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

### **Anniversary Masses:**

**This weekend:**

**Baltinglass: 7.30pm:**

**Months Mind Mass of**

*Esther Curry, 18 Parkmore*

**Anniversaries:**

*Mary Duffy, Parkmore*

*Joseph Gethings, 20 Parkmore*

*Matt O'Brien, Carrigeen*

*George Farrell, Rathtoole*

*Eileen Donegan, Holdenstown*

*Thomas McGinty, Late of Dublin*

*Richard & Lucy Barron, Chapel Hill*

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

*Richard & Elizabeth Barrett,*

*Stratford*

*Sarah Humphreys Cunningham,*

*Whitestown*

**Grangecon: 9.30am:**

*Maisie Doyle, Mallenswood*

We pray for

Josephine Dunne,

Weaver Square, Baltinglass

Who died during the week.

May she rest in peace

Amen

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

St. Mary's Church, Stratford. Every Friday during Lent there will be Rosary & Stations of the Cross in the Church @ 7pm.

### **Sunday 1st March 2009**

**Stratford:** 6pm (Sat)

**Baltinglass:** 7.30pm (Sat)

11am (Sun)

**Grangecon** 9.30am (Sun)

#### **Readers:**

Liam Brady

Marie Doyle

Alice Cullen

Mary O'Riordan

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Jennifer Bracken

Maria Kinsella & Phil O'Connor

Mona Nolan & Ann Lee

Fergus Moore

**Ash Wednesday 27th February '09.**

**Mass Times are as Follows:**

**Baltinglass:** 10am.

**Stratford:** 7.30pm

**Grange Con:** 7.30pm

Training for Church Readers aged 16- 25 years announced.

Faith Development Services will provide training for young readers in 2 venues in the diocese in March. This training, based on the diocesan programme "Entrusted with the Word" will be led by Julie Kavanagh, Fr. Paddy Byrne & Pamela Whelan & will take place in the following venues: **Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow Sat., March 21st**, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (light lunch provided).

**Clane Parish Centre, Clane, Sat., March 28th**, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m (light lunch provided).

Places are limited to max. of 30 people per session. Bookings: Christine at Faith Development Services; 0599164084 email [fds@kandle.ie](mailto:fds@kandle.ie) Participants are asked to bring a copy of the bible (with both old & new testaments) to the training. Permission forms for participants aged 18 & under are available to download on the diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) and/or through the Faith Development Services. These signs must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian of any 18 year old or under attending the training.

#### 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](mailto:admin@baltinglassparish.ie) with details of the entry, complete with contact name & phone no.

#### Day of Healing.

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

#### Training for New & Existing

Ministers of the Word announced.

Faith Development Services will provide training for new & existing Ministers of the Word in 2 venues in the diocese. This training, based on the diocesan programme "Entrusted with the Word" will be led by Julie Kavanagh, Fr. Sean Maher and Eileen Good and takes place in the following venues: **Teach Bride, Tullow Sat. Feb. 28th**, 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. - all parishes welcome. **Ballycane Church, Naas Sat., March 7th**, 9.00 a.m.- 1.00 p.m.- Naas Deanery of Parishes. Bookings: Christine at Faith Development Services; phone 059 9164084 email [fds@kandle.ie](mailto:fds@kandle.ie) Participants are asked to bring a copy of the bible (with both old and new testaments) to the training. Permission forms for intending participants aged 18 & under are available for download on the diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) and/or through the Faith Development Services. These signs must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian of any 18 year old or under attending the training.

#### Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

On 18th Aug. '09 for 5 nights. Anyone interested, please give your names 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.

### **St Paul's Oratory.**

The Oratory in our Parish Centre will be called St Paul's (this is the year of St Paul). Mass will be celebrated there from Monday 23rd February @ 10am. Mass Ash Wednesday will be in the Parish Church @ 10am.

#### BALTINGLASS FAIRTRADE EVENTS

This year Fairtrade Fortnight runs internationally from 23 Feb to 8 March, with bananas as the highlighted product. The Fairtrade movement promotes fair wages & working conditions for crop producers in the Developing World. Local stockists of Fairtrade products have been asked to ensure they have a good range of Fairtrade items & shoppers are asked to support their efforts by choosing Fairtrade – tea, coffee, drinking chocolate, wine, bananas etc.

