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

Anniversary Masses:

**This weekend:
Baltinglass: 7.30pm:**

Anniversaries:

*Elizabeth O'Hara, Raheen
Kassey Kehoe, Goldenfort
Pat Walsh, Woodfield
Holly O'Toole, Australia
Harriet McDonnell, Coolnarrig
James & Elizabeth Donohoe
Thomas, Joseph & Patrick Donohoe,
Bawnogues
Godfrey Timmins, Weaver Square
All deceased members of the Timmins
Family*

*James Gahan, Carrigeen Hill
Sheila Fitzmaurice, Tuckmill
Sean Fitzmaurice, Ath League,
Roscommon*

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Grangecon: 9.30am:

*Patrick & Leontia Logan, Barronstown
Mary Fenlon, Barronstown*

Next Weekend. 18th/19th April

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Month's Mind Mass of

Kitty Foley, 2,2nd Avenue, Parkmore

Anniversaries:

*Lily Rooney, Tinoran
Josie Kearney, Barronstown
Eileen Kavanagh, Ballyraggan.
Esther Cullen, Parkmore
Christina Lally, Main Street*

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Development Fund: • 2,163.00
Offertory: • 1,146.00
Thanks to all who give so generously

Easter Cermonies Timetable:

Good Friday:

**Baltinglass: 3pm: Solemn Celebration.
7.30pm: Outdoor Stations** in the

Prayer Garden/Presentation Cemetary
(entrance behind Parish Church),
followed by Prayer around the
Cross in Parish Church with our Folk Group.

Confessions: 6.30pm - 7pm.

Grangecon: 7.30pm: Solemn Celebration.

Confessions: 7.10pm - 7.30pm.

3pm: Stations & Pray around the Cross

Stratford: 7.30pm: Solemn Celebration.

Confessions: 7.10pm - 7.30pm

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Holy Saturday

Baltinglass 7.30pm. Solemn Easter Vigil

Confessions: 10.30am - 11am & 6.30pm - 7pm

Grangecon: 7.30pm. Solemn Easter Vigil

Confessions 7.10pm

Stratford: 7.30pm. Solemn Easter Vigil

Confessions 7.10pm

Mass on Easter Sunday

Baltinglass: 9am & 11am

Grangecon: 9.30am

Mass on Easter Monday @ 11am in St Joseph's Church

Tuesday 14th until Sat. 17th (inclusive)

10am Mass in St Paul's Oratory, The Parish Centre

Sincere Thanks

to all who are part of our Parish Community & especially to all who are actively involved in the development and running of our Parish. Wishing each & everyone of you a very Happy Easter.

Ceremony of Light.

The Ceremony of Light for the **pupils of the Confirmation Classes and their Parents** will take place as follows:

Scoil Naomh Iosaf & Bigstone: During 7.30pm Mass in **Baltinglass** on **25th April.**

Grangecon: During the Easter Vigil Mass on 11th April @ 7.30pm.

Stratford: During 6pm Mass on **Sat. 2nd May.**

Baltinglass Parish Folk Group.

The Folk Group will participate at the 11am Mass in St Joseph's Church on Easter Sunday. As part of their 10th Anniversary Celebrations they are delighted to welcome FIKA a youth Violin Orchestra from Sweeden who will perform at the 11am Mass in Baltinglass on Easter Sunday. They will also give a short recital in the Lalor Centre after Mass. Light Refreshments will be served afterwards in The Lalor Centre.

We pray for

Bill McDermott, Parkmore

who has died.

May he rest in Peace

Amen.

Congratulations to Anne Kehoe & **Mark Shortt** whose Marriage took place in **St Oliver Plunkett Church, Grangecon** on Saturday 4th April 2009.

Trocaire Boxes.

Please return your Trocaire Boxes to any of the Masses in the Parish during the **week-end of 18th & 19th April 2009.** Spare Trocaire envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

There will be no Adoration in Grangecon Church on Easter Sunday **ONLY.**

Day of Healing.

in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on **Sat. 25th April 2009.** Bus departs the Square, Baltinglass @ **7.30a.m.** via Tullow and Carlow. Bring a packed lunch. **059/ 9151245** or **059/ 9151120** for booking.

