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Anniversary Masses:

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

Anniversaries:

Margaret & Henry Dunne, Shroughan
Thomas & Rita Harte, Mill Street
Patrick (Ronnie) Byrne, Sydney,
Australia & formerly of Baltinglass
Ned Gahan, Carrigeen
James Gahan, Carrigeen
John Miley, 1 Bramble Court
Edward Swayne, Hughestown
Denis Murray, Broadstown.
Dr Patrick Lord, Bawnogues
Patrick Doyle, Graney
Joseph & Bridget Doody,

Stratford: 6pm (Sat).

Elizabeth Nolan, Doctors Road
John Nolan, Manger
Christina Loughlin, Ballinacrow.
James & Maureen Doyle, Carrigeen
Grange Con: 9.30am (Sun)

Kathleen Logan, Barronstown
Maura Coleman, Knoxters Hill
Phil Coleman, Knoxters Hill
Jack Byrne, Cashel Hill
Margaret Cronin, Spring Field

St. Patrick's Day:

Baltinglass:

Mary & Edward Hanlon, Tuckmill
Stratford: Tues 16th @ 6pm
Bernard & Julia Tivenan
Andrew & Jane Jardine, Glasgow

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.

Mother's Day.

Wishing all Mothers a great day on
Sunday. Hope all the cooking & the
housework is done by someone else
today !!!

Mass Times - St Patrick's Day.

Stratford: **Tuesday** 16th March @ 6pm
Baltinglass: **Vigil Mass Tues.** 16th @ 7.30pm
Baltinglass Wed. 17th @ 11am
Grangecon: **Wed.** 17th @ 9.30am
Hospital Mass: **Wed.** 17th @ 11am
No Tuesday Mass in Hospital this week.



We pray for

Sheila Farrell, Yellow Ford
who died recently.

May she rest in peace. **Amen**



St. Patrick's Day 16/17th March.

Stratford: 6pm (Tues)	Readers:  Annette Mangan	Eucharistic Ministers  Breda Kelly
Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Tues)	Sean O' Reilly	Bernie Doogue/Seamus Kelly
11am (Wed)	As per weekly 10am Rota.	
Grangecon 9.30am (Wed)	Anne Whelan	Mary Cullen

Baltinglass Liturgy Group Meeting
The next meeting will take place in The Parish
Centre on Monday 15th March 2010 @ 7pm.
Parish Pastoral Council
The next meeting will take place in the Parish
Centre on Thursday 18th March 2010 @ 8pm.

Baltinglass Hospital

'Drama Group' Lenten Project.

Baltinglass Hospital 'Drama Group' presents a variety
show on Sunday 21st & Monday 22nd March in aid of
'Bekind Ireland', an organisation that works with the
street children of Calcutta. Adm. free. Raffle lines sold
(•2 each) at both shows. The raffle will take place after
the show on Monday. Sing along to all the old world
war two songs. Support appreciated.

Sick & Housebound

The country areas and the town areas will
be attended on **Tuesday 16th March** by
Fr Tommy & Fr Sean from 10.30am
onwards.



Fr. Paddy Hyland RIP

The family of Fr. Paddy would like to thank
Baltinglass Parishioners who attended the
funeral in Kiltegan recently. Fr. Paddy was a
curate in this parish for 9 years.

Day of Healing.

In Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert
on **Sat. 27th March. '10.** Bus departs the Square,
Baltinglass @ **7.30a.m.** via Tullow & Carlow.
Bring a packed lunch. **059/9151245** or **059/
9151120** for booking.

Sunday 21st March 2010.

Stratford: 6pm (Sat)	Readers:  Stephen Poll	Eucharistic Ministers  Helen O'Keefe
Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)	Michael Lalor	Clare O'Neill/Theresa McDermott
11am (Sun)	Catherine O'Neill	Eithne Moore/Kieran Cogan
Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)	Mary Ross	Marguerite Salmon

Could You make a difference.

Kare have a number of vacancies in the Lalor
Centre, Baltinglass Local Service, working with
people with Learning Disabilities. This is a Fas
Community employment Project. To establish
eligibility & make application, please contact Mick
Doody at the Lalor Centre. Phone 059 6481711.
Kare are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Daffodil Day.

