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### Anniversary Masses:

**This weekend:**

**Baltinglass: 7.30pm:**

**Anniversaries:**

Lily Rooney, Tinoran

Kathleen Healy, 6 Parkmore

Patrick & Mary Kearney, Tinoran & their  
daughter Kathleen Tyndall

Elizabeth (Liz) Whitty, Hughestown

Ann Lawlor, Bawnogues,

John Kehoe, Newtown

Elizabeth (Lily) Goldsmith nee Kehoe,

America & formerly of Barronstown

Dick Nolan, The Wood

**Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)**

**Grangecon: 9.30am:**

**Month's Mind Mass of**

Jim Whelan, The Lodge, Grange Con

We Pray for

**Mariusz Windak,**

Baltinglass & formerly Poland  
who died recently.

May he rest in peace, Amen.



Mission

If you are attending the Parish Mission it would be very much appreciated if you could offer neighbours a lift to make sure that no one is left out because they don't have any transport.

### Bridge Charity

In aid of Baltinglass Day Care Centre & the Lalor Centre, Baltinglass will be held in the new Lalor Centre, Baltinglass on Frid., 30th April 2010 @ 7.30pm. Come & bring your friends to support these worthy causes.

### Sunday 2nd May 2010

**Stratford:** 6pm (Sat)

**Baltinglass:** 7.30pm (Sat)

11am (Sun)

**Grangecon** 9.30am (Sun)

**Readers:**

Liam Brady

Myra Kearney

Michael Cogan

Mary Ross



**Eucharistic Ministers**

Helen O'Keefe

Mary Hayes & Pat Murphy

Mona Nolan & Ann Lee

Mary Cronin.



Parish Mission in Baltinglass  
The Mission Programme & Services will take place in the three Churches in the Parish, Baltinglass, Stratford & Grange Con. The Mission will be conducted by the Ceili Community. The community consists of two Priests, two or three Sisters, married couples and single people. They have conducted Missions in many Parishes in Ireland and England. We look forward to our New Style Mission and we hope it will be a blessed time for all of us.

### Multi Media Personal Development.

This 5 week programme is about developing the whole person through art, music, movement & rhythm in a fun way. Venue: Teach Bhride, Tullow, Co. Carlow. Starting Tuesday the 27th of April (5 weeks) from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Cost €10. To book your place please phone 059/ 52465 or email: [info@teachbhride.com](mailto:info@teachbhride.com)

West Wicklow Day Care Centre  
Annual Collection will take place on the weekend of 30th April, 1st & 2nd May in the Baltinglass area. A Church Gate Collection will also take place that weekend. Your support is always appreciated for this very worthy cause. If you would like to volunteer as a collector please contact Jimmy Murray on 086/ 3655572.

### Parish Newsletter Notice

As you will be aware Pope Benedict XVI accepted Bishop Moriarty's resignation as bishop of our Diocese on Thursday last. Bishop Moriarty served us as bishop for the past eight years in a kind, humble and exemplary manner. During his term he ministered untiringly, visited all our parishes on numerous occasions and introduced many pastoral initiatives such as Reach Out, African and Polish Chaplaincies and Faith Development Services.

His work and commitment to young people was demonstrated in the interest he showed in publishing the 'Safeguarding Children Policy & Procedures' manual, in his participation in World Youth Days, his support for the Meitheal Programme and more recently when he introduced John Paul 11 Awards. As he leaves us we offer him our sincerest thanks for a ministry truly modelled on the example and teaching of Jesus and for a legacy that will long be honoured and remembered. We wish him many years of health and happiness as he continues his ministry and assure him that there will always be an open door and a warm welcome for him in Kildare and Leighlin. Go mbeannaí Dia e i gcónaí. An announcement about the election of a diocesan administrator, who will run the day to day affairs of the diocese while a new bishop is awaited, is expected before Tuesday. Bishop Moriarty's personal statement following the acceptance of his resignation by Pope Benedict is available on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

### An Invitation to Parishioners.

The diocese is inviting parishioners to attend one of 3 meetings being held to continue the dialogue begun after the Pope's recent letter to Irish Catholics. At these meetings parishioners will have an opportunity to reflect on & discuss the letter; to hear about safeguarding children practices in the diocese; & to be part of the process of moving forward together to deepen the mission of the Church in Kildare & Leighlin. These meetings will begin at 8:00p.m. & will conclude with light refreshments at 10:00p.m. The dates and venue are Tues. 27 April – Thurs. 13 May – Killeigh National School, Goresbridge Parish Centre, Wed. 5 May – Scoil Bhride, Sallins Road, Naas (Beside GAA). Each night will be chaired by Bryan O'Reilly, Principal of a Newbridge school and will include a guest speaker. Further information on these meetings and on those already held can be found on the diocesan website: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

Collectors in Baltinglass Church  
for Month of May 2010.

