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### Anniversary Masses:

**This weekend:**

**Baltinglass: 7.30pm:**

**Anniversaries:**

Thomas Duffy, Parkmore  
John Miley, 1 Bramble Court  
Margaret Foley, Carrigeen  
Jimmy Nolan, The Wood  
Peter Nolan, St. Joseph's Rd., Blessington  
John Byrne, Shroughhaun  
Eileen Lynch, Bawnogues  
Jack Germaine, Knockpatrick  
Julia & James Lawlor, Bawnogues  
Mary Kenny, nee Foster, Belan Street  
Kate Toomey, Glen of Imaal  
Peter Burke, Carrigeen  
Jack Gorman, Clough  
Terence Kelly, Boleylug  
Fr Dick Kelly, Boleylug  
Lil Kinsella, Rampere  
Peter Harbourne, Main Street  
John Groves, Parkmore  
Bridget O'Neill, Newtown  
**Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)**  
Billy Loughlin, Stratford  
**Grangecon: 9.30am:**  
Kathleen Logan, Barronstown  
Nora Byrne, Castlehill

### 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.**

### Ash Wednesday - 17th Feb. 2010:

**Mass times are as follows:**  
St. Joseph's Church @ 10a.m.  
Grange Con Church @ 10am  
Stratford Church @ 7.30pm.

The Annual Ecumenical Service  
Will take place on Sunday 21st  
February 2010 @ 4pm in St. Paul's  
Oratory, The Parish Centre,  
Baltinglass.

### We pray for

**Fr Paddy Hyland,**

**a former curate here in Baltinglass**  
**Parish, who died during the week.**  
**May he rest in peace. Amen**



### Used Stamps

Please drop your used stamps into the Parish  
Office as they are invaluable to St. Patrick's  
Missionary Society, Kiltegan.

### Sunday 21st February 2010

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

### Readers:

Brigid Bollard  
Tommy Doyle  
Michael Cogan  
Anita O'Hara



### Eucharistic Ministers

Jennifer Bracken  
Pat Fleming & Julia O'Neill  
Tony Duffy & Kate Deans  
Tony Howard



Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2010  
**Baltinglass, Hacketstown &**  
**Rathvilly/Kiltegan Parishes.**

\*\*\*Pilgrimage Tour\*\*\*

23 August 2010 - 5 nights.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner - €749.00.

\*Free Travel Insurance up to age 85  
years. Supplement: Single Room •175  
(very restricted) Deposit: •200 pp.

**Escorted by: Fr. Seán Maher.**

How to book. Phone 059/ 6481722 or visit  
Elliott Travel (spaces are strictly limited)  
Early booking is recommended! This  
holiday is operated by Joe Walsh Tours  
Licence Number T.O. 052

St. Patrick's Missionary Society,  
Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.  
The Annual Prayer for Christian Unity takes  
place in St. Patrick's, Kiltegan on Thursday  
February 25th @ 7.30pm. The Prayer Service  
will be held in St. Patrick's Chapel in the  
College Building. Just come around to the  
side entrance at the Care Area, beside the  
Chapel. There will be a cup of tea afterwards  
for all who attend. All are welcome.

### Day of Healing.

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

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorge.

30th March to the 4th April 2010. Cost •625  
including transport to and from Dublin airport.  
Further details from Duffy Coach Hire. Phone  
059/ 6471681 or 087/ 2543235.

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

Knock Marriage  
Introductions Bureau.

The aim of the bureau is to introduce  
people considering marriage to a suitable  
marriage partner. Over 800 marriages  
have taken place as a result of these  
introductions. If you are searching for a  
suitable partner, why not consider  
applying? For further information  
contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo.  
Phone 094/ 9375960 or visit our website  
at [www.knockmarriagebureau.com](http://www.knockmarriagebureau.com) and  
read about the workings of the Bureau.

A *Mission* will take place  
in Baltinglass Parish from the 17th  
April to the 2nd May 2010. The Ceili  
Community who are a mixed group of  
Priests, Sisters & lay people will  
conduct the Mission. More  
information to follow.

