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**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.**

Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Anniversaries:

*Con Doyle, Newtown Saunders
Murt & Liz Byrne & all deceased
members of the Byrne Family, Carrigeen.*

*Marie McGrath, Tuckmill
Kitty & Joe O'Hara, Shroughaun*

James O'Neill, Downings

Christina Byrne, Clough

John & Michael O'Neill, Newtown

Cissie Doyle, Barronstown

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Tom & Anna Bollard, Randlestown

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Cissie Doyle, Barronstown

May is the Month of the Rosary
The Rosary will be recited in Grangecon
Church @ 3pm during the Month of May.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes
place every Sunday from 3 to 5pm.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
Organised by Tullow Parish. Tuesday
26th May '09 to Thursday 4th June
'09. Contact Tullys, Carlow on
059/9136100

Keys of Parish Centre

Anyone who has a key to the Parish Centre
(ie former Lalor Centre) please return them
immediately to Maria in the Parish Office.

This is very important and for Insurance
purposes.

Sunday 10th May 2009

Stratford: 6pm (Sat)

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)

11am (Sun)

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)

Readers:

Margaret Cronin

Michael Lalor

Mona Nolan

1st Holy Communion Class Mary Cullen

Eucharistic Ministers

Ina O'Keefe

Matt O'Brien & May Kennedy

John Paul Kenny/Bernie Kilcoyne

County Wicklow Partnership Invites You
To an event on **9th May**, Sat. Morning - **Kare
Centre** (Behind Lalor Centre) Baltinglass @
10.30am - 2pm. Have your say, come to a **FREE**
Saturday activities morning. **CHAT GROUPS. 1.**
What is a community group? **2.** Why get
involved? **3.** What type of community group I
would like to be involved in? Limited **FREE**
Childcare places age 4 - 12 (advance booking).
Free Youth Photo Workshop (over 12s only)
Limited places. Advance booking. Free light
lunch. To book a place (2 weeks in advance for
Childcare) or find out more, call or text name to
085/8006875 or 0402/91092

VOCATIONS SUNDAY - 3RD MAY.
Today marks the end of the nationwide Year of
Vocation. In the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin we
are pleased that we will have at least 2 students
joining the 4 whom we already have in formation
for Priesthood. Priesthood today is a radical
option. In a world which seems to struggle with
the idea of 'calling' the choice to study for Priest-
hood is a dramatic witness to a belief that God
knows us & holds us in the palm of his hand. And
also, that he calls us into being for a definite plan to
play a particular role in his loving plan for the
World. If you would like to explore the possibility
of a vocation to Priesthood please make contact
with our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Ruairi
O'Domhnaill @ 045/434069 or check out the
website www.kandle.ie/vocations

Presentation Prayer Garden
Mass at the Grotto 11am on Monday 4th May i.e.
the May Bank Holiday. Bring a stool.

An Evening for Parish Baptism Teams.

Kildare & Leighlin Faith Development Services is hosting an
evening for all members of Parish Baptism Teams in Mount
St. Anne's Retreat Centre, Killenard on Wed. May 6th @
8pm. Bookings can be made through FDS at 059/9164084.

See www.kandle.ie for booking details.

An Evening for Parish Liturgy Groups
will take place in Mount St Anne's Retreat Centre, Killenard
on Wednesday, May 20th @ 8pm. An opportunity to hear
stories from other liturgy groups and to share strategies for
celebrating liturgy well in our parishes. Liturgy group
bookings can be made through FDS at 059/9164084. See
www.kandle.ie for booking details & for more information
on this night.

First Communion/Confirmation
Souvenirs & items of interest for First Holy
Communion & Confirmation will be on sale in
the Parish Centre after Mass on Saturday night
2nd May and after Mass on Sunday 3rd May.

Lalor Centre Annual Auction.

Friday 8th May @ 9.30am in Germaine's, Inisfail.

Adm. Free. Please support.

