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

Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Anniversaries:

David Connolly, West Demesne

Bridget Clynych, Kilalesh

Michael Campion, Castlecomer

Joseph & Bridget Doody, Tuckmill

Jack & Nan Nolan & Molly Murphy,
Tinoran

Mary & Peter Doyle, Tinoran

Mary Josephine Hanlon, Tuckmill

Brendan Gilleece, Late of Dublin

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

April Amy Nolan, 25 Ballinatone

Bill & Margaret Whelan, Winetavern

Bridget Byrne, Winetavern

Jimmy Cullen, Winetavern

Ann Hogan, Lisdoonvarna

Susannah, William & Sean Murphy,
Bradford

John & Kathleen Toner, Letterkenny

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Patrick & Elizabeth Leigh & his

daughter May McCall, Hacketstown.

Mary & Peter Doyle, Tinoran

Jim & Bridget Byrne, The Rocks

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.

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.

Watch Found

on the way up to the Parish Centre & Lalor Centre on Friday morning 13th March. It can be collected at the Parish Office.

"Vincetian Volunteers"

St Wilfred's, 4 Birchvale Close, Hulme, Manchester M15 5BJ. Phone +44 161 2269561 or +44 161 2099156 or E-mail: barbaraquilty@hotmail.co.uk

A positive opportunity for young people to have a challenging experience in serving vulnerable people, & living in a community with other like-minded volunteers. Accommodation & living expenses provided. Volunteer year is from Sept.'09 - July 2010.

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.

First Holy Communion Meeting.

A meeting of the parents who volunteered to help with the First Holy Communion Programme will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday 26th March @ 8.30pm.

Bernard Jackman Launches
Baltinglass Holistic Guide

The Launch takes place Thurs. March 26 @ 7pm in Rye Grass Holistic Centre, Main Street Baltinglass. Bernard Jackman, Prominent Leinster Rugby player will officially launch the Guide. Information sessions & free sample treatments available on the night. The guide costs €2 and all proceeds go to Baltinglass Lions

Baltinglass Badminton Club, No 4 Euro

Park. Classes for adults for the month of April '09 on Wed .nights from 8 to 9pm.

All are welcome. Joe Fagan - 087/ 9779090

Coffee morning in aid of
daffodil day

Thanks to everyone who supported our daffodil day coffee morning last Thurs. in the Lalor Centre. We raised €1,112.00 for daffodil day

Thanks to all who baked cakes, donated raffle prizes, & all those that supported the day. A special of thanks to the Staff in the Lalor Centre who worked so hard to make this such a successful morning.

Lenten/Easter Collection for Priests of the Parish.

Please note that this envelope is in your Box of Envelopes now & can be dropped into the collection bags when you wish.

Thanks again.

Marian Connell

Works as an art psychotherapist and a therapeutic play specialist offering individual and group therapeutic sessions to children and adolescents who are experiencing difficulties in school or at home. She can help with Behavioural Problems, Family Problems, Communication Difficulties, Parental Separation, Bereavement, School Problems, Self Esteem Issues. She also facilitates Creative Art Groups and Parenting Groups. She is contactable @ 0872391308/0596473897.

Thanks for your support

The Residents and staff of Baltinglass Hospital wish to sincerely thank everyone who supported their recent Lenten project. The sum of €2343 was raised for the Faid School for deaf children in Lebanon. We were very happy to be associated with this very worthy cause.

Hearing Aids

If anyone has hearing aids which they no longer need, even if they are broken, could you please drop them into the hospital for Joan, Josie or Aisling. We will pass them on to the Faid School for deaf children in

Lebanon. **Thank you**

A Big thanks.

Mick Kehoe & Mary O'Riordan would like to thank everyone who supported the Self Help collection last Sunday in Grangecon. The total collected was €190.

Christian Meditation

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

Sunday 29th March 2009

Readers:

Eucharistic Ministers

Stratford: 6pm (Sat) Margaret Cronin

Breda Kelly

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat) Yvonne Balfe

Clare O'Neill/Theresa McDermott

11am (Sun) Ann Lee

John Paul Kenny/Bernie Kilcoyne

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun) Kieran Hosey

Mick Kehoe

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4th Sunday in Lent

22nd March 2009

Mothers' Day.