### Lenten Scripture Booklets

The Lenten Scripture booklets are now avail-  
able from our diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.  
Each Lent the diocese provides these booklets  
as a resource for small groups or individuals  
who wish to pray with the Scriptures as part of  
their Lenten journey. They are easy to use and  
designed for everyone. This year the theme is  
"Model your life on the mystery of the Lord's  
Cross". The focus is a journey of reconciliation  
and hope. If you would like to ask some people  
to your home and use these booklets during  
this season of Lent, we will be happy to  
provide them to you from the Parish office or  
directly from Fr. Sean. Also families might like  
to use them as part of their Lenten journey.  
Try it and see!!!

### Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning  
Numbers: 03, 06, 13, 24



**Jackpot winner:** No winner.

This week's Jackpot •**11,350**

**Match three winners:** •100 each.

Cecilia Whelan, Holdenstown, Mick  
O'Keefe, Parkmore & Graham Johnston,  
Ardglass.

**Tickets •2 each.**

**Next draw in Dutchman's Pub on  
Monday 15th February 2010.**

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

Baltinglass Amateur Dramatics  
(BAD) Presents "Rose" written by  
Aidan Conron. "A split second that  
changes a family forever". In the Old  
Badminton Hall (opposite post office)  
on Thurs. 25th, Frid. 26th & Sat. 27th  
Feb. @ 8pm. Adults •10. Conces-  
sions •7. Suitable for over 12's only.

### Poultry Bring & Buy

At Daisy Cottage Farm, Kiltegan  
on Saturday 20th February @  
10am. Phone: 087 6956810 or  
087 9972371

### Danny's Corner

"Love is a gift to treasure forever,  
given by God without price tag or  
measure. Love is a gift we can all  
possess. Love is a key to a soul's  
happiness".

We would like to mention everybody  
is training hard for the Special Olym-  
pics in June. Everybody is really  
dedicated & giving it their all. Keep  
up the good work. It will be worth it  
in the end.

Are you female & looking for  
somewhere to live in Baltinglass.  
I can offer you **FREE RENT** in return  
for your help & support for you to share  
with me. If you are interested please  
call my Life Coach Theresa Nolan on  
086 8098193 between Office hours from  
9am to 4.30pm.

Dancing for pleasure  
In O' Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan  
on Saturday the 13th Feb. Time:  
9:30pm to 12 midnight.  
Music by Crest.

The Judge's Inn Golf Society  
Quiz will take place on Friday 19th  
February in the Judge's Inn  
@ 9pm.

Mount St. Anne's Retreat &  
Conference Centre, Killenard,  
Portarlinton, Co Laois.  
057 8626153.

**Lectio Divina.** Praying through Scripture.  
We will take time to meditate on the Word  
of God and connect the fruits of that  
meditation with life. Tuesday 23rd Feb. to  
Tues. 30th March, 2010 (every Tues. during  
lent) from 8pm to 9pm. Cost of Course - No  
charge but donations welcome.

**Community Garda:** Bernard  
Cloney. Phone: 086/ 8576885

### 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

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**14th February 2010**

"How happy are you who are poor: yours is the Kingdom of  
God" Today's Gospel.

Many of us compare ourselves to others whether it be as  
students, as parents, as sports people ...whatever... and in  
this way we think ourselves as being greater than or lesser  
than. This can happen also in our spiritual lives. I have  
often heard people say that such a person is more advanced  
spiritually than themselves.

Today's Gospel says "How happy are you who are poor; yours  
is the kingdom of God? We are not to compare ourselves to  
others as each of us is beautifully unique. This also applies  
to our spiritual life. We are not to acquire spiritual riches  
thinking we have done something to deserve them. We earn  
nothing spiritually. All is a gift. Spiritual poverty is a gift.

Beyond all our distracting thoughts God is hidden - and as  
we approach the Lenten season let us long for God in our  
lives. Ask myself who or what is God for me? Invite my-  
self to reflect each evening on how I have lived my day  
remembering that each day I can turn over a new leaf.

" How happy are you who are poor: yours is the Kingdom of  
Heaven! Luke. (A.S.)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2009.

#### BAPTISMS:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass:  
Sunday 7th March @ 11.45a.m.



Confirmation - Sunday 18th April 2010.

**Stratford N.S.** St. Mary's Church, Stratford on Slaney @ 11am

**Grange Con N.S.** St. Oliver Plunkett Church, Grange Con @ 11am

**Baltinglass/Bigstone N.S.** St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass @ 12.30pm.