and Garden World
near Tullow.

Crookstown Health Care
Centre. G..P. & Womens' Health Clinic.
NOW OPEN. Tel: 059/8623558
Mobile: 087/ 6168877

Email: crookstownhcc@hotmail.com

Danny's Corner

When the power of love overcomes
the love of power, the world will know
peace. Visit our Community Garden
and follow your dream and read the
rest of the plaques.

Recruitment!!

We are always looking for more people to
join West Wicklow Arts Network in order
to broaden ideas for future events.

We meet once a month. If you are not
sure exactly what we do we are currently
featured on the last page of the commu-
nity magazine "A Year in Review 2009".
So if you have one evening a month to
spare we would love for you to contrib-
ute your time to help our community
grow and prosper through the arts.

Contact: Caitriona Tynan on
caitriyatynan@hotmail.com
or alternatively come along to our next
meeting in Twomey's Bar Donard on
Tuesday February 2nd 2010 @ 8.15pm.

Baltinglass Country Market.

Re-opens on Sat. 13th Feb. from 10am to
1pm in the old Badminton Hall, Church
Lane. Freshly baked goodies for St.
Valentine's day. All products home made.

Rathdangan Drama Group

Entertainment in Rathdangan Hall on the
11th & 12th Feb. 2010. Directed by John
Rossiter. An evening of recitation,
sketches & a one act play called Peg
Monaghan's mistakes. Starts @ 8pm.
Adults •10. Children free.

Graiguecullen Monster Bingo

Tues 2nd Feb 2010 @ 8:30pm in
Graiguecullen Hall.

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

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4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

31st January 2010

'Love is always patient and kind' St. Paul. Today's Reading

Some people will have grown up in a loving environment which enables them to understand and experience within themselves what our Creator is like. St. Paul tells us that 'Love is always patient and kind'. Instead of the word 'love' we can substitute 'God'..for God is always patient and kind. I can get so impatient with myself and with others, wanting change and wanting it now but our God is always patient.

Patience does not come from ourselves. It is one of the fruits of the
'Spirit. It is of God, as also is kindness.

'Love can be felt as a warm affection towards another. It is wonderful to sit quietly at the end of a day and allow this heartfelt warmth to take over. In our humanity we have limitations but the fruits of the Spirit keep growing in us.

'Love does not come to an end' God's love is such that it expects nothing back and we are all invited to live this. Have no expectations of others.

'Love is always ready to excuse'. Many people are hurting and have never experienced a loving environment, have never felt accepted or wanted as children but the good news is that healing is possible. The past can be healed but living in the past does not heal us. Don't let life pass you by. Be aware of those wonderful moments when you connect with another, when you meet another, when you share with another Communion.

'Love is always patient and kind.' St. Paul. A.S.

Prayer to St. Brigid - Patron of Kildare & Leighlin.

Brigid, you were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness, you brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness
that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness
in mind, body and spirit. Amen.