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### Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Month's Mind Mass of

Patricia (Trish) Burke, Woodfield

John (Jack) Flynn, Donard

Anniversaries:

Thomas Furlong, Woodfield

Con Doyle, Newtownsaunders

Jack Breen Deerpark

Murt Byrne, Carrigeen

Kitty & Joe O'Hara, Shroughaun

James O'Neill, Downings

Marie McGrath, Tuckmill

John & Michael O'Neill, Newtown

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Grangecon: 9.30am:

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 –Thurs. 13 May – Killeigh National School, Goresbridge Parish Centre, Wed. 5 May – Scoil Bhríde, 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

We pray for  
**Patrick (Paddy) Moore,**  
Winetavern, Ballinasloe, Galway  
& formerly of Winetavern, Stratford.  
Who died during the week.  
**May he rest in peace. Amen**



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

The next date for cleaning Baltinglass  
Church is Friday 7th May @ 10.30am.

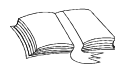
The Lalor Centre.  
Annual Auction takes place on Friday 21st  
May in Inis Fail, Germaines, Baltinglass.  
The next auction meeting takes place in Inis  
Fail on Wed. the 19th May @ 9pm.

Sunday 9th May 2010.

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

Readers:

Stephen Poll  
Jim Kearney  
Catherine Burke  
Anne Whelan



Eucharistic Ministers

Ann Whittle  
Bernie Doogue & Seamus Kelly  
Eithne Moore & Kieran Cogan  
Kay Moore



Newsletter now available on [www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)

Diocesan web site: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

The Kildare and Leighlin Pilgrimage  
to Knock this year will take place on Sund. 6th June.  
As in previous years Fr. Liam Lawton & the Diocesan  
Choir will lead the singing. This year we expect good  
participation from across the diocese. All are welcome.

"Carlow Choral Society".

Will present Haydn's "The Seasons" at 8pm on Sunday  
May 16th in the Cathedral of the  
Assumption Carlow. Tickets available from Carlow  
Tourist Office, Roxy Records, Empire Records and choir  
members. Contact: Susan on 085/ 7119334."

Inner Child Weekend.

Our Adult life can be unduly determined & diminished by  
our childhood experiences. This weekend is about  
awareness, self-understanding & naming our fears, anger,  
shame, guilt. Then we can recover our self-esteem &  
Journey towards a good sense of Self, Freedom and  
Harmony. This can be a life transforming experience.  
May 8th & 9th facilitated by Donal Spring.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement  
Coffee Mornings on Fridays @ 11am for the month of  
May in Bia Blasta, Main Street, Baltinglass.

Next Outing

To Powerscourt on Monday 17th May. A few seats still  
available. Contact Vera on 6481649.

Stratford on Slaney NS

Are holding a **Cake Sale** in the National School on  
Sat. May 8th at 6.30pm after Mass. All cake  
donations are welcome & can be left at the School  
from 5pm that evening. Please come along as we  
always have delicious home made cakes & buns.

American Liturgical Composer.

Tom Kendzia will give a workshop in St. Peter &  
Paul's Church, Portlaoise on Tuesday 4th May at  
8pm. Tom has composed many well-known pieces  
for liturgy including 'Stand By Me', 'Out of Dark-  
ness' and 'The Eyes and Hands of Christ'. He is on  
a 10 day tour of Ireland and we were fortunate to  
get a last-minute date for him to give a workshop in  
Portlaoise. To book your choir or for further details  
contact Nuala Kelly at 087 2264752.

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. Phone 087/ 2160592.

Volunteer Organization: Registered  
friendly Society with government.  
West Wicklow Gifted Children's  
Association. Thank you to the HSE & VEC  
'Development funds for taking care of the  
office costs this year. We have 150 members,  
children & grandparents on our contact list.  
Contact 059 6482123. We are doing  
wildflower walks every Sunday from 2-4pm,  
weather permitting, locally this year. Gleann  
Hill. Bring a snack & a drink. Meet at the  
orchard. Our Committee are Margaret  
Collier, Mary Doyle (Powell), Annie Byrne  
(Sheriff Hill). Office closed May 21 - June  
9). Office: The Orchard, Tankardstown,  
Baltinglass. 059/ 6482123. Ask for Mary.

The Baltinglass Area Community Games  
Athletics includes areas Bigstone, Grangecon,  
Kiltegan, Talbotstown and Baltinglass takes place  
Thursday 6th May 2010 at the Soccer pitch at  
Baltinglass park at 6.30pm. Registration is @  
6.00pm. 2 euro per child. Any Queries re events  
taken place please call Liz on 086 3236785.

