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Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Anniversaries:

Peter & Mary Burke, Tuckmill

*Brigid Cullen nee Burke of Tuckmill &
Prosperous, Naas.*

Edward & Mary Hanlon, Tuckmill

Patricia Duffy, Parkmore

Tom Somers, Irongrange

Brendan Pearson, Parkmore

James & Julia Lawlor, Bawnogues

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Robert Barrett, Ballinatone

James Coleman, Castleruddery, Donard

Annie Coleman, Castleruddery, Donard

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Michael Kehoe, Grange Con Hill.

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.**

The Rosary will be said every Friday
in St. Mary's Church, Stratford @ 7pm
during the month of October.

"Day for Life"

Sunday 4th October 2009.

The Annual Day for Life will be
observed in Ireland this year on
Sunday, 4th October. Family & Life
will be promoting awareness of this
day & encouraging people to partici-
pate in its Novena for Life. The
specific theme which the Bishops
have chosen for the Day for Life this
year is suicide.

Sunday 11th October 2009

Stratford: 6pm (Sat)

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)

11am (Sun)

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)

Readers:

Annette Mangan

Jim Kearney

Mona Nolan

Anita O'Hara

Eucharistic Ministers

Brigid Bollard

Maria Kinsella & Phil O'Connor

Catherine O'Neill & Fintan Doyle

Kay Moore

October -- the month of the Rosary.
Traditionally, October has been the month of the
Rosary. We encourage people to pray this
beautiful prayer this month. In particular, **we
invite you to the Rosary each Sunday at 3.00pm**
(15.00) at the Grotto, facilitated by the Legion of
Mary. Our **torchlight Rosary Procession** from
the Parish Centre to the Grotto on Saturday
evening, 10th October. **Please bring your own
candles.** This will begin c.8.15 (20.15) at the
Parish Centre and we will process to the Grotto.
**At the Grotto we will have the blessing of
children.** On the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
(Wednesday 7 October), we will again pray the
Rosary at the Grotto after the 10.00 Mass.

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.

Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

Autumn Collection for
Priests of the Parish.

Please note that this envelope is in your box of
envelopes and can be dropped into the collection
bags when you wish. There are also spare
envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Many thanks.

Meeting of all Parents of
First Holy Communion Children.
A meeting of all Parents of First Holy Commu-
nion Children in Baltinglass, Bigstone,
Stratford & Grange Con will take
place on Monday the 5th of October
@ 8pm in Scoil Naomh Iosaf, Baltinglass.

Training for Ministers of
Holy Communion. This Course is for new & existing
Ministers of Holy Communion. The Course will take
place in the Parish Centre, Baltinglass on **November 4th,
11th & 18th.** Each night begins @ **8pm.** Please phone the
Parish Office on 059 6481254 to let us know if you will be
attending the Course.

**We Welcome into our Christian
Community** through the Sacrament
of **Baptism** during the Month of
September 2009:

n Sienna Amy O'Neill

n Isabel Laurel Flood

n James Francis Flood

n Gillian Bridget Brennan

Bigstone Community Centre
The A.G.M. of Bigstone Community Centre
takes place in the Community Centre on Wed.
7th Oct. '09 @ 9pm. Could we please ask that a
person from each household come along to
this important meeting. We continue to work
at maintaining the centre and carry out
necessary repairs as they occur.

Dates for your Diary

Confirmation in St. Joseph's Church

Baltinglass takes place on Sunday 18th April
@ 12.30pm.

First Holy Communion:

Stratford: Sunday 25th April @ 11am

Baltinglass: Sunday 9th May @ 12.30pm

Grange Con: Sunday 16th May @ 11am.

Parish Directory.

The New Parish Directory has been distrib-
uted to what we hope are all areas in our
Community. However, if it has happened
that you did not receive a copy of The
Directory in your door, you can collect a
copy in the Parish Office or the library over
the coming weeks. We apologise for any
inconvenience.

**The number for the Fire Service in the
Directory is incorrect.**

The number should be 112 or 999.

Used Clothing Collection Drive

For homeless orphans in Kenya.