**Saturdays @ the 7.30pm Masses.**

**Main Aisle:** Pat Fleming.  
Noel Kennedy.

**Lalor Centre Aisle:** Pat Murphy.

**Convent Aisle:** Frank Doyle.

**Sundays @ 11am Masses.**

**Main Aisle:** Seamus O'Reilly.  
Brendan O'Neill.

**Lalor Centre Aisle:** Michael Cogan

**Convent Aisle:** Paschal Dunne.

### Table Quiz

In aid of the Niall Mellon Township Trust in Moore's Pub, Grange Con on Sat. 8th May @ 8.30pm. Table of 4 •40. Hosted by Brenda Doody who will travel as a volunteer to Cape Town in Africa for their building blitz in Nov. Phone: 087/ 2160592

### Garda Dinner Dance

Takes place in Inis Fail, Baltinglass on 30th April in aid of the Lalor Centre. Tickets available. Contact Bernard on 086 8576885 or Baltinglass Garda Station.

### Co. Wicklow V. E. C.

For early School Leavers - Free weekly course in Child's Play starting May 2010 in Baltinglass Adult Learning Centre. Day or evening to suit you. 2 hours per week from mid May to end of June. This Course is for parents or people interested in gaining a better understanding of their own children or who are interested in Childcare as a career. Contact Annette or Maeve on 059 6482642 or 086 8462771

### Trocaire Boxes

Please return your Trocaire Boxes after any of the Masses in the Parish.

### Baltinglass GAA Club.



Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 01, 03, 09, 19.

**Jackpot winner: No Winner.**

This week's Jackpot •4,450

**Match three winners:** •40 each.

Sinead Tallon, Knockrigg, Pat Kearney, Marian Doyle, 26 Parkmore, Peg Farrell, Englishtown, M. Kavanagh, Marian O'Toole, Kiltegan, M & A Keogh, 8 Parkmore & Teresa McKelvie, Bawngoues.

**Tickets •2 each.**

**Next draw in Harbourne's Pub on Monday 26th April 2010.**

### Lady Available

For housekeeping, cleaning, minding children or caring for the sick or elderly. References available. Call 085/ 7814835 in the evenings.

### The Lalor Centre

The annual auction takes place on Friday 21st May in Inis Fail, Germaines, Baltinglass. The next auction meeting takes place in Inis Fail on Wednesday the 5th May @ 9pm.

### Table Quiz.

Takes place in Moore's Lounge, Grange Con on Saturday the 1st May @ 9pm. Table of 4 is •30. Proceeds in aid of Grange Con Tidy Towns.

### Baltinglass & District Active Retirement.

Next Outing to the Arboretum, Chocolate Factory including Rathwood on Tuesday 27th April. Bus leaving from Weavers Square at the back of the Credit Union @ 10.30am sharp. A few seats still available. To book or confirm phone Vera on 059/ 64 81469

### Grange Con National School.

Enrolment forms are available in the School for pupils who will be enrolling in the School in September 2010. Please contact the School on 045/ 403111.

### West Wicklow Rural Arts Network.

An earthy mix of trad, folk & the blues to visit Donoughmore Hall, Donard, Co. Wicklow on Sun. May 30th. Singer Mary McPartlan will visit 10 counties this May. Mary is joining forces with Rick Epping, guitarist Aidan Brennan and the arts and community development organisation Rural Arts Network for the tour. Contact Conor O'Leary at (087) 9048095 or artsnetwork@gmail.com

### Put Summer Colour into Your Garden 7 WEEK GARDENING COURSE

On Thurs. May 13th - 24th June from 12 to 3pm in Baltinglass Adult Learning Centre. Tutor is experienced horticulturalist. Course will include: Preparation of garden, colour in beds, containers and window boxes, herbaceous plants, low maintenance gardening, greener lawns, vegetable garden. All year round colour! GAIN LOTS OF GARDENING TIPS. Contact: 059-6482642 or Mobile: 086-8462771.

### Rathvilly Garden & Flower Club.

Will meet on Wednesday 28th. April at 8pm in St Patrick's Sports and Community Centre, Rathvilly. A talk and slide show on caring for Roses and Clematis presented by Dublin based flower arranger Deirdre Ryan.

All are welcome.

### Danny's Corner.

Hi, my name is Danny. I am looking for a buddy or friend to come up to the Lalor Centre & have a chat & a cup of tea with me. Are you interested? I could show you around the new centre. I am available most afternoons except Wednesdays as I do horse riding. Please ring 0536481711

### 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

4th Sunday of Easter.

25th April 2010.

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice.

'Today's Gospel.'

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice'.

Have you ever sat and wondered what it is you are made for, what your vocation is in this life, what occupation, profession or trade it is you feel called to?

Well today is the day of prayer for vocations. Usually we associate this with religious life but many lay people I know live a spirit filled life, living out their vocations in a quiet God filled way - they are indeed the hands and feet of Jesus.

Today's Gospel says 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice' I need to quieten my mind down, to relax and let go, to let the world go by without getting caught up in the materialism or the rushing about, to listen within so to discover what it is I am being called to.

Many are searching and the answer lies deep within our own hearts. What do I feel called to just for today?

God has created me for some specific task. I may never discover what it is in this life but wouldn't it be wonderful if I did.

We all belong to God and through Jesus, God gives us the gift of eternal life. I am invited to open the gift.

(A.S.)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2010.

#### BAPTISMS:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass:  
Sunday 2nd May @ 11.45pm.  
Sunday 6th June @ 11.45pm.

#### First Holy Communion:

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

