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Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Anniversaries:

Bridget Dawson, Tuckmill

Murtagh Hayden, Raheen

Austin Lalor, Griffinstown

William & Molly Whyte

Jack Byrne, Main Street

Thomas & Katie Hegarty, 32 Parkmore

Rose & William Lennon, Kilmurray

Peter & Elizabeth Kehoe, Lathaleere

Peter Doyle, Malvern & Late of Parkmore

Mary Doyle, Parkmore

Michael Nolan, Bawnogues

Jim Hughes, Parkmore

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Austin Lalor, Griffinstown

Patrick Travers, Grangecon

We pray for

Jim Breen, Deerpark

Who died during the week.

May he rest in peace

Amen

**We Welcome into our Christian
Community** through the Sacrament
of **Baptism** during the
Month of March 2009.

Sarah Nicole Kenny

Oisín Cian O'Reilly

Sunday 12th April 2009

Stratford: (Sun)

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)

11am (Sun)

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)

Readers:

Noreen Keogh

Tommy Doyle

Fintan Doyle

Margaret Kealy

Eucharistic Ministers

Ann Whittle

Bernie Doogue/Seamus Kelly

Mona Nolan/Ann Lee

Tony Howard.

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.

**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.**

Penitential Services for Easter

Monday 6th April: Tullow @ 7.30pm

Monday 6th April: Ballyconnell @ 7.30pm

Tuesday 7th April: Baltinglass @ 7.30pm

Hacketstown @ 7.30pm

Rathoe @ 7.30pm

Chrism Mass

will be held in Carlow Cathedral on Wed.

8th April @ 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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Newsletter also available on www.mylocalnews.ie This free service is open to
all community groups, eg, sports/youth clubs, Arts, Schools, etc.

Easter Cermonies Timetable:

Holy Thursday:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm

Confessions: 6.30pm - 7pm

Grangecon: 7.30pm Confession: 7.10pm

Stratford: 7.30pm Confessions: 7.10pm

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.

3pm: Stations & Pray around the Cross

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

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 **Saturday
2nd May.**

REMINDER

The next date for cleaning our Parish
Church in Baltinglass is Friday 10th April
after Mass. All help would be appreciated.

Youth Deanery Music Group.

Are you a singer? Do you play an instru-
ment? We the Youth Deanery Group are
trying to set up a Youth Music Group for ages
13-17! Practices take place on 1st April & 8th
April in the Parish Centre, Baltinglass @
7.30pm. Places involved are Hacketstown,
Baltinglass, Rathvilly & Clonmore Parishes.
Contact 087/6391015 or 087/6901661

Divine Mercy Novena

Starts Good Friday, 10th April @ ends @ 3pm
in Grangecon Church. Blessing of Divine
Mercy Picture. Rosaries, Hymns, Adoration &
also St. Faustina Relic.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT
MOUNT ST. ANNE'S**

Killenard, Portarlington, Co. Laois

• Mass Remembering Nano Nagle – 225th
Anniversary of her death. Televised from
Killavullen, Cork (Nano's Parish) on Sunday
5th April at 11am on RTE 1. Celebrate with us.
Holy Week Retreat: 8th – 12th April, 2009.
Residential or non-residential option.
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Lalor Centre Auction Meeting
Wednesday 8th April @ 9pm. An-
nual Auction takes place on Friday
1st May in Germaines @ 9pm.

Reminder

Novena to the Divine Mercy starts
on Good Friday.

Celebrating the 225th Anniversary
of the death of Nano Nagle
Sunday April 26th, 2009.

Nano Nagle was born, the eldest of 7 children, in 1718, at Ballygriffin, near Mal-low, co Cork. As a lay woman she dedicated her life, talents & fortune to the education of children & their families as well as caring for the sick & elderly & the exploited in the Cork of her time. At 57 years of age she founded the Presentation Sisters to carry on the work of her 7 Schools in the city. Today, her followers number thousands & continue her work worldwide. In 2005 she was voted the most influential Irish Woman of all time in a Radio Poll. On April 26, 225 years ago she died in her 66th year.

Prayer for the Beatification of
Nano Nagle.

O God who enkindled in Nano Nagle the fire of your Love and a consuming desire to serve you in any part of the World, grant that we also may love you and make you much loved. And if it be for the salvation of souls, grant that soon she may be raised to the altars of your Church. Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

Baltinglass Parish Folk Group.
As part of our 10th Anniversary Celebrations we 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 Parish Centre afterwards. All are welcome.

Found

On Baltinglass/Kiltegan Road (Lassie type Dog - Bitch) Contact 086/ 1049221

West Wicklow Day Care

Next Meeting on Wednesday 8th April @ 8.30pm in the Day Care Centre.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning
Numbers: 1, 7, 13, 23

Jackpot winner: No winner

This week's Jackpot **•5,000**

Match three winners: • 75 each

M. Keogh, Rathdangan, Patrick Hughes,
Parkmore, Bill Tyrell, Grangecon &
Kathleen O'Leary, Spynans.

Tickets •2 each.

**Next draw in Harbournes Pub
on Monday 6th April 2009.**

Play online www.localotto.ie

Baltinglass Feroige Fun Day

Sunday 5th April in Fatima Hall @ 2pm.
Adm. Free. Bouncy Castle, bottle stall,
face painting, mini golf, wheel of fortune
etc. All are welcome.

Frank's Plant Nursery

059/ 64 81530. Plant now - Enjoy
later at prices you can afford.

Dancing for pleasure

O'Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan on Sat
4th April 9:30pm to 12:00am.

Music by Pat Hogan

****Please Note**.**

**Next Week's Newsletter is a
double issue. Please have your
notices in to the Parish Office
before 12 noon on Wed. 8th April.**

Newsletter

**All notices, or items of information,
for the newsletter may be phoned or
faxed to the Parish Office
(059/ 6481254)**

**or you may send an email to
admin@baltinglassparish.ie**

OPENING HOURS

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

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Palm Sunday

5th April 2009

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!"

I asked my nephew Conor who is eighteen years old if he knew what Passion Sunday was about. His reply was 'Oh yes, it's the time they read the big speech.

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me' R. Psalm. I often feel totally abandoned by God and I often cry out to him - as I'm on a journey in the car, when I'm out shopping or just out for a walk. It can be so difficult to stand alone but when I trust that Jesus is with me at all times it makes everything easier - to remind myself of that. The very breath I breathe is in God's breath. When I remember this I realise God couldn't be any closer to me than that. I am not alone.

Now in the Garden of Getsemaine Jesus was in great distress and he called out to the Father. 'If it is possible let this cup pass me by.' Jesus felt abandoned by his friends and was betrayed by one of them. The crowd turned against him and jeered him, the chief Priests, scribes and elders mocked him.

On the Cross Jesus called out ' My God, my God why have you forsaken me. Jesus felt then his whole life and mission had been in vain. Have you ever felt your life was in vein? Have you ever felt abandoned? Have you ever reflected on the 'big speech' the Passion and death of Jesus? Maybe now is the time. 'My God, my God why have you forsaken me? **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.