Lalor Centre Auction Meeting

Wednesday 6th May in Germaines @ 9pm. Please
have your list of items for the Catalogue with you.

Alzheimer's Tea Day.

Make this the "Biggest Brew" ever by register-
ing to host a party in your home or work place
on Thursday 7th May. Call 1800 719 820 or visit
www.teaday.ie to make a difference.

Baltinglass & District Forum

Monthly Meeting on Thursday 7th May '09
in Parish Centre @ 8pm.

We Welcome into our Christian Community
through the Sacrament of **Baptism** during the

Month of **April 2009:**

Emily Ann Kelly

Lily O'Connor

Abbie Michelle Kelly

Sophie Lee Doyle

Pilgrimage to Knock

St. Catherine's Holiday Home from Friday **24th
July to Tuesday July 28th 2009.** If you wish
to book, a deposit of •50 is required & can be
paid into Baltinglass Credit Union. Total cost of
trip is •185 plus travel. For enquiries **contact
Ann Lee on 059/6481989**

Trocaire Boxes.

Please return your Trocaire Boxes to any of the
Masses in the Parish. There are spare Trocaire
envelopes available at the back of the Church.

**Dominican Nuns - Monastic
Contemplative life**

Vocation discernment Weekend. 8th - 10th
May 2009 & 19th - 21st June '09.

(Frid. evening - Sund. after lunch). Young
women, interested in learning about our
contemplative way of life, are invited to a
weekend of prayer & reflection - with sung
liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences &
opportunity to meet with Sisters.

Contact: Sr Breda OP, Monastery of St
Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda,
Co. Louth. Tel: 041 9838524; e-mail
siena3@eircom.net / www.dominicannuns.ie
<http://dominicanunsireland.blogspot.com>

Music Therapy

Facilitated by Ms. Clara Monahan on Sat. 23rd
May '09 from 10am - 4.30pm. •50 (including lunch)
at Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre,
Killenard, Portarlinton. Phone 057/8626153

The Enneagram

The Enneagram is a powerful & dynamic
personality system that describes 9 distinct &
fundamentally different patterns of thinking,
feeling and acting. As you discover your personal-
ity type you will also discover what motivates
you, your coping strategy & keys to personal
development. 4 Wed. nights - 22nd April - 13th
May '09, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Facilitated by Fr. Tom
Sinnott. Cost •100. Booking essential - Venue:
Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre,
057-8626153

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning No: 01, 07, 19, 28

Jackpot winner: No Winner

This week's Jackpot **•3,650**

Match three winners: •100 each.

Mary Kirwan, Rampere, Kathleen Wall,
c/o Mick Kehoe & W. Cleary, 19, Ardglass.

**Tickets •2 each. Next draw in
McDonagh's Pub on Tues. 5th May.**

GAA Training for U6 boys & girls
will commence outdoor in Baltinglass GAA
Pitch from Friday 1st May & each Friday
from 6 - 7pm. All are very welcome.

Baltinglass Community Games

Athletics Area finals takes place in Baltinglass
GAA Grounds on Thurs. 7th May. Registra-
tion is @ 6pm for 6.30pm start. Age U8 to
U16. Long puck for boys U12 & girls U14.
To participate please bring along your date of
birth & phone no. •3 per event. **Areas:-**
Talbotstown, Kiltegan, Baltinglass, Bigstone
& Grangecon.

Baltinglass Womens' Group

Meet up in The Judges Inn, Thursday 7th
May, 8.30pm for a chat and to plan upcoming
events. All women from Baltinglass & the
surrounding areas are very welcome.

West Wicklow Arts Network A.G.M.
will be held in the Judges Inn, Baltinglass,
Monday 11th May @ 8.15pm.
Africa Day Celebration

West Wicklow Arts Network in association
with Irish Aid presents a series of events to
celebrate Africa Day 2009. The main event is a
FREE Concert on Wed. May 20th in Kiltegan
Hall featuring the music of West Africa
performed by OLEKU.

