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### **Anniversary Masses:**

**This weekend:**

**Baltinglass: 7.30pm:**

**Anniversaries:**

John Miley, Bramble Court  
Madge & Hal Dunne, Shroughaun  
Patrick (Ronnie) Bryne, Sydney,  
Australia  
Edward Swayne, Hughestown  
Ned Gahan, Carrigeen  
James Gahan, Carrigeen  
Denis Murray, Broadstown  
Michael & Ellen Dunne, Belan St  
Annie & Edward Nolan, Weaver Sq.  
Dr Patrick Lord, Bawnogues  
Patrick Doyle, Graney  
Noel Sleator, Barronstown  
Paddy Byrne, Newtown  
George Phelan, Rathmoon  
James & Maureen Doyle, Carrigeen  
Tom Murphy, Bawnogues  
**Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)**  
Elizabeth Nolan, Docotrs Rd  
Christina Loughlin, Ballinacrow  
**Grangecon: 9.30am:**  
Jack Byrne, Castlehill  
Maura Coleman & daughter Phil,  
Knoxters Hill  
Mary Harney, Colbinstown  
Noel Sleator, Barronstown  
Margaret Cronin, Springfield  
Noel & Sheina Colfer, Castlehill

### **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**

Mass Times: St Patrick's Day  
17/03/09

**Stratford: Monday @ 6pm**

**Baltinglass:**

**Vigil Mass: Monday @ 7.30pm**

Tuesday @ 11am

**Grangecon: Tuesday @ 9.30am**

**Anniversaries:**

**St Patrick's Day**

**Baltinglass.**

**Months mind Mass of**

Josephine Dunne, Weaver Square

**Anniversaries:**

Alice Swayne, 4 Parkmore

Patrick Lennon, Parkmore

**Stratford:**

Julia & Bernard Tivnan, Stratford

### **St Patrick's Day 2009**

	<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>Stratford:</b> 6pm (Mon)	Elizabeth Thompson	Kay Halstead
<b>Baltinglass:</b> 7.30pm (Mon)	Jim Kearney	Matt O' Brien/May Kennedy
11am (Tues)	As per weekly Rota	
<b>Grangecon</b> 9.30am (Tues)	Anita O'Hara	Tony Howard

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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.

Evening Vigil - St Mary's Church

**Stratford on Slaney - 16th March '09.**

**5.50pm** - Hymn. **6pm** - Mass. **6.50pm** - Stations of the Cross. **7.10pm** - Rosary & Catena. **7.30pm** - Peregrination pro Christo what it means.

**7.40pm** Venerable Edel Quinn. **7.55pm** - Break. **8.20pm** - Holy Hour. **9.20pm** - Peregrinatio Report. **9.35pm** - Concluding Prayers of the Legion. **9.45pm** - Address of Comitium President. **10pm** - Night Prayer. **10.10pm** - Distribution of Shamrock. **N.B** The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will take place during the Vigil & times will be announced.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a way of praying with the Scriptures. Fr Sean will direct some times of Lectio Divina in St Paul's Oratory, The Parish Centre each Monday night of Lent, @ 8pm. All are welcome.

**An open invitation.**

**Ephesus Evenings** Lenten Series on St Paul. Parish Centre, Portlaise. **March 18th: 8pm to 10pm.** Proclaiming Paul in the Liturgical Assembly. These sessions will be of interest to parish readers, scripture sharing groups, lectio divina groups and to anyone interested in finding out more about St Paul.

Day of Healing.

in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on **Sat. 28th March 2009.** Bus departs the Square, Baltinglass @ **7.30a.m.** via Tullow and Carlow. Bring a packed lunch. **059/ 9151245** or **059/ 9151120** for booking.

**Sunday 21st March 2009**

	<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>Stratford:</b> 6pm (Sat)	Mary IPoll	Ina O'Keeffe
<b>Baltinglass:</b> 7.30pm (Sat):	Francis Balfe	Mary Hayes & Pat Murphy
11am (Sun)	John Paul Kenny	Tony Duffy & Kate Deans
<b>Grangecon</b> 9.30am (Sun)	Sr Bernard	May Markham

### **Used Stamps**

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

ST. Patrick's College,  
Maynooth, Co Kildare.

Pastoral Ministry Today. Do you want to be involved in Parish Pastoral Work, Chaplaincy in Schools, Hospitals, third level colleges or prisons? If you are already involved, do you need a professional qualification? Prepare for Pastoral Ministry now. Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies. 2 Yr. full degree full time or 3 yr. degree part time (1 day a week). Information & application forms available on request. Admissions Office, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co Kildare. Phone 01 7084772/3600 Fax: 01 708 3441 E-mail [theology.office@may.ie](mailto:theology.office@may.ie)

### **Upcoming Events at Mount St Annes, Killenard, Portarlinton**

Dancing the Rainbow - Sat. 21st March '09. All welcome. 10am - 4.30pm. •50. Yoga every Thurs. Night - 8 to 9.30 pm. •10 per night. Meditation every Tues. night 8 - 9pm.

