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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

Thomas Harte, 2 Pinegrove

Fr Dick Kelly, formerly of Boleylug

Anniversaries:

Gay Halloran, Tinoran

Rita Harte, Mill Street, Baltinglass

James Hughes, Dublin

James, Elizabeth, & Tom Kelly & Jim

Kelly Jnr

John & Mary Whitty, Hughestown.

Thomas & Michael Curry, 2 Bawnogues

Ted O'Reilly, Woodfield & London

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

William Coleman, Castleruddery

Margaret Barrett, Ballinatone

Ann Deigan, Donard

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Kathleen Logan, Barronstown

Thomas & Mary Moore, Ballinure

We pray for

Kitty Foley, Parkmore

Peg Byrne Nee Rogers, Walkinstown,
formerly of Edward St.

James Flood, The Rocks, Grangecon
& **Kathleen Kenny, Glen of Imall, &**
formerly of Chapel Hill
who died recently.

May they rest in Peace
Amen.

Youth Deanery Music Group.

Are you a singer? Do you play an instrument? We the Youth Deanery Group are trying to set up a Youth Music Group for ages 13-17! Practices take place on 1st April & 8th April in the Parish Centre, Baltinglass @ 7.30pm. Places involved are Hacketstown, Baltinglass, Rathvilly & Clonmore Parishes. Contact 087/6391015 or 087/6901661

The Sick and the Housebound

Fr Seán will visit the people in the **Town Areas** on **Monday 30th March from 10.30 am to 1pm & from 2.30pm onwards.**

Fr Tommy will visit the people in the **Country Areas** on **Thursday 2nd April from 10.30am to 1pm & from 2.30pm onwards.**

Divine Mercy Novena

Starts Good Friday 10th April to Sunday 19th April, ending @ 3pm in Grangecon Church with blessing of divine Mercy Picture & Rosaries & Hymns.

Easter Ceremonies Timetable:

Holy Thursday:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm

Confessions: 6.30pm - 7pm

Grangecon: 7.30pm Confession: 7.10pm

Stratford: 7.30pm Confessions: 7.10pm

Good Friday:

Baltinglass: 3pm: Solemn Celebration.

7.30pm: Outdoor Stations in the Prayer Garden/Presentation Cemetary (entrance behind Parish Church), followed by Prayer around the Cross in Parish Church with our Folk Group.

Confessions: 6.30pm - 7pm.

Grangecon: 7.30pm: Solemn Celebration.

Confessions: 7.10pm - 7.30pm.

3pm: Stations & Pray around the Cross

Stratford: 7.30pm: Solemn Celebration.

Confessions: 7.10pm - 7.30pm.

3pm: Stations & Pray around the Cross

Holy Saturday

Baltinglass 7.30pm. Solemn Easter Vigil

Confessions: 10.30am - 11am & 6.30pm - 7pm

Grangecon: 7.30pm. Solemn Easter Vigil

Confessions 7.10pm

Stratford: 7.30pm. Solemn Easter Vigil

Confessions 7.10pm

Penitential Services for Easter

Friday 3rd April: Rathvilly @ 8pm

Monday 6th April: Tullow @ 7.30pm

Monday 6th April: Ballyconnell @ 7.30pm

Tuesday 7th April: Baltinglass @ 7.30pm
Hacketstown @ 7.30pm
Rathoe @ 7.30pm

Used Stamps

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

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.

Clothing Collection

in aid of Chernobyl Aid Ireland. Please donate your unwanted items of clothing, towels, bed linen, curtains, shoes & bags on Wed. 1st April from 9am - 12 noon. Please leave bags outside Fatima Hall, Baltinglass. Contact Tina @ 087/6301350. Chy no. 12648

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.

Chrism Mass

will be held in Carlow Cathedral on Wed. 8th April @ 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Cabaret in aid of Bone Marrow Leukaemia Trust

in The Judge's Inn on Saturday the 4th April. Music by The Highway Man. Adm •5

Baltinglass Foroige Fun Day

Sunday 5th April in Fatima Hall @ 2pm. Adm. Free. Bouncy Castle, bottle stall, face painting, mini golf, wheel of fortune etc. All are welcome.

