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all community groups, eg, sports/youth clubs, Arts, Schools, etc.

Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Month's Mind Mass of

Liam Furlong, London & Woodfield

Anniversaries:

Christy Foley, Belan Street

Elizabeth Durning, Dun Laoighaire

John Gethings, Parkmore

Thomas & Brigid Alcock, Parkmore

John Connolly, Carrigeen

Paul Doody, Clough

James Murray, Main Street

Ellen & Julia Nolan, Parkmore

Bernadette Wheatley (Webster) St

Albans, England & Athy

Kevin Brophy, Sperrin Road,

Drimnagh

James Doyle, Kiltegan

Jane Healy, Glenmalure

Charlie Doyle, 22 Parkmore

Catherine Heffernan, Eadestown

Chris Callinan, Main St.,

Baltinglass

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Bernard Tivenan, Stratford

Catherine Heffernan, Eadestown

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Julia Farrelly, Grangecon

Weekend Mass Times

Stratford: Saturday 6pm

Baltinglass: Saturday 7.30pm

Sunday 11am

Grangecon: Sunday 9.30am

Weekday Mass Times

Daily 10am St. Joseph's

Church Baltinglass

Confessions in St. Joseph's

Church after 10am

Saturday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the
First Friday (6th March) in **Baltinglass**
Church after 10am Mass. (2 hours).

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St
Mary's Church, **Stratford** on **Friday 6th**
March from 7-8pm.

Exposition in Grangecon every Sunday from
3-5pm.

We pray for
Thomas Harte,
Pinegrove, Baltinglass
Who died during the week.
May he rest in peace
Amen

Sunday 8th March 2009

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers
Stratford: 6pm (Sat)	Noreen Keogh	Melissa Egan
Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)	Myra Kearney	Pat & Marion O'Reilly
11am (Sun)	Catherine O'Neill	Nancy Hughes & Catherine Lord
Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)	Mairead Fenlon	Mary Cronin

The Communications Group

Will any business, Club, Voluntary Organisation etc.
who wish to have an entry - free of charge - in the Parish
Directory, please contact the Parish Office at 059-
6481254 or email admin@baltinglassparish.ie with details
of the entry, complete with contact name & phone no.

St. Mary's Church, Stratford.

Every Friday during Lent there will be Rosary &
Stations of the Cross in the Church @ 7pm.

The folk group will be participating at the 11am Mass
in St Joseph's Church on Sunday the 1st March.

Congratulations to
Carol O'Neill
&

Anthony Furlong,

whose Marriage took place in
St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass,
on **Saturday 21st February 2009**

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

On 18th Aug. '09 for 5 nights. Anyone interested,
please give your name to Elliot Travel by the 2nd
March '09. This tour is operated by Joe Walsh tours.
License Number T.O. 052. For information contact
Elliot Travel 059/6481722.

Trocaire - Lent 2009.

A Trocaire representative will visit our Parish next
weekend & will speak at the 6pm Mass in Stratford on
Sat. 7th March & the 7.30pm. Mass in our Parish Church
the same date. Don't forget to get your Trocaire Box for
your home.

World Day of Prayer.

(International & Interdenominational) on Friday 6th
March 2009 @ 8.15pm in the Parish Centre (old Lalor
Centre). Men & Women welcome.

The Buildings' Committee

The next meeting of the Buildings' Committee will take place
in the Parish Centre on Tues. 3rd March 2009 @ 8.30pm.

An open Invitation -
Ephesus Evenings.

Lenten Series on St. Paul.
Parish Centre, Portlaoise from 8pm to
10pm on **3 Wed. nights in March.**

March 4th: Paul - a spirituality that
goes to the heart of the Gospel.

Speaker: Fr Sean Maher, a Priest
of the Diocese, lectures in Scripture
in St. Patrick's, Carlow College &
Milltown, Dublin. **Further talks will**
take place on March 11th.

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,
starting on Mon. 2nd March.

All are welcome.

Kildare and Leighlin- Diocesan
Pilgrimage to Turkey
Year of Saint Paul

One of the features of the year of St. Paul
will be a pilgrimage from our diocese to
some of the Pauline sites in Turkey. We
have prepared an itinerary which includes a
visit to Tarsus & along the path of Paul's
first missionary journey. Bookings should
be made as soon as possible. No place is
assured until the booking form has been
completed and returned, and the deposit
has been paid. Booking forms should be
returned to Map Travel, 36 O'Connell Street
Dublin 1. Tel. 01-8783116

Collectors for Grangecon for the month of
March are Mick Kehoe & Jackie McGeer

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning
Numbers: 10, 15, 19, 27

Jackpot winner: 4,250

This week's Jackpot •**No winner**

Match three winners:

• 300.00 each

Dylan Browne, Bessina, Jenny Kehoe,
Newtown & Diarmaid O'Neill, 46
Parkmore.

