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Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Months Mind Mass of

*Bill McDermott, 10 Beech Avenue,
Parkmore*

Anniversaries:

Frank Glynn, Mill Street

Patsy Fennell, Clough Lower

Annie & Mary Groves, Parkmore

Bridget O'Neill, 11 Shroughaun

Paul Kehoe, Weaver Square

Pat Farrell, Beech Avenue, Parkmore

Brigid O'Neill, The Wood

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Nigel Kehoe, Barronstown

Lil Kehoe, Barronstown

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.

**The Sick and
the Housebound.
Fr Tommy & Fr Seán
will visit the people in the
Town Areas on Monday
18th May from
10.30am onwards.**

Used Stamps

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

Sunday 24th May 2009

Readers:

Eucharistic Ministers

Stratford: 6pm (Sat)

Hilary McDermott Brigid Bollard

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)

Jane Fleming Theresa McDermott/ Clare O'Neill

11am (Sun)

Catherine O'Neill Mona Nolan/Ann Lee

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)

Anita O'Hara Kay Moore

Newsletter now available on www.baltinglassparish.ie

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

The Parish Peace & Justice Group
If you are interested in joining the Peace & Justice Group please contact the Parish Office.

Slí an Chroí

Gareth O'Callaghan will give a talk & have discussions on depression, darkness, melancholy and journeying towards recovery on Friday 22nd May @ 8 pm. On Saturday the 23rd Gareth will be available for one to one meeting/counselling.

Day of Healing.

in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on **Sat. 30th May 2009.** Bus departs the Square, Baltinglass @ **7.30a.m.** via Tullow and Carlow. Bring a packed lunch. **059/ 9151245** or **059/ 9151120** for booking.

A Special Walk for
Special Olympics Ireland

Congratulations to the children, parents & staff from Little Feet Creche & pre school who raised •1600.00 for Special Olympics Ireland. The Children participated in a sponsored walk followed by a picnic in the Park. Thanks to the 5th year Students from Scoil Chonglais and members of the Meitheal Group for their assistance on the day. A special thank you to the parents and families for their generous support for this worthy cause.

Jacqui Kenny.

**'OPENING THE DOOR ON
OUR MEMORIES'**

A collection of memoirs from residents of Baltinglass Hospital now available for •5 in Baltinglass Hospital.

Stratford On Slaney N. S. Parents' Association are holding a Cake, Book & Plant Sale in the School on Saturday the 23rd of May @ 6.30pm after the 6pm Mass.

2009 National

Grandparents Pilgrimage

Sunday 13th September 2009. Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. Chief Celebrant: Cardinal Seán and Primate of All Ireland. Guest Singers:

Fr. Liam Lawton & Dana.

Childrens' Prayer Appeal:

Invitation to all Grandchildren to write a prayer for their Grandparents. All prayers will be blessed at the pilgrimage.

Prayer for Grandparents.

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on Grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families, strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of Grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep Grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. **Amen**

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 09, 16, 25, 28

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

Match three winners:

• 0.00 each

No match 3 or match 4 winners.

Tickets • 2 each.

**Next draw in Timmin's Pub,
Weaver Sq. on**

Monday 18th May 2009.

Play online www.localotto.ie

Baltinglass Credit Union are running 2 student bursarys, a **3rd Level Student Bursary** & a **6th Class Student Bursary**. The

6th class Student Bursary is to the value of •250.00 & the 3rd Level Student Bursary to the total value of •2250.00. Closing date for both Bursarys is Frid. 26th June 2009 @ 6p.m. Application forms are available at Baltinglass Credit Union. If you require any further information you can contact us by email or by telephone 059-64 81071

Lalor Centre Post Auction Meeting on Wed. 27th May in Germaines @ 9pm.

The Armed Man : A Mass for Peace By Karl Jenkins. The Mass will be conducted by Mr. Clive Armstrong & will be sung in St. Nicholas of Myra Roman Catholic Church, Dunlavin on Sun. June 21st @ 7pm. Adm. •15. Tickets on sale at Dunlavin Post Office or from members of the Milltown Singers. Enquiries: 087/9693960

Elizabeth Smith of Baltiboy's

"Elizabeth Smith of Baltiboy's" is an adaptation of the Journal of a Scottish woman who lived near Blessington in the 19th Century. The Milltown singers provide the musical accompaniment to the story. It will be performed in Dunlavin Market House on Sat. June 20th at 8pm. Admission • 10.

Stratford/Grangecon GAA.

Stratford/Grangecon celebrated the GAA's 125th Anniversary last Sunday. Thanks to everyone who contributed in making this day such a success. We would like to keep a photo record of the day so if anyone has photos please contact Melissa Egan.

County Wicklow V. E. C.

Child's Play Course

on Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm, mid-May until June 16th, in Baltinglass Adult Learning Centre. Will lead to a FETAC Level 3 Certification. The option of FETAC certification provides the opportunity for a career in childcare. Contact Annette/Maeve at Baltinglass Adult Learning Centre 059-6482642 or 086-8462771.

Africa Day Celebration

West Wicklow Arts Network in association with Irish Aid is delighted to present a series of events to celebrate Africa Day 2009. The main event is a FREE concert on Wednesday, May 20th in Kiltegan Hall featuring the music of West Africa, performed by OLEKU, a 6 piece band from Nigeria. Prior to the concert a workshop/jam session of African drumming will take place in the hall.

Scoil Chonglais School Disco

Organised by the Parents' Association.

Venue: Fatima Hall.

Date: Friday 29th May.

Time: 8pm to 11pm.

DJ on the night is Brian Flynn.

NEWSLETTER

Items of information for the newsletter may be phoned, faxed or emailed to the Parish Office on (059/ 6481254) Fax: 059/ 6451529 Email: admin@baltinglassparish.ie

before 12 noon on Thursdays

OPENING HOURS

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

Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

6th Sunday of Easter

17th May 2009

"I call you friends". Gospel

Some people find it easier than others to form friendships. In today's Gospel Jesus says to his disciples "I call you friends". What does it mean to be friends? What kind of relationship do I live with the people in my life? Who can I refer to as being a friend of mine?

Some people I know talk non stop and this meets a need in them - but can I call them friends? Well, a friend is someone I meet on an equal basis where both share equally from our innermost selves, where we share from the heart.

Today's Gospel and second Reading are about love and friendship. Indeed isn't that what Jesus wants - is to be my friend. I call on Jesus so often during the day to help me and direct me. So often I say 'Where are you? I need to remember that I am accepted and loved by Jesus, that he is so close I can't even see him.

Jesus is the Bread of Life. Jesus loved and loves. He invites us to do the same. Bread nourishes. Jesus the Bread nourishes us. He is our Manna from Heaven. Jesus said to his disciples, his friends 'as the Father has loved me so I have loved you ... and we are his disciples of today, his friends. 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.
Stratford: 4th July @ 5.20pm

CONFIRMATION

1st Joseph's Church, Baltinglass, Sunday 24th May 2009 @ 12.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Stratford: Sunday 17th May @ 11am.