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Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Months Mind Mass of

Eric Whelan, Raheen

Anniversaries:

Kitty Foley, 2 Parkmore

David Connolly, 18 West Desmene

Noel Sleator, Barronstown

Tom Murphy, Bawnogues

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

April Amy Nolan, 25 Ballinatone

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Frank Keogh, Grange Con Hill

Noel Sleator, Barronstown

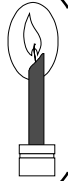
Jim & Bridget Byrne, The Rocks

We pray for

Tom McCrea

formerly of Parkmore who died in
Coventry on 16th March 2010.

**May he rest in peace
Amen**



Easter Penitential Services 2010.

Friday 26th March - Rathvilly @ 8pm.

Monday 29th March - Tullow @ 7.30pm.

Monday 29th March - Clonmore @ 7.30pm.

Tues. 30th March - Hacketstown @ 7.30pm.

Tuesday 30th March - Baltinglass @ 7.30pm.

Tuesday 30th March - Ballon @ 7.30pm.

Mission

Baltinglass Parish 2010

Will take place from the 17th April to 2nd May. The Ceili Community will conduct the Mission. It is a mixed group of about 20 People - 2 Priests, 1 Sister, Married Couples & Single people. The Visitation of the Homes & Schools in the Parish will take place the 1st week. Then the 2nd week the Mission Proper will take place conducted by the 2 Priests & 8 lay people. If Parishioners would like to volunteer to accommodate 1 or 2 people for the 1st week especially - that would be great. Lunch & Evening meals will be served in the Parish Centre. A light breakfast of cereal, tea & toast in the host home in the morning - that's all that is required. They will be out of the accommodation from morning till night. Please contact Maria in the Parish Office if you are generous enough to volunteer accommodation. We look forward to this new experience. The Ceremonies/Services will take place in our 3 Churches.

Extra Mass/Lent.

Mass in The Oratory @ 7.30a.m.

Mondays & Fridays.

Sunday 28th March 2010.

Stratford: 6pm (Sat)

Readers:

Margaret Doyle/Mary Whittle
Liam Brady

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)

Myra Kearney

11am (Sun) Kate Deans

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)

Jo Coogan

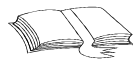
Eucharistic Ministers

Carmel Doyle

Maria Kinsella/Phil O'Connor

Catherine O'Neill/Fintan Doyle

Mary Cronin



Lenten/Easter Collection for the
Priests of the Parish.

Please note that this envelope is in your Box of Envelopes now & can be dropped into the collection bags when you wish. Spare envelopes are also available at the back of the three Churches.

Thanks again.

Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Go away and don't sin anymore.

Jesus sees our faults but he does not weigh us down with them. He lifts us up with his grace and acceptance. Yet he challenges us not to go back to our old ways. Jesus was well aware that our world was an unjust one. Calvary proved that conclusively. Yet that didn't stop him hoping and believing that the human heart was capable of changing. 'go and sin no more' is what Lent calls us to do.

Dawn Mass

Easter Sunday, 4th April @ 6am. At the Car Park Area of Nine Stones on Mount Leinster. All are welcome. For information contact Bagenalstown Parish on 059 9721154.

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.

An invitation

Is extended to everyone throughout the Diocese to come together to celebrate the Chrism Mass. The Mass will be held on Wednesday 31st March 2010 at 7.30pm in Carlow Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

The next date for cleaning Baltinglass Church is Frid. 26th March @ 10.30am.

Easter Retreat.

**Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference
Centre. Phone: 057 8626153.**

Fax: 05786 26700.

Prepare for Easter by taking time to reflect quietly and creatively on our journey with Jesus through His passion, death and resurrection. Starts with registration at 5pm followed by supper at 6pm on Wednesday 31st March, 2010. Ends with breakfast on Easter Sunday morning. Facilitated by Fr. Michael Murphy. Cost: •290 with all meals and accommodation included and •190 with all meals and non-residential. Should you require further information or wish to reserve a place on this popular retreat, please do not hesitate to contact our office at your earliest convenience. For people travelling by train to Portarlinton, arrangements can be made to collect you but prior notice must be given.

