

**Parish Team:- Fr. Tommy Dillon 059 6482768 / Fr. Seán Maher  
059 6481123 / Srs. Brigid & Carmel 059 6481561 / Parish Office  
059 6481254 / Email address: admin@baltinglassparish.ie**

**Anniversary Masses:**

**This weekend:**

**Baltinglass: 7.30pm:**

**Anniversaries:**

William Coleman, Castleruddery  
Bridget Hayden, Raheen  
Mary Nolan, Lowtown  
Elizabeth Fleming, Shrughaun  
Patrick Powell, Rathbran  
Thomas, Annie & Gerard Kavanagh,  
Graney  
Anne Doyle, Parkmore  
John & Mary Doyle & deceased members  
of the Doyle family, Parkmore  
Fran & Mary Hendy, Parkmore  
Alice & Nancy Healy, Parkmore &  
England  
Mary Murphy, Lowtown  
**Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)**  
Michael & Ann Nolan, The Green  
Joseph Burke, Stratford  
William Coleman, Castleruddery  
Brigid Salmon, Lowtown  
Patrick Powell, Rathbran  
Mary Nolan, Lowtown  
**Grangecon: 9.30am:**  
Brigid Salmon, Lowtown  
Mary Nolan, Lowtown  
Patrick Powell, Rathbran  
Mary Murphy, Lowtown  
Michael Kealy, Ballycore  
Willie Bourke, Grangecon  
Pat & Dora O'Toole, Grangecon  
Sean O'Riordan, Rathtoole

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND**

Offertory • 1,215.00  
Development • 953.00  
**Thanks to all who give so generously**

**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.**

**Thurs. 11th Feb. is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - World day of Prayer for the Sick. Mass will be held in St Joseph's Church @ 10am. The anointing of the sick will take place during this Mass.**

Frs Sean and Tommy will visit the Sick and Housebound  
**Tuesday in the Town areas & Wednesday in the Country areas**

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**

**Sunday 14th February 2010**

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

**Readers:**  
Mary Poll  
Sean O'Reilly  
Michael Cogan  
Theresa Doyle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Brigid Bollard  
Matt O'Brien/May Kennedy  
Nancy Hughes/Catherine Lord  
Kay Moore

Newsletter now available on [www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)  
Newsletter also available on [www.mylocalnews.ie](http://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](http://www.kandle.ie)**

Pope John Paul II Youth Award  
The Pope John Paul II Award helps young people get involved in the life of their local parish and community. It is for those in senior cycle of school or for school leavers aged 16 and over. Through the award young people are encouraged to play an active role in their local Church and society. This is a new initiative for the diocese and anyone interested in finding out more can do so through the website [www.thepopejohnpauliiaward.com](http://www.thepopejohnpauliiaward.com) or call Yvonne at Faith Development Services on 0599164084 or 0877788007. The closing date for applications is 12th Feb..

Parish Pastoral Council  
The next meeting will take place on Monday the 8th February @ 8.30pm in the Parish Centre.  
The Communications Group  
The next meeting takes place in the Parish Centre on Tuesday the 9th Feb. @ 8.30pm



**Irish Wheelchair Association**

Church Gate Collection takes place on of the 13th & 14th February 2010.

Scoil Namoh Iosaf.  
The school recently held a no uniform day in aid of Haiti. The amount raised was •1,427.00. Many thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.

Baltinglass Cultural Group.  
At the recent A.G.M. of the B.C.G. it was decided that due to depletion of funds & also the present economic climate, they are unable to participate in the organising of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Folk Group will participate at the 11am Mass in St Joseph's Church on Sun. the 14th Feb. 2010.

**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

**We Welcome into our Christian Community** through the Sacrament of **Bap-**

**tism** during the Month of **January 2010:**  
n Aaron William O'Keefe  
n Ellie Marie McLoughlin



Baltinglass Bridge Club

Has moved to the new Lalor Centre. Bridge will be held every Friday commencing at 7.20pm. New members welcome. Contact Pam Nolan, The Secretary on 087/ 6320202

The next date for cleaning Baltinglass Church is Friday 12th Feb. @ 10.30am.

Danny's Corner.