**Tickets •2 each. Next draw in
Dutchman's Pub on Mon. 2nd March.**

Play online www.localotto.ie

GAA U6 & U8 training resumes again
next Friday. The U 6 in the Badminton Hall,
Industrial Est. from 6 - 7pm. & the U8 in Scoil
Naomh Iosaf next Friday from 6-7pm,

Carlow Regional P. T. A. A.
would like to thank Fr Sean for cel-
ebrating their Mass in St. Paul's
Oratory in the Parish Centre on 20th
Feb. We would also like to thank
everyone who attended and helped
out on the night. Congratulations to
Bobby Lennon, Jim Kearney, Charlie &
Betty Timmins on receiving gold pins.

An Naionra, Chapel Hill, Baltinglass.
Pre-School through Irish. Caters for children
ages 3-5 years. Fully registered & insured.

Qualified & experienced staff. Contact
Maisie 059/6481199 or Patricia 059-6481326

Two Vintage Cars for Sale
Phone after 2pm. 085/7389468

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of Daffodil Day on Thurs. 12th March,
10.30am to 12pm in the Lalor Centre (New
Building). Raffle & Prizes on the day.

Bigstone Hall
Next Meeting takes place next
Tuesday @ 9pm. All are welcome.

Scoil Chonglais-Transition Year
Information evening for parents of current
3rd years on 3rd March in Scoil Chonglais
@ 7.30pm. Presentations will be given on
Transition Year (by The National Coordina-
tor of Transition Year, Micheal O Leary),
5th year subject options and LCVP. It is
hoped that all 3rd year parents will attend.

Stratford/Grangecon GAA
Juvenile training starts next Saturday
7th March At 11.00am. This is also
club registration/membership day so
if you have not already done so please
come along between 11.00am
& 12.00pm. We look forward to seeing
you all there. The senior team will be
playing its first league Match next
weekend at home.

Baltinglass Fairtrade Events.

This year Fairtrade fortnight runs internation-
ally from 23 February to 8th March, with
bananas as the highlighted product. The main
event of the Fortnight will be an entertain-
ment extravaganza in the Watermill called
'Banana Aid' on Friday night, 6th March.
This will feature music from artists such as
Skillet & others, as well as a Salsa demonstra-
tion, a unique smoothie maker, a mini quiz/
raffle & Fairtrade refreshments. Tickets on
sale through committee members now or they
may be purchased at the door. Adm. •5

Baltinglass Hospital Residents Lenten
Project. Baltinglass Hospital Drama Group
presents Goldilocks & the Three Bears plus
other variety acts on Sunday 1st & Mond.
2nd March in the Unit two dayroom @
2.15pm. Raffle tickets on sale at the show.
Proceeds to Faid School for Deaf Children in
Lebanon. Draw will take place on Monday
2nd March after the show.

Enrolments

Grangecon Primary School are now enrolling
for Sept. '09. Enrolment forms are available by
calling to the School or by phoning the
School on 045/403111

Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

1st Sunday in Lent

1st March 2009

'Repent and believe the good news.' Gospel

My aunt's husband died this morning. He was in his late 70's and was an absolute gentleman. I often think that this concept of a gentleman and a lady needs to be revived in our society, this concept maybe to be born afresh in this season of spring.

Lent and Springtime co- incide - a time for renewal and awakening. Today's Gospel says 'Repent and believe the good news' - the good news being that we are all loved and served by God through Christ's death and resurrection - all of humanity with no ifs or buts. This Lent I am asked to invite God back into my life, the God of my heart.

Jesus came for the sinner, Jesus welcomed the sinner, Jesus loved the sinner. Maybe I could take the time to reflect on this - and indeed to accept myself as I am just now. Isn't that all I have is this moment. There are special and precious moments each day. Watch out for them, recognise them, savour them. They are God given moments and often pass unnoticed.

I will miss Sean and his gentlemanly ways. Indeed wasn't he a reflection of the gentlemanly ways of Christ. A.S

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2009.

Wednesday 4th March: First night of the Confirmation Programme, 7pm to 8pm in Scoil Naomh Iosaf.

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.