**A new & used Clothes Clearance Sale** in the School Hall, Scoil Naomh Iosaf on Sat. 21st March @ 10am in aid of Fighting Blindness.

The Folk Group will participate at the 11am Mass on St Patrick's Day in Baltinglass Church.

### Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning  
Numbers: 15, 21, 25, 26

**Jackpot winner:** No Winner  
This week's Jackpot •**4,550**

#### Match three winners:

•150 each.

Willie Whelan, Hacketstown &  
Sarah Burke, C/O Day Care, Baltinglass.

**Tickets •2 each.**

**Next draw in Judge's Inn on  
Monday 16th March 2009.**

Play online [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

### Congratulations

to Shane Doyle & Darren Burke on their  
great achievements at the Inter Schools  
Music Festival at Wesley College Dublin  
recently.

### Cake Sale

in aid of Stratford Lodge N.S.  
Building Fund to be held on  
Saturday 21st March between 10am  
& 2pm @ McAllister Square,  
Baltinglass. Your support would be  
greatly appreciated.

### GAA - Trath na gCeist na mBunscoileanna.

Well done to the 2 teams from Scoil  
Naomh Iosaf who competed in the GAA  
quiz in Laragh last Friday. Craig Delaney,  
Helena Dowling, Sarah Fennelly & David  
Gethings got 2nd Prize, narrowly losing a  
tie-breaker finish with Rathcoyle N.S.  
Well done also to Pat Burke, Gavin Owens  
& James & Stephen Quinn.

Carrigeen Montessori School  
Carrigeen, Baltinglass. Phone: 059/  
6481616. Pre-School hours Mon - Fri 9am  
to 12.30pm. Now enrolling for 2009/2010.  
Booking enquiries 059/6481616. Limited  
places still available for 2009.

### Daffodil Day

Will be held in Baltinglass & surrounding  
areas on Fri. 20th March '09. Fresh & silk  
daffodils & other merchandise will be on  
sale at different stalls in the town. Dona-  
tions of fresh daffodils gratefully received.

Anyone wishing to help will be very  
welcome. Please come to the main stall at  
McAlister's monument. Please give as  
generously as you can as you always do.

### The Judge's Inn Golf Society

1st outing - Baltinglass  
Golf Club on Friday  
20th March 2009.

### Pioneer Juvenile Quiz Team 2009

Congratulations to the 2 teams from Baltinglass  
who swept the boards for 1st & 2nd placings to  
go on to represent the area in Monasterevan on  
Sun. 29th March. 1st place went to Shane  
Fennell, Saoirse McGabhann, Ross Hart, &  
Teresa Kilcoyne. 2nd place went to Tim Burke,  
Peter Gethings, Hannah Murray & Eoin O'Neill.

### Baltinglass Amateur Dramatics

(BAD) are having a workshop on Thurs-  
day 26th March @ 8pm in the new Parish  
Centre. Open to all, you don't have to be  
a member to come along. Great fun!  
Contact Janet on 059/6481740.

### Bigstone Bio Park

in the Community Hall on Friday 20th  
March @ 8pm.

### 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

3rd Sunday Lent

15th March 2009

**'I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins!'**

My Aunt Breda made a doll for herself when she was a child out of  
potatoes and matchsticks. This was because she had no doll.

**Today's Gospel is powerful and is surprising because yes - Jesus got  
angry. Most of us have experienced anger at some stage - maybe anger  
directed towards us from others or our own anger directed at some one  
else or anger turned towards us from someone else or anger turned  
towards myself. Now Jesus got angry in the Temple - the place of  
worship - a reminder that each of us has a place of worship within.  
Just as Jesus anger in the Temple was a cleansing so also do I need to  
cleanse my inner Temple.**

Each day I need to bring myself before God to allow him to clean me up - in my  
thoughts, my words my actions. He does this with his love for me - His child. My  
biggest problem is forgiving myself. Each day I need to turn over a new leaf and have  
a fresh start, letting go of yesterday. Lent - a time for repentance (feeling regret),  
a time for making new.

This Lent let me be grateful for all I have, for all I've been given. Antie Breda  
was creative making a doll for herself and at 16 years she went to work in America  
and the first thing she bought with her first wages was a doll. **AS**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2009.

#### BAPTISM

Baltinglass: 15th March 2009 @ 11.45am

11th April at the Easter Vigil Mass

3rd May @ 11.45am

Grangecon 29th March @ 12pm

**Sunday 24th May:** Confirmation in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass  
@ 12.30pm

**Sunday 10th May: First Holy Communion in St. Joseph's,  
Baltinglass @ 12.30pm**

**First Holy Communion in Grangecon @ 11am.**

**Sunday 17th May: First Holy Communion in Stratford @ 11am.**