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**Anniversary Masses:**

**This weekend:**

**Baltinglass: 7.30pm:**

**Anniversaries:**

*Gay Halloran, Tinoran*

*Bridget Clynch, Killalash*

*Peg Byrne, Walkinstown & formerly of  
Edward Street*

*Jim Hughes, Dublin*

*James, Tom & Elizabeth Kelly & Jim*

*Kelly Jnr., Green Lane*

*Patrick & Elizabeth Leigh, Grange Con  
& May McCall, Hacketstown*

*Jim Breen, Deerpark*

*Thomas & Michael Curry, 2 Bawnogues*

*Michael Campion, Castlecomer.*

*Molly Murphy, Tinoran*

**Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)**

*William Coleman, Castleruddery,*

*Margaret Barrett, Ballinatone*

**Grangecon: 9.30am:**

*Patrick & Elizabeth Leigh, Grange Con*

*May McCall, Hacketstown*

*James Hopkins, Grange Con*

*Jim Flood, The Rocks*

**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.**

Mission - Baltinglass Parish 2010

Will take place from the 17th April to 2nd May. The Ceili Community will conduct the Mission. It is a mixed group of about 20 People - 2 Priests, 1 Sister, Married Couples & Single people. The Visitation of the Homes & Schools in the Parish will take place the 1st week. Then the 2nd week the Mission Proper will take place conducted by the 2 Priests & 8 lay people. If Parishioners would like to volunteer to accommodate 1 or 2 people for the 1st week especially - that would be great. Lunch & Evening meals will be served in the Parish Centre. A light breakfast of cereal, tea & toast in the host home in the morning - that's all that is required. They will be out of the accommodation from morning till night. Please contact Maria in the Parish Office if you are generous enough to volunteer accommodation. We look forward to this new experience. The Ceremonies/Services will take place in our 3 Churches.

**Collector for Grange Con for the month  
of April is Jim Cronin.**

**Easter Ceremonies Timetable:**

**Holy Thursday - 1st April.**

**Baltinglass: 7.30pm**

**Confessions: 6.30pm - 7pm**

**Grangecon: 7.30pm Confession: 7.10pm**

**Stratford: 7.30pm Confessions: 7.10pm**

**Good Friday - 2nd April.**

**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 - 3rd April.**

**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**

**Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday**

Monasterevin Parish will celebrate a Dawn Mass on Easter Sun. @ 6 am in one of the most historical places in our Parish the site of St. Evins original monastery. This is a morning to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as we greet the Sun Rising in the breathtaking grounds of Moore Abbey.

**Easter Sunday - 4th April 2010.**

**Readers:**

Annette Mangan

John Paul Kenny

Margaret Kealy

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sarah Gahan

Nancy Hughes/Catherine Lord

Mick Kehoe

Lenten/Easter Collection for the 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. Spare envelopes are also available at the back of the three Churches.

Collectors in Baltinglass Church for Month of April 2010.

**Saturdays @ the 7.30pm Masses.**

**Main Aisle:** Jim Kearney.

Pat Kearney.

**Lalor Centre Aisle:** Gus Kinsella.

**Convent Aisle:** Paddy Rooney.

**Sundays @ 11am Masses.**

**Main Aisle:** Kevin O'Neill.

Donal Kavanagh.

**Lalor Centre Aisle:** Joe Kinsella.

**Convent Aisle:** Kevin Kelly.

Easter Penitential Services 2010.

**Monday 29th March - Tullow @ 7.30pm.**

**Monday 29th March - Clonmore @ 7.30pm.**

**Tues. 30th March - Hacketstown @ 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 30th March - Baltinglass @ 7.30pm.**

**Tuesday 30th March - Ballon @ 7.30pm.**

**An invitation**

Is extended to everyone throughout the Diocese to come together to celebrate the Chrism Mass. The Mass will be held on Wednesday 31st March 2010 at 7.30pm in Carlow Cathedral. All are welcome

Nine day Novena to the Divine Mercy Good Fri. 2nd April to Sund. 11th April. Ends in Grange Con with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist & blessing of Divine Mercy Picture. Confessions & also the Relic of St. Faustina & Benediction, starts @ 2.30pm & finishes @ 5pm.

**Dawn Mass On Easter Sunday**  
4th April, at 6.00am. at Oisín Park/House, Upper Rossmore. People travelling to the event are asked to arrive not later than 5.45am, bring warm clothing & a folding chair or stool.

**We pray for**

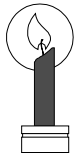
**Jim Whelan,**

**Castlehill, Grange Con**

Who died during the week

**May he rest in peace.**

**Amen**



Extra Mass/Lent. Mass in The Oratory @ 7.30a.m. on Monday.

