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

### Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Anniversaries:

Jim Keogh, Parkmore  
Maisie, Joe & Sean O'Brien  
Edward St & Patrick Peaken.  
Paul Barrett, Shroughaun  
Mary O'Keefe, Parkmore  
Patrick Coogan, Irongrange  
Jack Norton, Edward Street  
Sean Burke, Stratford on Slaney  
John & Catherine Rogers, Edward  
Street.

Jack Kelly, Boley

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Colette McGrath, Whitestown  
Sean Burke, Stratford on Slaney

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Helena Roache, Griffinstown

We pray for  
**Baby Dean Foster McGeer**  
Who died recently  
May he rest in peace  
Amen

Christian Meditation  
every Thursday night in the Lalor  
Centre from 8pm - 9pm. All welcome.

**Sunday 17th May 2009**

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers
Stratford: 6pm (Sat)	Brigid Bollard	Breda Kelly
Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)	Fiona Carpenter	Mary Hayes & Pat Murphy
11am (Sun)	Alice Cullen	Sean Connolly & Margaret Brennan
Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)	Teresa Doyle	Mary Cronin

### 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.  
This weekend will see Children from  
Baltinglass N.S. & Grangecon N.S.  
receive their First Holy Communion.  
We hope it will be a very special day  
for each child. May it also be a proud  
occasion for parents & family mem-  
bers. We take this opportunity to  
congratulate all our teachers for their  
fine work, and also convey a word of  
thanks to all the parents who organised  
the Parish Programme.

The Parish Team.

Have you got a Vocation?

Contact Barry at 041- 6862615 or e-mail:  
vocations@sjog.ie St John of God Brothers.  
Changing to advance God's Kingdom in  
today's world. [www.sjog.ie](http://www.sjog.ie) Brothers.  
Caring for the needs of people & their fami-  
lies in the tradition of St John of God. In  
Ireland the Brothers have directed their  
attention to providing mental health services,  
care for the aged & services for people with  
disabilities. Religious Life? Me? Thinking  
about it now? Thought about it before? Like  
to find out more? Why not call?

Trocaire Mobile Phone Appeal  
Please donate & recycle your unwanted  
used printer cartridges & mobile  
phones & help to raise much needed  
funds to support Trocaire's work in the  
developing world. Any type or make of  
mobile phone qualifies whether working or  
not. Remember to remove your SIM card.  
Phones can be left into the Parish Office.

Grangecon N.S

will be raising their GREEN FLAG on  
Thursday 14th May at 11am. The ceremony  
will be performed by Enna Ni Lamhna. All  
welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

### Used Stamps

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

West Wicklow Day Care.  
Next meeting on Wednesday 13th May  
@ 8.30pm in the Day Care Centre.

An Evening for  
Parish Liturgy Groups  
will take place in Mount St Anne's  
Retreat Centre, Killenard on Wednes-  
day, May 20th @ 8pm. An opportunity  
to hear stories from other liturgy groups  
and to share strategies for celebrating  
liturgy well in our parishes. Liturgy  
group bookings can be made through  
FDS at 059/ 9164084. See  
[www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) for booking details &  
for more information on this night.

Pilgrimage to Knock

St. Catherine's Holiday Home from Friday  
**24th July to Tuesday July 28th 2009.**  
If you wish to book, a deposit of •50 is  
required & can be paid into Baltinglass  
Credit Union. Total cost of trip is •185  
plus travel. For enquiries **contact Ann  
Lee on 059/ 6481989**

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
Organised by Tullow Parish. Tuesday  
26th May '09 to Thursday 4th June '09.  
Contact Tullys, Carlow on 059/ 9136100

While driving in Pennsylvania, a  
family caught up to an Amish  
Carriage. The owner of the carriage  
obviously had a sense of humour,  
because attached to the back of the  
carriage was a hand printed sign...  
"Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on  
oats and grass. Caution: Do not  
step in exhaust."

### Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning  
Numbers: 1, 22, 28, 29

**Jackpot winner: No winner**

This week's Jackpot **•4,100**

#### **Match three winners:**

•0.00 each. No match 4 winners, No  
match 3 winners. •300 added to  
jackpot.

**Tickets •2 each.**

**Next draw in "Germaine's Pub,  
Main Street on Monday 11th May  
2009.**

Play online [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)  
Have a go!

Baltinglass GAA Golf Classic  
on May 22nd. Team of 4.  
Golf & meal •200. All  
enquiries to Damian  
Patterson on 086/ 8707962  
or 059/ 6481265

### Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

As part of the Bealtaine Festival  
"Celebrating Creativity in Older Age"  
The Art Group will have an exhibition  
of their work in the Library,  
Baltinglass for the month of May.  
All welcome.

Spring Break to Inniscrome.  
Sunday 17th May. Bus leaving  
outside Germaines @ 10am Sharp.

### Coffee Morning.

The month of May

**Venue:** Timmins.

**Time:** 11am on Fridays.

"APPEAL FOR FOSTER CARERS"  
Public Information Meeting in  
The Harbour Hotel, Newbridge Road  
Naas on Monday 11th May 2009 @ 8pm.

Dancing for Pleasure  
O Toole Memorial Hall,  
Rathdangan on 9th May  
'09. Time: 9:30pm - 12:00am  
Music by Tony Davit

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Baltinglass & District Forum  
Quiz Night  
On Friday 15th May 2009 in the  
Judge's Inn @ 8.30pm. All welcome.  
Please support.

Tour to Scotland.  
From the 25th to the 31st July.  
For further details contact  
Duffy Coach Hire on  
059/ 6471681 or 087/ 2543235  
Day Trip to Knock  
31st May 2009. Contact Duffy  
Coach Hire on 059/ 6471681

### 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](mailto:admin@baltinglassparish.ie)**

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

# Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

5th Sunday of Easter

10th May 2009

*"Make your home in me as I make mine in you".*

Some people find it easier than others to create a home for themselves - creating a nice, welcoming, warm, inviting, comfortable space to return to after being out in the busy world - this space for oneself, friends or family.

Jesus tells us today to 'make your home in me'. He is asking us to rest in him, to bring our burdens and problems to him, to allow ourselves to be held in his arms, to allow ourselves to be childlike with him. All this involves a letting go, a surrender, a resting in Jesus' arms.

'Make your home in me as I make mine in you'. We are all called to this awareness of Christ making his home within. Whether we accept or reject this Christ is there. Whether we are aware of this or not, Christ is there waiting to reveal himself to each of us.

We can create a supportive atmosphere in our own homes, one that is open to God. This involves keeping items that nurture our relationship with God, whether it be books, magazines, music, DVD's whatever. "Make your home in me as I make mine in you". Discover and enjoy this restful, comfortable warm, cosy place within oneself, the place where Jesus has made his home.

A.S.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2009.

#### **BAPTISM:**

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass: 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.