"Special St. Vincent De Paul Collection for Nairobi.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Church door collection takes place this weekend (21st/ 22nd Feb. '09) for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Nairobi. All monies collected, without any deductions or costs whatsoever, will be sent to Nairobi. If you haven't been able to contribute & would like to do so, a donation can be left in the Parish Office in Baltinglass marked "St. Vincent de Paul Africa collection". We would ask that you give generously to this very worthy cause."

Mount St. Anne's, Killenard, Portarlinton. Justice in Today's World, Sat. 28th Feb. '09. This workshop underlines the link between faith & good works in the Christian tradition. Global issues will be raised. Presented by Fr. Gerry O'Connor. 10am - 4.30pm. •50 (including lunch).

### Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 03, 20, 25, 30

**Jackpot winner: No Winner**

This week's Jackpot •4,100

**Match three winners:** •300each.

Hayley Smith, Crosslow, Tullow.

**Tickets •2 each. Next draw in**

**Watermill, Main St. (Horans) Pub on**

**Monday 23rd February 2009.**

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

### GAA TRAINING

Training for U6 and U8 boys & girls will resume indoors on Friday 6th March '09. from 6 to 7pm.

### The Judge's Inn

Golf Society AGM on Mond. 23rd Feb.

@ 8.30pm in the Judge's Inn

**Judge's Inn Golf Society**

Are holding a Table Quiz in the Judge's Inn on Frid. 27th Feb. @ 9pm.

Baltinglass & District Country Market is back in full swing, each Sat. morning from 10am to 1pm. A wide selection of jams, home made cooking, flowers etc.

### Irish Blood Transfusion Service

The IBTS Mobile Clinic will be in Germaine's Hotel, Baltinglass on

**Wed/25th Feb. '09 from 4.30pm to 8.30pm.** For further information contact our Local Voluntary Organiser, Tom Donohoe, Rathmoon, Baltinglass.

3rd Anniversary Concert

West Wicklow Arts Network 3rd anniversary concert on Fri. 13th March at the Watermill, Baltinglass @ 8.30pm. Adm. •5.

### World Day of Prayer.

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

### Baltinglass & District Active Retirement

next meeting on Wed. 25th Feb. @ 3pm. in The McAlister room in The Judge's Inn.

Spring Break to Inniscrone

17th to 22nd May. Cost •289 pps. 5 nights B&B & Dinner and day tours. Deposit •100 per person at the above meeting (this is necessary to secure your booking. Places still available.

Contact Michael on 6481469

KARE Job Coach Programme.

KARE in association with FAS have developed a Job Coach/Community Facilitator Training Programme which will run for 48 weeks (starting Aug. 4th '09). Applicants must be registered with FAS. Contact Veronica on 045/ 433700 or Email: Veronica.Roche@kareld.com or Caroline Birrell 045 448741 or Email: Caroline.Birrell@kareld.com.

### Rathvilly Garden & Flower Club

will meet on Wed. 25th Feb. '09 @ 8pm in St. Patrick's Sports & Community Hall, Rathvilly, with a floral demonstration by Marie O'Leary.

Pioneer Readoiri Competition 2009.

Well done to Laura Burke, Pippa Lee, Nathalie Lennon & Kellie Nolan on their wonderful performances in the disco dancing & singing competitions at the Leinster final in Portarlinton on Sat. 7th Feb. A hard fought final but better luck next year! Thanks to all the parents who have done the driving throughout the winter.

### Stratford/Grangecon GAA

1st Juvenile meeting was held on Thurs 19th Feb. Thanks to all who attended & it was a great success. Thanks to everyone for their continued support. The next meeting will be held on March 19th. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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.

# Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

22nd February 2009.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2009.

**Wednesday 4th March:** First night of the Confirmation Programme, 8pm to 9pm in Scoil Naomh Iosaf.

**Wednesday 11th March:** 2nd night of Programme.

**Wednesday 18th March:** 3rd night of Programme.

**Wednesday 25th March:** 4th night of Programme.

**Saturday 25th April:** Ceremony of Light during 7.30 Evening Mass in Baltinglass.

**Saturday 2nd May:** Ceremony of Light during 6pm Mass in Stratford.

**Saturday 11th April:** Ceremony of Light during the Easter Vigil Mass in Grange Con.

**Monday 11th May:** Retreat in Sli an Chroi, Kiltegan.

**Tuesday 12th May:** Retreat in Sli an Chroi, Kiltegan.

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

**Sunday 10th May:** **First Holy Communion in St. Joseph's, Baltinglass @ 11am.**

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

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