"Behold! Mother Earth giving of her fruitfulness" The Lalor Centre invites all from the community to come and help us raise money for the people of Haiti. Sr. Maureen will be in charge of the pancakes! We are having a cake sale and raffle. This will take place on Tuesday the 16th of February from 10am till 12noon. Come and visit our community garden to read the rest of the plaques.

### Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning  
Numbers: 02, 10, 11, 28



**Jackpot winner:** No Winner.

This week's Jackpot • 11,200

**Match three winners:** • 45 each.

Pauric Brady, Oran Brady, Johnny  
Kenny, Clough, Brian Fleming,  
Baltinglass, Mary Osbourne, Declan  
Philips, Athy & Eamonn O'Keeffe, 23  
Parkmore.

**Tickets • 2 each. Next draw in  
Horan's Pub on Mon. 8th Feb. 2010**

Play online [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

### BALTINGLASS LADIES

Are holding their A.G.M. Mon. 8th Feb  
@ 7pm in the Club House. All Parents are  
urged to attend to help out as the Girls  
had a very successful year last year and  
more help is needed.

### Wickow County Enterprise Board Start your own Business Course.

This 10 week programme will assist partici-  
pants in assessing the viability of business  
ideas and in understanding the essential  
elements required to start up and run their own  
business. Topics which will be covered over  
the 10 weeks will be Self Assessment Tax,  
Preparing a Business Plan, Researching the  
market, sources of funding, sales, legal issues,  
marketing for small business, finance, basic  
bookkeeping, using IT in your business.

Venue: Avon Ri Conference Centre,  
Blessington. Commences: Wed., 17th Feb.  
2010 from 7pm – 10pm. Duration for 10  
consecutive Wed. evenings.: COST: •95  
Trainer: Colm O'Maolmhuire, Enterprising  
People. Phone: 0404-30800 or Clermont  
House, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow.  
Tel: 0404 30800 Fax: 0404 30899

Lady Available for Housekeeping  
Cleaning, Minding Children, Caring for  
sick or elderly. References. 086/3352537

West Wicklow Day Care Centre.  
Next meeting will take place on Wednesday  
10th February @ 8.30pm in the Day Care.  
New members welcome.

Dancing for pleasure  
In O'Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan  
on Saturday, 13 February 2010. Time:  
9:30pm to 12:00. Music by Crest

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.

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.

5 General Operative Job Vacancies.  
For Baltinglass Tidy Towns Ltd, CE Sheme.  
Requirements to apply. Applications to be  
sent to: Fatima Hall, Chapel Hill, Baltinglass,  
Co Wicklow.

Learn to Dance  
Rathdangan Hall, Co Wicklow. On every  
Thursday night 8-30pm to 10pm. Lessons  
in Waltzing, Quickstep, Foxtrot & also  
Jive. Learn to dance for social events,  
getting married, or exercise. Also private  
classes are available. For more information  
call Mary on 086/8153033

### 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](mailto: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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th February 2010

The Crowd pressed round him listening to the Word of God..!  
Today's Gospel

Most of us have seen the crowds race out onto the pitch after a  
football or hurling match, the way the supporters press round the  
players especially the winners.

Well, in today's Gospel 'the crowd pressed round Jesus listening to  
the word of God! Jesus was a teacher and a healer and the disciples  
'left everything and followed him! We can be so ambitious wanting  
to be successful, wanting to achieve, and this is okay - but we need  
to allow the seed of God's word to take root in our lives. A seed is  
firstly planted in the soil where it is in darkness - gradually it takes  
root and the shoot appears. God's word is like this and we are all  
invited to let it grow within us.

Deep within each of us is a place of quiet contentment, peace and  
love. It is beyond the fear, the anger, beyond all negativity. It is  
there that God dwells and it's there that the word takes root.

The Word of God is strengthening and encouraging and the wonder-  
ful aspect of scripture, of the word, is that it is always now. I  
need to connect to that deep authentic place in me, where God is. So  
often I can feel disconnected from this part. Many people enjoy the  
crowds at matches but take time to be alone, to recollect, to gather  
all the fragments, take time to be - Just Be.

A.S

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2009.  
BAPTISMS:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass:  
7th February @ 11.45pm  
7th March @ 11.45pm

**Trocaire Boxes 2010 will  
be available next  
weekend in the  
3 Churches in our Parish**