My young nephew played a tune on the piano for me the other day. It was over the phone and I was ever so delighted.

Now today is Mother's Day and I'm sure we can all think of someone whom we regard as being very Motherly. Mother is at the heart of the home, at the heart of our Church, at the heart of humanity. Motherhood is a gift from God and indeed all Women are Mothers at heart.

Many people travel on pilgrimages to Lourdes, Fatima, Medjugorje or Knock in honour of Our Lady - our Universal Mother and isn't it wonderful? One couple I know save all year to go to Lourdes. This is the highlight of their year and it renews and restores them - it keeps them going.

Isn't it wonderful to see Motherly love in action - Blessed Mother Teresa comes to mind - a Woman full of warmth, kindness, caring gentleness, nurturing.

Each Woman needs to discover her true nature. Beyond her family is a much broader expression of Mother. She is a Mother of Mankind.

God is in the bits and pieces of everyday life like the tune my Nephew's played for me over the phone. So today watch for expressions of Motherly love in action.

Happy Mother's Day.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2009.

BAPTISM

Baltinglass: 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.

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 08, 10, 14, 15

Jackpot winner: No Winner

This week's Jackpot •4,700

Match three winners:

•60 each

Willie Swayne, John Keogh, 8 Parkmore, Nancy Doody, Clough, Jim Sheerin, Bawnogues & Christy Brogan, Athy.

Tickets •2 each.

Next draw in Germaines' Pub on

Monday 23rd March 2009.

Play online www.localotto.ie

Congratulations

to Colin Byrne from Stratford N.S. who won 3rd prize in the Arts Competition in Community Games recently.

Baltinglass & District Country Market.

Now available, a range of cakes suitable for diabetics & dairy free, by order on 087 212 4683. Also country butter, bread, scones available every Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

Baltinglass Seniors'

Annual Holiday.

will take place on Sund. 21st June -

Thurs. 25th June. Venue: Sligo 4 star Park Hotel & Leisure Centre. B/B/ED •390 p.p.s.

Those who have already booked with A.

Aspell can now put a deposit of •50 in Baltinglass Credit Union A/C 4230. Booking for place ring A. Cooney 6481031 - A. Lee 6481989 or A. Aspell - 6473525

Rathvilly Garden & Flower Club

will meet on Wed. 25th March @ 8pm in The St Patrick's Sports & Community Hall, Rathvilly. Fr. Gahan will give a talk on gardening. All are welcome. Adm. 5 euro

Garda Siochana Motor Club.

(G.S.M.C.) On 9th May The G.S.M.C. will hold a Classic & special interest car run. The Headquarters & meeting point will be Germaines, Baltinglass @ 10am on Sat. 9th May. This is a pre-registration event, participants should collect their documents & route directions between 10am & 12 noon. The route is suitable for all classes of vehicles & will take you by easy to follow directions to a vehicle agility test & on to a predetermined route of approx 2 hrs duration. This event is in aid of 2 local well deserving causes. The Lalor Centre, Baltinglass & Crooksling Nursing Home. Entry fee per vehicle & driver is •20 (includes 1 lunch). Additional meals are •10 per adult & •5 per child. Entry forms can be downloaded from www.gardamotorclub.com or from Kevin Howard, Dublin Rd, Tullow or Ronan Dunne, 28 Cyress Grove Rd, Templeogue, Dublin 6W.

Barian Consulting.

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Big Bingo

In Fatima Hall, Baltinglass on

Sunday 29th March @ 3pm.

Bingo as usual every Monday night.

Active Retirement Association Baltinglass District.

"Get inspired with Active Retired". 5th Annual General Meeting on Wed. 26th March '09 @ 3pm. Venue: McAlister Room, Judge's Inn. Guest speaker CEO Active Retirement of Ireland Maureen Kavanagh. Refreshments served. New members with new ideas welcome.

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

OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday 9.30am -1.00pm

1.30pm - 2.30pm