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

Sunday 5th April 2009

Readers:

Stratford: 6pm (Sat) Brigid Bolland/Hilary McDermott/Peggy Kelly

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat) Una McKeever
11am (Sun) Chris Murray

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun) Margaret Kealy/Joe Hamill & Mary Ross

Eucharistic Ministers

Kay Halstead
Pat Fleming/Julia O'Neill
Sean Connolly/M. Brennan
Mary O'Riordan

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 03, 05, 13, 21

Jackpot winner: No winner

This week's Jackpot •**4,850**

Match three winners:

•45 each. Ann Sleator,

Katherine Gorman, Cloughcastle, Philip Murphy, Louise Byrne, Newtown, Lorraine O'Neill, Newtown, Bernie Kelly & Anne Whelan, Barronstown. **Tickets**

•2 each. Next draw in Kehoe's Pub on Monday 30th March 2009.

EXPERIENCED GUITAR TEACHER.

CONTACT: Leonie on 085/ 1524553.

Managing Challenging Behaviour (FETAC Level 5). Wed. April 29th. Time: 7.00-10.00. Teaching Assistant Skills (FETAC Level 6) Kildare. Tues. May 2nd. Time: 7.00-10.00. Course: School Age Childcare. Thurs. Nights March 25th (up to 75% funding may be available) Contact Vision Training 0599142208/0861704157 www.visiontraining.ie

Beaumont Active Retirement Group Trip to Sicily. June 10 - 17th. Places still available. Phone 057/9355050.

Two Bedroom Town House to rent in Baltinglass. Phone 087/ 2850603

Congratulations

to Teresa Kilcoyne, Ross Harte, Shane Fenlon & Lorraine McGowan who were winners of the Pioneer Quiz in Monastereven last week-end. Congratulations to David Gethings, Tim Burke, Owen O'Neill & Hannah Murray who came 2nd.

"CLOCKS BACK"

Don't forget to put your **CLOCKS FORWARD** by 1 hour this Sun morning.

Kiltegan Camogie Club

Host "Trojan Race Night"

On Sat. 4th April. Contact Paula on (086) 6861271 or Mary on 087 9791469.

Kiltegan IT Centre

059/6473330 Email:

kilteganitcentre@eircom.net Courses now available are ECDL, Computers for beginners, etc. Services available are faxing, typing, internet cafe etc.

Sonasmh Montessori School

Summer Camp in July & August 2009. Now taking enrolments for Sept. Phone Catherine on 087/6825754

Big Bingo

In Fatima Hall, Baltinglass on Sunday 29th March @ 3pm.

Bingo as usual every Monday night.

Healthy Eating/Motivation Classes

4 weekly Workshops by 2 Nutritional Therapists & a Life & Business Coach, starting April 29th, at 7pm. **Venue:** Rye Grass Holistic Centre. Cost: •120, 50% deposit required on booking. Contact: Hilda Crampton Nutritional Therapist 0872805827

Baltinglass Womens' Group

Fashion Evening featuring Clothes from 'Upstairs at Quinns' on Thurs. April 2nd @ 8.30pm in The Judge's Inn, Main St. Adm. free & free raffle & complimentary glass of wine.

Baltinglass Indoor Bowls.

Takes place in Fatima Hall on Thursdays & Sunday nights from 8pm to 10pm. contact Pat Fleming on 059/6481764 or Edward Lawrence on 059/6482165.

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

Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

29th March 2009

5th Sunday in Lent

'Now my Soul is troubled' Gospel.

Some people find it much easier than others to be in the now. I am constantly remembering the past or thinking of the future, forgetting that God is to be found in the present moment, in the now.

Jesus says in today's Gospel 'now my soul is troubled'. Many times I have experienced my own soul to be troubled. Often it's only over a trivial thing and I turn to God to make it right.

It is so important to be relaxed in body and mind when praying so as to allow myself to be washed over by God's love which calms the troubled soul. I feel I have to be doing something all the time rather than just being - I switch on the radio or TV, pick up a magazine, make a phone call. I am restless, uneasy with being, paying too much attention to the outer World.

Jesus experienced what it was like to have a troubled soul and he lived in the now. He said 'I am the light of the World' - it's not I was or I will be but I am. I need to sit in the present moment, in the 'I am' so to discover that Prayer and meditation are balm for the troubled soul. A.S.

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.