Dancing for pleasure

O'Toole Memorial Hall Rathdangan, 9th
May 2009. **Time:** 9:30pm to 12:00am.

Weight Watchers for Men & Women.

Monday nights in Inis Fail, Baltinglass. **Session 1:**
6pm - 7pm. **Session 2:** 7.15 - 8.15pm. No
Meetings Bank Holiday Mondays. **Tuesdays:**
Meetings in Tullow. Mount Wosley Hotel from
7pm to 8pm. Contact Jill on 087/ 9682390.

Day Trip to Newry

Sat. 9th May. Coach leaves Castledermot @
06.55 & returns at 16.15 from Newry.
Cost •25 per person. Phone: Ann 086 055 1802
6 Day Coach Tour to Blackpool
Sat 1st - Thurs 6th August '09. 5 Night B & B
& Dinner @ the 4 Star Hilton Hotel, Blackpool.
2 Full days in Blackpool and 2 Full days Touring
including the Lake District & Manchester. Cost
•575 pps plus •25 single room supplement.
Contact: Ann 086 055 1802

Well done!!

The U13 Quiz team from Scoil Naomh Iosaf,
came 4th in the All Ireland Pioneer Quiz Final.
Shane Fennell, Ross Harte, Teresa Kilcoyne,
Saoirse McGamhan. A big thank you to their
teachers for all their preparations.

Open Day

Carrigeen Montessori Pre-School. Sat. 9th
May from 2 to 4pm. All enrolled & prospective
pre-school Children most welcome to come along
with their Parents. Phone 059/ 6481616.
Proprietor: Patricia Lalor. Mont. Dip in Ed.

Baltinglass Amateur Dramatics. (BAD)
Workshop on Thursday 21st May in the Parish
Centre @ 8pm. All adults welcome to attend.
Phone Janet on 059/ 6481740

Scoil Chonglais Annual Show.

"Friday Night Fever" - On Fri. 8th May in
Fatima Hall @ 8pm.
Scoil Chonglais Senior Camogie Final
on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May in
Aughrim @ 2pm, playing against Avondale.
All support needed.

Amen:

Support Service for Male Victims of Domestic
Abuse. Weekly support group meeting in St.
Anne's Resource Centre, Navan. 8pm - 10pm.
Contact 046 90 23718

NEWSLETTER

Items of information for the
newsletter may be phoned, faxed or
emailed to the Parish Office on
(059/ 6481254) Fax: 059/ 6451529
admin@baltinglassparish.ie
before 12 noon on Thursdays

Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

4th Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2009

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

I have wonderful memories of working in a sweet factory in England when I
was 19. It was an evening job -- I spent the daytime working in a Hotel.

Now, today is Vocations Sunday and a Vocation is an occupation someone
feels called to. It is so wonderful to see a person enjoying and feeling
fulfilled in their occupation. Jesus himself helped Joseph as a carpenter as
he was being prepared for his ministry as teacher and healer.

Today Jesus says "I am the good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep".

Jesus taught in stories just as in this story of the Shepherd and his
flock. He tells us that 'there are other sheep that are not of this fold and
these I will lead as well'. Many times I can want to do things my own way.
Jesus is calling each of us to a life of Love --- of doing things in a loving,
caring way. It's a way of being. My life needs to be transformed to come to
this way of being.

Each day I need to seek and ask to offer my day to God, seeking guidance of
the Holy Spirit so I can live from my Higher Self. The factory and hotel work left
me with lovely memories but may each of us listen so we can answer God's call in
our lives and guide us to our true vocation and it may be very simple. **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.

CONFIRMATION

In St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass, Sunday 24th May 2009 @ 12.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

n Baltinglass: Sunday 10th May @ 12.30pm.
n Grangecon: Sunday 10th May @ 11am.
n Stratford: Sunday 17th May @ 11am.