Timmins Bar/Baltinglass Inn.

Evening talk on Thursday May 6 at 8pm.  
Place names of West Wicklow by Donal Mac  
Giolla Easpaig. Free Admission. All Welcome.

## Baltinglass GAA Club.



Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 03, 19, 22, 23.

**Jackpot winner:** No Winner.

This week's Jackpot •**4,600.**

**Match three winners:** •60 each.

Catherine Murphy, Aisling Byrne, Lee Clynch, Killalesh, Enda Hallahan & Ramjit, 51A Parkmore, Baltinglass.

**Tickets •2 each. Next draw in Horan's Pub on Tuesday 4th May.**

Kiltegan IT Centre, Computer Course.

### Course Title: WHIZ KIDZ.

6 weeks (after school, 1 hour per class.)

Children from 7 years + & max. of 7 children.

Starts Wed. 19th May 2010. Cost •60. 059/ 64 73330 or Email: kilteganitcentre@eircom.net

### Lady Available

For housekeeping, cleaning, minding children or caring for the sick or elderly.

References available. Call 085/ 7814934

in the evenings.

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.

Kiltegan Foróige Present

"Can You Feel It".

In Kiltegan Hall on Sat. 1st May & Sun. 2nd May. Doors open @ 7pm. Show at 7.30 pm.

Tickets •8 and •4. Family tickets available.

Tickets from Foróige members or Leaders.

Organic Vegetable Production Course.

The Course will run over 5 Saturdays from mid May 2010. It will be conducted between 2 Organic Farms in the Carlow area. Contact Cindy, Teagasc Office, Athy, on (059) 8631719 or Paula on (086) 2688625

Tour to Kinsale, Co. Cork.

From 8th to the 13th August. Further details from Duffy Coach Hire.

Phone 059/ 6471681 or 087/ 2543235.

Vhi GAA Cúl Camps 2010.

Baltinglass GAA Football Camp from 12th - 18th July & Kiltegan GAA Hurling/Camogie Camp from the 26th - 30th July. **Time:** 10.00am - 2.30pm daily for five days. Application forms in local primary schools or download from [www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie) or [www.wicklowgaaonline.com](http://www.wicklowgaaonline.com)

Free jersey, togs, socks & kit bag plus additional free gifts of GAA boot bag and frisbee if you book before 1st July. Great value at •55 per child & family reductions for 3/4 children. Open to Primary school children from 1st to 6th class. Contact: Hugh Kenny on 087/ 2718537 or GAA Office 0402-32386.

Do you care about the impact of depression? Want to make a real difference in the lives of others? Give just four hours to Aware this year: Help organise a summer Walk 4 Aware in your local area on Sun. May 9th. All funds raised through participant sponsorship will go towards the maintenance & development of Aware's depression support, information & education services. Contact: Oliver Smith.

West Wicklow Arts Network Presents The Discovery Gospel Choir. Ireland's first integrated Gospel Choir. Members from Ireland, Botswana, Cameroon, Congo-Brazzaville, China, England, France, Haiti, Kenya, Nigeria, Poland, South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

On May 26th (provisional) The Discovery Gospel Choir will perform a FREE concert in aid of Africa Day in the Church of Ireland Church, Baltinglass. The choir will also be hosting workshops in the primary & secondary schools in the locality. Doors open at 7.30 & concert begins at 8pm. Donations appreciated.

### 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 of Easter.

2nd May 2010.

'My little children'.

Sometimes I feel that God loves everyone except me. At times like this I become anxious and fearful. When I realise it's only because of the old beliefs and teachings we held in years past, all is well again. Some people still believe in Heaven and Hell, still believe in the God of the Old Testament - the God of judgement.

Now in today's Gospel, Jesus calls his disciples 'My little children' and isn't it just beautiful. We are also his disciples so we are also his 'little children'.

Jesus came to let us know how much God loves us - yes, each of us without any conditions. This is what I need to accept fully, to know I am loved just as I am now. I have got to let go and let God love me.

'Love one another just as I have loved you'. I imagine being loved by a person who doesn't want to change one thing about you - nothing. Yes, this is our God as revealed through Jesus. We are all called to love in this way. Isn't it only wonderful?

'My little children'...!

I have no need to be anxious or fearful. God loves me....

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:

Baltinglass: Sunday 9th May @ 12.30pm.

Grange Con: Sunday 16th May @ 11am.