Lenten/Easter Collection for 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. **Thanks again.**

Sunday 19th April 2009

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers
Stratford: 6pm (Sat)	Jim Fanning	Jennifer Bracken
Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)	Niall Lennon	Paddy Rooney/Michael Lennon
11am (Sun)	Michael Cogan	Nancy Hughes/Catherine Lord
Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)	Joe Hamill	May Markham

Sunday 26th April 2009

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers
Stratford: 6pm (Sat)	Elizabeth Thompson	Melissa Egan
Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)	Nancy Hughes	Maria Kinsella/Phil O'Connor
11am (Sun)	Catherine Burke	Catherine O'Neill/Fintan Doyle
Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)	Mary Ross	Mick Kehoe

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Easter Sunday

12th April 2009

The Other day a friend who has depression sent me a text saying

"The flowers are smiling at me".

Isn't it wonderful the way a person's face lights up when they smile just like the flowers? Well, here we are and it's Easter Sunday, the highest point of our Church year, celebrating the Resurrection of Christ. This is central to our Christian faith and it is this we celebrate each day at Mass.

Now I often feel I am less than other people rather than equal to them.

I need to identify and take charge of these parts of myself that feel 'less than' and allow them to be resurrected. For many people resurrection is a gradual process and for others it may be a sudden experience. It is a journey full of experiences, growth and increasing awareness. Christ is accompanying us on this journey whether we realise it or not.

In many ways I need to parent myself, to treat myself with gentleness, kindness, tenderness and compassion encouraging myself each moment as I would a good friend - I need to befriend myself by listening to the quiet voice within, by letting it speak. It is through this voice that God guides us and draws us to himself.

Easter - awakening, revival, renewal, pestorations, Resurrection...

"The flowers are smiling at me".

Alleluia. A.S

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2009.

BAPTISM:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass: 11th April at the Easter Vigil Mass, 3rd May @ 11.45am, 7th June @ 11.45am, 5th July @ 11.45am, @ 2nd August @ 11.45am.

CONFIRMATION

In St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass, Sunday 24th May 2009 @ 12.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

n Baltinglass: Sunday 10th May @ 12.30pm.
n Grangecon: Sunday 10th May @ 11am.
n Stratford: Sunday 17th May @ 11am.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 07, 14, 23, 26

Jackpot winner: No Winner

This week's Jackpot •5,150

Match three winners:

•75 each

Paul Moore, Grangecon, Sarah Fennelly, Grangecon, John Codd, Day Care & Ann Kehoe, Newtownsaunders

Tickets •2 each.

Next draw in Watermill Pub, Main St. on Tues. 14th April '09.

Play online www.localotto.ie

The Lalor Centre Annual Auction

Change of Date. The Auction has been deferred from the 1st May to the 8th of May.

SCOIL CHONGLAIS

are holding their **GOLF CLASSIC** on **Friday 1st May** in Baltinglass Golf Club.

Excellent prizes are on offer and costs are the same as last year. **Team •200.**

Sponsor a Tee •100. Sponsor a

Green •50. If any individual would be

interested in becoming part of a team contact Tom. Timesheet available - 087/1271696. Further information available from the School on 059/6481449.

Baltinglass Amateur Dramatics.

(B. A. D.) Workshop @ 8.30pm on Mon. 27th

April in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Adults only. Contact: Janet - 059/6481740

Used Clothing Collection Drive for Homeless Orphans in Kenya. Used Clothing, Household Textiles & used Footwear. Please drop your bags outside Fatima Hall before 12 noon on Frid. 17th April.

Communications Group.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 15th April @ 8.30pm.

Stratford Lodge N.S. Building Fund

Committee would like to thank everyone who supported their recent cake sale & made it such a success. A bumper Easter Raffle will take place on Frid. 7th April @ 8.30pm in the Watermill, Baltinglass. Music by Flagstones. Adm. •5. Please support.

Experienced Guitar Teacher

Contact Leone on 085/1524553

A series of talks

will be given by Fr. Jim Cogley on 20th & 27th April & 11th, 18th & 25th May at Sli an Chroi @ 8pm sharp. The topic will be Spiritual Recovery & Search for Wholeness.

AWARE

are organising information stands in the Carlow area about its services & depression. The 1st stand will be in Carlow Library on 16th April between 2pm & 5pm. A second stand will be in the Carlow Shopping Centre on Fri.

17th April between 10am & 4pm.

Contact Mick on 087/9498100. The helpline No is 1890 303 302. Carlow Support Group Meeting every Tues. @ 8pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College St. Carlow.

Rainbows Pre-School & Montessori took part in the Make a Wish Foundation Pyjama Day recently & raised •955.60 for a very good cause. On behalf of the Staff & Children at Rainbows we would like to thank everyone for their support.

Baltinglass & District Country

Market every sat 10-1, Church lane.

The Parish Office

will be closed on Friday 10th April and

will re-open on Thursday 16th April

@ 9.30am.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WEEKS NEWSLETTER IS A DOUBLE ISSUE.