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all community groups, eg, sports/youth clubs, Arts, Schools, etc.**

Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Anniversaries:

Bridget Kerley, Graney
Nina & Ben Hooper & Daughters
Pamela & Mary, Shroughaun
Paul O'Brien, Edward Street
Annie Gethings, Parkmore
Mary Farrell (nee Furlong), Eng-
land & formerly of Woodfield
Patrick Donegan, Holdenstown
Jenny McHugh, Parkmore
Denis & Kathleen Byrne, Late of
Parkmore
Nick Carty, Wamfler & Deerpark
Mollie Dunne, Late of Edward
Street & Lathaleer
Richard & Elizabeth Barrett, Strat-
ford on Slaney
Patrick Sinnott, Eniscorthy
Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)
Bill Byrne, Doctor's Road
Richard & Elizabeth Barrett
John Salmon, Lowtown
Grangecon: 9.30am:
Lar O'Toole, Whitehills
Mary Brown, Fryanstown
Margaret Kehoe, Grangecon Hill

Weekend Mass Times

Stratford: Saturday 6pm
Baltinglass: Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday 11am
Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass Times
Daily 10am St. Joseph's
Church Baltinglass
Confessions in St. Joseph's
Church after 10am
Saturday Mass

We pray for

John Molloy, Raheen
&
Betty Doyle, Edward St.
& formerly of Timolin.
&
Mona Lacey, Balbriggan
&
Philip Hughes, England
& Late of Parkmore.

Who died during the week.
May they rest in peace, **Amen**

Sunday 18th January 2009

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers
Stratford: 6pm (Sat)	Martina Cush	Ina O'Keeffe
Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)	Sean O'Reilly	Matt O'Brien & May Kennedy
11am (Sun)	Chris Murray	Mona Nolan & Ann Lee
Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)	Kieran Hosey	Mary Cullen

Trocaire Global Gifts

Heartfelt thanks to all those who shopped with a conscience & bought Trocaire Global Gifts, you know who you are! A total of €800 euro was raised through individual & group donations & purchase of global gifts. This means that, this Christmas you truly have changed someone's world for the better. Due to your generosity children in Burma will have a nutritious lunch, often the main meal of the day, every day for a school year. Palestinian farmers & generations to come will have an income from the gift of an olive tree. Families depending on agriculture received the gift of seeds and tools to start again. People in Uganda will move from refugee camps to a safe place to settle & begin to grow food again all thanks to the Trocaire Global gifts you purchased. Your gifts will continue to be appreciated for many Christmases to come by families & their communities across 14 countries, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

Thanks again.

Used Stamps

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

The **Folk Group** will participate at the 11 am Mass in St Joseph's Church, on Sunday, 18th January @ 11am. New Members & Musicians welcome. **Contact Anne on 087/ 6657424.**

Golfer: I'd move Heaven and Earth to break 100 on this course.
Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the Earth."

Amen: Support Service for Male Victims of Domestic Abuse. Weekly Support Group Meetings – Tuesday Night 8pm – 10pm. Contact 046 – 9023718 for further information.

Study Theology from Home!
The Priory Institute, run by the Dominican Order, is offering a full programme of theology through distance learning, supported by a network of study centres throughout Ireland. This programme is made up of 15-week modules which can be studied for academic credit (leading to an accredited certificate, diploma or degree in theology), or simply for personal interest. Please call us for further information.
The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. 01 404 8124 or Email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com
www.prioryinstitute.com

Annual Prayer for Christian Unity Week. in The College Chapel, St Patrick's Missionary Society Kiltegan, on Monday 19th January @ 8pm. Rt Rev Walton Empey, former Archbishop of Dublin will be the Guest Speaker on the night. Tea & Coffee will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning
Numbers: 11, 12, 13, 25

Jackpot winner: No winner

This week's Jackpot •**10,350**

Match three winners:

•50each

Eileen Murray, Main St, Johnny
Fennelly, C/O Kavanagh's, Dermot
(Dub), C/O Kavanagh's, Grangecon,
Mary Lennon, Newtown, Jim
Sheerin, Bawnogues & Tom Moore,
C/O Glanbia

Tickets •2 each.

**Next draw in Judge's Inn, Main
St. on Monday 12th January 2009.**

Play online www.localotto.ie

Have a go!

Baltinglass GAA Football Club AGM
will be held on Friday 16th January
2009 @ 8.30pm in the McAlister
Room of the Judge's Inn. All
members are invited to attend.

An 8 week Tai Chi Course
starts in Rye Grass Acupuncture &
Holistic Centre, Main St, Baltinglass
on Wednesday 14th January at
7.30pm. Rosaleen Fadden is the
facilitator. Please call 086 3857188
to book your place. Yoga Classes re
commence also in the centre on Mon.
12th January. The first class will start
at 7pm and the second @ 8.30pm.

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fields, Cathedral of Lisieax, just to
name a few. Departs Baltinglass 12th
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or Anne 087/ 6156993. Total Price
•995. Booking Deposit •200. Saving
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Union. A/C name - French Connec-
tion no 4052. Early booking is advis-
able as places are limited. Contact
Anne Aspill at Talbotstown, Kiltegan,
Co Wicklow or Josie Duffy at
Tombeagh, Hacketstown, Co Carlow.

Dancing for pleasure
in O'Toole Memorial Hall,
Rathdangan, on 10th Jan 2009.

Time: 9:30pm to 12:00

Music by Brian McDermott.

Ramblers Galore 16th Jan. Music,
Song, Recitations, Story Telling and
much more.

Newsletter

**All notices, or items of information,
for the newsletter may be phoned or
faxed to the Parish Office
(059/ 6481254)
before 12 noon on Thursdays,
or you may send an email to
admin@baltinglassparish.ie**

OPENING HOURS

**Monday - Friday 9.30am -1.00pm
1.30pm - 2.30pm**

Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

Baptism of Our Lord

11th January 2009

'He does not cry out or shout aloud or make his voice heard in the
streets!

1st Reading Isaiah.

Did you ever feel that you didn't belong or fit into some group.
Maybe your own family, a work group, a sports group...whatever.

Well today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus where John the Baptist
invited Jesus into our human family, baptising him in the River Jordan.

Now Baptism is one of our Sacraments and is related to Shekkinah in
the Jewish Kabbalah or Tree of Life. It's an invitation to the Divine
to be part of our life. We are all brothers and sisters and we are all
learning how to be human. It's a highly human experience being on
Earth. Christ being the greatest human ever to walk the Earth.

'He does not cry out or shout aloud or make his voice heard in the
Streets.' This conveys the gentleness of Christ.

Perhaps I am invited today to learn how to be gentle with myself and
with others, in my thoughts and in my words, in my way of being
and doing.

Baptism - a welcome to the human family.

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