In aid of the "Cancer Society". Daffodil Day
will be held in Baltinglass & surrounding areas
on Friday 26th March 2010. Fresh & Silk
Daffodils & other merchandise will be on sale
at different stalls all day from 8am. Donations
of "Fresh Daffodils" gratefully received.

Anyone willing to help are very welcome -
Please come to main stall at "The McAlister
Monument". Please give as generously as you
can. **You always do.**

Passion Play.

The Greatest Story Ever Told - in St. Anne's
Hall, Ballylinan, Co Laois. Friday 26th March -
2nd April 2010. Adm. •10. Children U12 free.
Bookings Only - 059/ 8625125 (before 6pm).

The Folk Group will participate at the 11am
Mass in Baltinglass on St Patrick's Day.

Danny's Corner.

We would like to wish Eoin O' Malley all the
very best for his first solo brush work art
exhibition. The Lalor centre is open on St.
Patrick's day for anybody wishing to view
Eoin's paintings, between 10-4pm.

Extra Mass/Lent.

Mass in The Oratory @ 7.30a.m. Mondays
& Fridays.

Baltinglass GAA Club.

Last Weeks Winning
Numbers: 10,11,15,21



Jackpot winner: No Winner.

This week's Jackpot •**11,950.**

Match three winners: •35 each.

Jo Coogan, Sean O'Brien, Clough, Mary Roche, Jim Byrne, Paul Tallon, Knockrigg, Jackie Coates, Grangecon, Margaret Coleman, Hacketstown, Aileen Cribb, Castleruddery & Mary Claire O'Reilly, 'Carrigeen.

Tickets •2 each.

Next draw in Harbourne's Pub on Monday 15th March 2010.

Play online www.localotto.ie

BALTINGLASS GAA.

Are holding a Race Night in aid of the Juveniles in the Judge's Inn tonight Sat. First race @ 9pm sharp. Raffle on the night with great prizes. Make sure and come

Date for your Diary.

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

Baltinglass Credit Union
Next Draw for the car will take place on the 27th March.

Have you been recently made redundant

or currently unemployed, have skills and would like to advertise your skills ie

Carpenter, Bookeeping, I T skills etc. you are invited to place your details ie name, contact details and your trade in our Forum Newsletter Box available at Pattersons O' Reilly's Garage, Library, Gillespies.

Congratulations - 100th Birthday.

To **Elizabeth Nolan** who celebrated her **100th Birthday** in Baltinglass Hospital on the 3rd March with family and friends, and of course had a big party. A special thanks to Fr Tommy Dillon & the Matron and Staff of the Hospital.

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.

Scoil Chonglais Disco
Friday 19th March 2010 from 8-11pm. Doors Close @ 8.30 Secondary School Children Only.

Coach Tour to Wales
From the 3rd to the 9th July 2010. Further details from Duffy Coach Hire. Phone: 059/ 6471681 or 087/2543235

Lalor Centre Auction on Friday 7th May.
More details to follow.

Lost Keys

A Bunch of Keys was lost recently in Baltinglass somewhere around Quinns or Germaines. If you find them please contact the Parish Office.

Fentons' Pub, Glen of Imaal.
Traditional music, every Thursday night.
All are 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. Enroling early will ensure a place. Contact the School Office on 059/ 6481083.

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 Lent

14th March 2010

'My son you are with me always and all I have is yours'
Today's Gospel.

A lady told me today that I was an earthy woman. The dictionary says to be earthy means to be coarse or crude or of the earth. I just thought 'Oh my goodness.'

Today's Gospel story is of the prodigal Son - the guy who went off and - squandered everything his father gave him. We usually focus on him and forget about the elder son who stayed at home. This son was full of anger because his father put on a huge celebration for the prodigal son's return.

Now both these sons were needy, both needing the father's love, recognition and attention. Can I recognise this in myself? Well the Father said to the elder Son. 'My son you are with me always and all I have is yours - God giving all of himself to us. I have to empty myself to make room for God's self giving. Not to be too full of myself that there is no room for God.

Which of the Sons am I, or am I a bit of both'. One Son throwing caution to the wind, the other working steadily at home in the fields with the earth.

No harm in listening to what others reflect back to us about ourselves. Me - An earthy woman - I wonder!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2010. - BAPTISMS:

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