Baltinglass Hospital

'Drama Group' Lenten Project.

Baltinglass Hospital 'Drama Group' presents a Variety Show on Sun. 21st & Mon. 22nd March @ 2.30pm 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.

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 the main stall at "The McAlister Monument". Please give as generously as you can. You always do.



Baltinglass GAA Club



Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 03,06,16,23.

Jackpot winner: No winner.

This week's Jackpot •**12,100.**

Match three winners: •40 each.

Paula Whelan, Holdenstown,
Patricia Foley, Carrigeen, Laurence
O'Donnell, Ballinacrow, Margaret
O'Driscoll, Kiltegan, L. Mordaunt, Mary
O'Neill, Tullow, Mary Cullen, Grange Con
& Kevin Howard, Tinoran.

Tickets •2 each.

**Next draw in Horan's Pub on Monday
22nd March 2010.**

Play online www.localotto.ie

Baltinglass Seniors'
Annual Holiday.

Will take place on Sunday 20th June to
Thursday 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 Naomh Iosaf Baltinglass.
Pupil enrolment for September 2010.
Please enrol your child on or before
Friday March 26th 2010. Enrolment
Forms available from School Office.

Enrolling early will ensure a place. Con-
tact the School Office on
059/6481083.

Lalor Centre Auction

Will take place on Friday the 7th May
2010. More details to follow.

Auction Meeting.

On Wednesday 24th March in the Lalor
Centre @ 8.30pm.

Baltinglass & District
Active Retirement.

Next Outing takes place to Birr Castle &
Domaine on Tuesday 23rd March. Bus
leaving @ 10.30am sharp. Some places
still available. To confirm or book a seat
contact Vera on 059/6481469.

"Get Vocal"

Is a project by Wicklow County Arts
Office to establish a Coral Group for older
persons over 50's who enjoy singing.

There will be day time rehearsals in
Baltinglass as well as other towns around
the country. One off registration fee of
•20 which covers all rehearsals and
transport to Bray. Final Concert for all
the groups on 20th June in Bray. You do
not have to be a member of the Active
Retirement Group to join. We would love
to "hear" from you. Contact Vera on
059/6481469.

Baltinglass Credit Union.

The next Draw for the car will take place
on the 27th March 2010.

Tae-Bo.

Every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8pm.
Contact Colin on 085/8121586.
Beginners always welcome. •6 a class.

Danny's Corner - Daffodil Day.
Coffee Morning & Cake Sale on Holy
Thursday April 1st, 2010 in the Lalor
Centre from 10am to 12 noon. Come on up
for a cuppa and chat.

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

5th Sunday of Lent

21st March 2010

'I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ'
St. Paul. 'Today's Gospel'.

It is wonderful when parents have faith in their children, a strong
confidence in their abilities, a trust in them as they grow up. I sn't it
wonderful also when they pass on faith in Christ to them - a strong
belief without proof.

St. Paul says 'I want only the perfection that comes through faith in
Christ'. The faith is in a person who is both human and divine and
who accompanies us through life's journey. So often we are trying to
do it ourselves alone. Christ meets us and accepts us where we are
at just now.

I find it wonderful to offer up my life along with Jesus life at the
Consecration during Mass. To give over my will to God and to allow this to
happen in God's time not my time. He will gradually take over every part of
us, mind, body and soul if we allow him. I indeed we will have many
challenges as this happens.

St. Paul accepted the loss of everything' for Christ. I am invited to
do the same, to give myself over minute by minute, hour by hour, day
by day. To make Jesus the focus of my life, surrendering all to
Him.

'I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ.'

(A.S.)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2010 - BAPTISMS:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass:

3rd April @ the Easter Vigil Mass.

2nd May @ 11.45am.

St Mary' Church, Stratford.

Saturday 20th March @ 5pm.

Confirmation in Baltinglass Parish - Sunday 18th April 2010.

Baltinglass & Bigstone N.S. - Baltinglass Church @ 12.30pm.

Stratford N.S. - Stratford Church @ 11am.

Grange Con N.S. - Grange Con Church @ 11am.

