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

Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:
Baltinglass: 7.30pm:
Anniversaries:

Kathleen Curran, Galway
Liam O'Meara, Wexford
Philip Hughes, Parkmore
Aileen Walshe, Woodfield
Elish & Jack Kilcoyne
Jane & Michael Clynych, Lathaleer
William Bradley, Edward Street
John & Rose Hennessy, Graney
Maisie Byrne & Family, Rampere
Edward & Margaret Hennessy,
Castledermot
Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)
Grangecon: 9.30am:
Edward & Margaret Hennessy,
Castledermot.

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

Holy Day - Tuesday 6th January 2009 -
(The Epiphany of the Lord)

Mass Times:

Baltinglass- Vigil Mass Mon. 5th @ 7.30pm
Tuesday 6th Jan @ 11am
Monday 5th Jan. @ 6.00pm
Stratford- Tuesday 6th Jan. @ 9.30am
Grangecon-

Opportunity may knock once,
but temptation bangs on our
front door forever.

Holy Day - 5th/6th January '09

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers
Stratford: 6pm (Mon)	Noreen Keogh	Jimmy Fanning
Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Mon):	Jim Kearney	Bernie Doogue & Seamus Kelly
10am (Tues)	As per weekly Rota.	
Grangecon 9.30am (Tues)	Theresa Doyle	Mick Kehoe

We Welcome into our Christian
Community through the Sacrament
of **Baptism** during the Month of
December 2008.

Eve Victoria Wall
Caroline Rose Grimes
Lucie Ella O'Neill
Zara Kate Foley
Jack Johnny Galway

Used Stamps

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

Reflections on Life.

Life is a journey, not a home; a road,
not a city of habitation; and the
enjoyments and blessings we have
are but little inns on the roadside of
life, where we may be refreshed for
a moment, that we may with new
strength, press on to whatever may
be ahead of us, - we people of God -
until we reach the end of the road.

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Every Monday night in
Fatima Hall @ 8.30pm.

Give me a sense of humour, Lord
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humour out of life,
And pass it on to other folk!

Colaiste Eoin Evening Classes
begin on Monday 19th January @
7.30pm. Courses include Computers,
Art, Smart Sewing, Fetac Child
Development and Badminton. For
details contact (059) 6471198.

Sunday after Church, a Mom asked
her young daughter what the lesson
was about. The daughter answered,
"Don't be scared, you'll get your
quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was
perplexed. Later in the day, the
Pastor stopped by for tea and the
Mom asked him what the morning's
Sunday School lesson was about. He
said "Be not afraid, thy comforter
is coming."

Sunday 11th January 2009

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers
Stratford: 6pm (Sat)	Peggy Kelly	Helen O'Keefe
Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat):	Nancy Hughes	Pat & Marion O'Reilly
11am (Sun)	Kate Deans	Margaret Brennan & Bernie Kilcoyne
Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)	Anita O'Hara	Mary O'Riordan

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning
Numbers: 3, 16, 22, 26

Jackpot winner: No winner
This week's Jackpot •**10,200**

Match three winners:

•200 each.

Rena Doyle, Ricketstown, Rathvilly.

Tickets •2 each.

**Next draw in McDonagh's Pub
on Monday 5th January 2009.**

Play online www.localotto.ie

Have a go!

The French Connection
A Trip of a lifetime to
Normandy France.

7 Days travelling by Coach from
Baltinglass to Rosslare. Overnight Car
Ferry, 'Oscar Wiede' 2 Berth Acc.
Our Hotel is the "Mercure", Omala
Beach B/B/ed. Touring the Battle-
fields, Cathedral of Lisieux. Just to
name a few. Departs Baltinglass 12th
April & returns 19th April 2009. All
bookings through Josie 087/2543235
or Anne 087/6156993. Total Price
•995. Booking Deposit •200. Saving
A/c opened in Baltinglass Credit
Union. A/C name - French Con-
nection no 4052. Early booking is advis-
able as places are limited. Contact
Anne Aspill at Talbotstown, Kiltegan,
Co Wicklow or Josie Duffy at
Tombeagh, Hacketstown, Co Carlow.

Baltinglass & District
Country Market
is now closed for the Christmas
holidays and will be re-opening on Sat
7th February 2009 from 10am to 1pm.

Thank you from
Baltinglass Hospital.

Thank you to those responsible, for
once again organising the Christmas
gifts from the three local Churches
and to all who contributed gifts for
the residents of Baltinglass Hospital
this Christmas. Thank you also to
everyone who contributed in any way
to brighten the Christmas period for
our residents. The Active Retired
Association, Donard National School,
Carrigeen Montessori School, Skillet,
Fiona Kavanagh School of Irish
dancing, Scoil Conglais Carol Singers,
Bough Carol Singers, Baltinglass
Scout Group, Paddy Quill and Eamon
Waters. Happy new year to all.

Small Business Clinic
In South & West Wicklow.
2nd Tues. of every month @
Blessington Credit Union
(9.30am to 12.30). **Courthouse**
Arts Centre Tinahely (14.00 to
17.00). Contact the Wicklow
Enterprise Board on (0404) 67100
or email us at
enterprise@wicklowceb.ie for
appointment.

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**

Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

2nd Sunday after Christmas

4th January 2009

Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but
through him ' . John.

Did you ever ponder over the mystery of creation, over all the
creatures, we just take for granted - cats, dogs, horses ...plants, insects,
birds, the skies above, the weather the list is endless.

Well today John's Gospel tells us that ' through him all things came
to be'. God gave birth to creation and keeps giving birth to creation',
not one thing had its being but through him'.

Creation includes you and me. We are being born continually.
The very breath we breathe is shared by all of us and all life. There
are two movements in our breath - expansion and contraction. As we
breathe in the breath of life our body expands, as we breathe out our
body contracts'. It is rhythmical.

Jesus - the human race was with God in the beginning. 'The Word
was with God and the Word was God'. All of Creation is the word
and through Jesus this was revealed and is being revealed.

'Through him all things came to be'.

(A.S)