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Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Months Mind Mass of

Martin Swayne, 4 Parkmore

Anniversaries:

Alice Farrell, Weaver Square

Bridget Kerley, Graney

Phylis Mahon (nee Nolan) The Wood &

Irish St. Bunclody

Elizabeth McHugh (nee Nolan) The

Wood & Naas

*Sr Conleth Foley, Sydney & formerly of
Carrigeen*

Paul O'Brien, Edward Street

Annie Gethings, 9 Parkmore

Patrick Donegan, Holdenstown

Jack & Marcella Kenny, Clough

Molly Dunne, Edward Street

Breda Patterson, Belan Street

Patrick & Tom Kelly, Castlesallagh,

Donard

Jenny McHugh, Parkmore

Richard & Elizabeth Barrett, Stratford

Mary Farrell (nee Furlong) Woodfield &

York

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Bill Byrne, Doctors Road, Stratford

Richard & Elizabeth Barrett, Stratford

John Salmon, Lowtown

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Mary Browne, Fryanstown

Margaret Kehoe, Grangecon Hill

Lar O'Toole, Whitehill, Grangecon

John Salmon, Lowtown

Sunday 17th January 2010

Stratford: 6pm (Sat)

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)

11am (Sun)

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)

Readers:

Liam Brady

Helen Bourke

Kate Deans

Anne Whelan



Eucharistic Ministers

Breda Kelly

Bernie Doogue/Seamus Kelly

John Paul Kenny/Bernie Kilcoyne

Mary O'Riordan



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.

First Holy Communion

A meeting of all the Parents of the

First Holy Communion

Class who volunteered to

help with the programme

will be held in the Parish

Centre on Thursday 14th

January @ 8.30pm.



**We remember all in our Parish
who are sick at this time. May
God bless them.**



Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie

Newsletter also available on 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

Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre

Phone: 057 8626153

Fax: 057 86 26700

Crochet Classes commence on Thursday 14th January for 3 Thursday nights.
8pm - 9.30pm. Cost is 10 Euro per night. No experience necessary. Just bring
ball of DK Wool and steel crochet hook. Facilitated by Sr. Roisin Gannon.

Yoga Classes commence on Thursday 14th January for Thursday - 10 nights.
Cost is 10 Euro per night or 90 Euro for 10 nights. 8pm - 9.30pm. Facilitated by
Edel Swords.

Scripture Course commences on Wednesday 27th January for 9 Wednesday
nights. Donations welcome. 8pm - 9.30pm. Facilitated by Sr. de Lourdes
Sheridan.

Music Therapy Workshop on Saturday 30th January, 2010. 10am - 4.30pm.
Ways of using music during the healing process. Ideal for carers, health profes-
sionals or just for the pure enjoyment of music. Cost is 50 Euro and includes
light lunch and tea and coffee breaks. Facilitated by Clara Monahan.

Baltinglass Badminton Club
No 4 Euro Park.

Badminton Club back in action on
Wednesday 13th January &
Thursday the 14th January 2010.

Juveniles 6pm to 7pm on Wednesday
nights. Adult Club Night @ 8pm on
Wednesday nights. Juveniles from 6
to 7pm on Thursdays. All members
welcome back for the new year.
Adults Wednesday nights. Beginners
welcome. Contact Joe Fagan on
087/ 9779090.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2010

The Pilgrimage to Lourdes is provi-
sionally fixed for August 23rd to 28th
2010. More information soon.

Lost Property

There are some items in the Sacristy of
St. Joseph's Church which have been
left behind after Mass over the last few
months. Umbrellas, glasses, etc. If you
think any of these items may be yours
please ask Nancy after any of the
Masses.

**We Welcome into our
Christian Community**
through the Sacrament of
Baptism during the Month
of **December 2009:**

n Kyle Matassa



2010 Parish Calenders.

There are some 2010 Parish
Calendars available at the back of
the three Churches. If you did not
get a calender please take one.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning
Numbers: 07, 16, 27, 30



Jackpot winner: No Winner

This week's Jackpot •**10,600**

Match three winners: •150 each.

Ella & Rose O'Toole, Lucan &
Louise Callery, 14 West Demense,
Baltinglass.

**Tickets •2 each. Next draw in
Judge's Inn, Main Street on
Monday 11th January 2010.**
Play online www.localotto.ie

COMMUNION DRESSES & SUITS - 2010

Beautiful selection of girls commun-
ion dresses and boys suits now in
stock. Full range of styles and sizes.
Please view www.darlingwear.ie
Exclusive showrooms outside Tullow,
Co Carlow. Call now for appoint-
ment (available 7 days a week) to
avoid disappointment. Call Miriam
087/ 9108185.

Christmas gifts for residents
of Baltinglass Hospital.

The staff and residents of Baltinglass
Hospital would like to sincerely thank
everyone who took gift cards from
the Christmas trees in the three
Churches, Baltinglass, Stratford and
Grangecon, and returned gifts for
every resident in the hospital. Your
generosity is very much appreciated.
Thanks also to those who organised
the collection and distribution of the
gifts. We wish a very happy new
year to all.

Stratford/Grangecon
Community Employment Scheme
Have positions available. Including
childcare position. Usual eligibility
applies. Contact Tom Whittle on
087/ 9227051 or email
stratfordce@gmail.com

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement.

1st Outing of 2010 - Fashion Show
and Lunch at Fishers, Newtown
Mount Kennedy. Will also visit
Avoca in Ashford on Tuesday 19th
January (weather permitting). Bus
leaving @ 10.30am. To confirm
contact Vera on 6481469.

Coffee mornings for January are in
The Mill Cafe on Fridays @ 11am.

Texting Lessons: - Starting again
on Thursday 14th January from 2pm
to 3pm in the Parish Centre. Contact
Clodagh Leigh on 086/ 2416407.

Baltinglass & District Country Market

Is now closed until February. We
wish all our customers a very happy
new year.

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

The Baptism of the Lord

10th January 2010

I was talking to a friend of mine today about the things we look forward to right through the day from morning to night time.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus joined with all those who were repenting of their sins and being baptised in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. John baptised with water only and announced that Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit and Fire. This was when Jesus mission on earth began. Now God stretches out His hand to each person no matter who we are or what we have done, no matter how far down we have gone in our lives...

'Even darkness is not dark for you, and night is as clear as the day'. God desires that each of us live the fullness of life and it is through the Sacrament of Baptism this fullness symbolically begins.

Jesus came to give us eternal life, to bring to us the life for which we are created. He heals and restores us through this.

There is a yearning for God in all of us and it is God who makes the first move 'not that we have loved God but that He loved us'.

The things my friend and I look forward to each day are simple. Maybe each one of us can recognise God's presence in those ordinary simple daily things, events and encounters.

(A.S.)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2010

BAPTISMS:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass:

7th February @ 11.45am.

7th March @ 11.45am.