**Sat. 3rd April - Easter Vigil:**

**Stratford: 7.30pm (Sat)**

**Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)**

**Grangecon 7.30pm (Sat)**

**Readers:**

Margaret Cronin/Brigid Bollard

Hilary McDermott

Jane Fleming

Anne Whelan

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Kay Halstead

Clare Leigh/Michael Lennon

May Markham

### Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 05, 14, 20, 27.

**Jackpot winner:** No winner.

This week's Jackpot •**12,250**

**Match three winners:** •60 each.

Eileen Hayes, Kiltegan, Mary Moore, Grange Con, Dee Caplice, Ciara Timmins, Grange Con & W. Cleary, 19 Ardglass. **Tickets •2 each.**

**Next draw in Dutchman's Pub on Monday 29th March 2010.**

**Ladies GAA are holding a Table**

**Quiz** in Horan's Pub on Thursday

April 1st @ 9pm. All are welcome.



Baltinglass Hospital Drama Group. The members of the Baltinglass Hospital Drama Group wish to sincerely thank all who supported their recent Lenten fundraiser for 'BEKIND IRELAND' supporting the Street Children of Calcutta and The School for Deaf Children in Beirut. Thanks to your generosity over •2,600 was raised.

Baltinglass & District Country Market

A local enterprise, needs local support. For your Easter treats, all home produced also free range eggs and handcrafts. A selection of recycled books available. Thanks to our customers for their continued support. Venue: Old badminton Hall, Church Lane, Baltinglass every Sat. from 10am to 1pm.

Baltinglass & District Active Retirement A.G.M. on Wed. 31st March in Inisfail, Germaines @ 3pm. Speaker: Peter Kavanagh, Head Office Active Retirement, Ireland. Refreshments served. All welcome.

Baltinglass & District Forum.

Next meeting takes place in the Parish Centre on Thursday 1st April @ 8pm.

Lost Property in Baltinglass Church. If you have left any items in the Church over the last few months e.g. glasses, umbrellas, hats & gloves please collect them in the next week or they will be disposed of.

### AWARE

Helping to defeat depression. AWARE are looking for Volunteers. If you are interested please contact AWARE on 01-6617211

E. F. T. Workshop.

Tuesday 13th April in Baltinglass Parish Centre, Baltinglass from 7.00-9.30pm. •50 incl.DVD. Do you suffer anxiety, panic, phobias (water, rats, heights), Low Self-Esteem, Physical Pain, Cravings? Emotional Freedom Technique often works where nothing else will. Easy, Painless and Rapid. For bookings contact Clodagh O'Mara on 0402 38033 or 086 2095967.

Rathvilly Garden & Flower Club will meet on Wednesday 31st March at 8pm in St Patrick's Sports and Community Centre Rathvilly, with a talk on Spring Gardening by garden expert Yvonne O'Connor. All are very welcome

### Danny's Corner.

Just a reminder to everybody to put your clocks forward by one hour this Saturday night. Spring forward everybody.



Found - Red Mountain Bike In the Baltinglass area. Contact Garda Pat Culleton in Baltinglass Garda Station on 059 6481022.

The Lalor Centre Annual Auction Has being deferred from the 7th May until the 21st May 2010.

### \*Please Note\*

**Next Week's Newsletter is a DOUBLE ISSUE. Please have your notices into the Parish Office by WEDNESDAY before 12 noon.**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AT 1PM ON THURSDAY THE 1ST APRIL AND WILL RE-OPEN ON THURSDAY THE 8TH OF APRIL @ 9.30AM.**

# Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

Passion Sunday

28th March 2010

'Father into your hands I commend my Spirit'.

"Today's Gospel"

The snowdrops and daffodils are out and here we are beginning Holy Week - with Jesus going back into Jerusalem, celebration of the Passover and institution of the Eucharist, His betrayal by Judas, Jesus' arrest, Peter's denial, Jesus trial, the release of Barabas in place of Jesus ...yes most of us know the story...

Let us reflect on Jesus' last words 'Father into your hands I commend my Spirit'. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could say these words from our hearts. They speak of a total surrender and with these words comes the peace of Christ.

How often do I hand over to God and then take all my burdens back again. Each of us has a personal Holy Week - Our own personal Redemptive suffering. Our own last Day, our own death and Resurrection, our own Passion. We are invited to unite all this with the Passion of Christ - to reflect on this when we are alone. God wants us all to Himself as our God is a jealous God. He gradually draws us closer to Himself and He does not want anything or any body taking His place in your life. If we allow it He takes us over and it can be just as slowly as the snowdrops and daffodils bloomed.

'Father into your hands I commend my Spirit'.

A.S.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2010 - BAPTISMS:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass:  
3rd April @ the Easter Vigil Mass.  
2nd May @ 11.45am.



Confirmation in Baltinglass Parish - Sunday 18th April 2010.  
Baltinglass & Bigstone N.S. - Baltinglass Church @ 12.30pm.  
Stratford N.S. - Stratford Church @ 11am.  
Grange Con N.S. - Grange Con Church @ 11am.