Please donate Used Clothing, Curtains, Towels,
Bed Linen & Paired Footwear. Collection will
take place beside the bottle Bank in Baltinglass
on Mon. 5th Oct. Please leave bags before 12
mid day. Enquiries to 087 6890995. Collections
carried out in association with Dóchas Nasamu,
an Irish Based Charity. Collection Permit: WCP-
KE-09-0528-01

Baby Loss Awareness

Remembrance service at St. Patrick's
Missionary, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow at
3pm on Oct. 11th '09. Refreshments
served afterwards. All are welcome. For
more information contact
info@babylossawareness.ie

**The next date for cleaning St
Joseph's Church, Baltinglass is
Friday 9th October @ 10.30am.**

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning
Numbers: 01, 09, 12, 19.

Jackpot winner: No winner.

This week's Jackpot •**7,850.00**

Match three winners: •40 each

Lil Germaine, Graney, Marie Brogan,
Athy, Tony Keogh, 2 Parkmore, M & A
Keogh, 8 Parkmore, Rosie Coffey,
Carrigeen, Gertie Curran, H. Murphy &
Lucie Moran, Kilcullen.

Tickets •2 each.

**Next draw in Judge's Inn on
Monday 5th October 2009.**

Play online www.localotto.ie

West Wicklow Gifted Childrens'
Association

We deeply regret the passing suddenly of our
Vice-Chairperson, the late Mrs Ann
Carmody, Tankardstown. Volunteers for the
coming year are Annie Byrne & Accountant
Mrs Margaret Collier; Vice-Chairperson is Dr
Fintan Kavanagh. We thank Mrs Mary
Barrett for her assistance & Mrs Patricia
Patterson, Dunlavin (2005 - 2009). We
encourage Children to explore little projects at
home - for example Silkie bantham hens - child
friendly. They sell at around •100 each in
various colours. Congratulations to the
Children who have successful home projects
now in land. Mary Doyle- Powell - 059/
6482123 Chairwoman. Treasurer: Annie
Byrne, Sheriff Hill, Moone. Membership •5
for newsletter. Cheques should be mailed to
Annie Byrne.

Dancing for pleasure

In O'Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan
on 10th Oct 2009, 9:30pm to 12:00am.

Music by John Flood

Graiguecullen Monster Bingo

In St Fiacc's Hall, Graiguecullen on Tuesday
7th Oct 2009 @ 8:30pm

**Damien Larkin - Painter &
Decorator. Phone 085/ 8260431**

West Wicklow Historical Society Meeting

on Wed. 7th Oct. at 8pm in the Parish Centre,
Baltinglass. Illustrated lecture on Edward
Stratford (1736-1801), 2nd Earl of Aldborough,
by Ronald W Lightbown. Edward Stratford,
like his father John, made great efforts to
develop Baltinglass and bring industry to it in
the mid to late eighteenth century. In addition,
Edward founded what was intended to be an
industrial town a few miles north of Baltinglass.
Stratford. All are welcome to attend the lecture.
A small cover charge applies.

Rural Arts Network

2 new Courses: - Building Communities of
culture on Sat. 10th Oct. '09. Borris National
School, Co. Carlow. •30 ArtLinks Members,
•45 Non-members. Lunch is included. For more
info and to book click on the link below or
phone 056-779 4187

<http://www.artlinks.ie/level1.php?id=35>

Building Cultural Communities

A course designed to support individuals,
voluntary groups & communities to develop
the skills to work together to encourage,
organise and promote arts and cultural events
and activities in their communities.

Accreditation may be offered (as appropriate
to groups needs), Event Production Module,
FETAC Level 5 •70 (Reduced fee •35)

For info and to book contact Brenda Delaney,
0404 32650, 087 6410866 or e-mail
bdelaney@wicklowvec.ie

Exploring our Practice.

Calling all creative individuals and anyone
with a sense of curiosity. Maggie Gallagher -
Cruios Tail Theatre Company - with
funding from Wicklow County Arts Office
& support from West Wicklow Arts
Network & the Courthouse Arts Centre,
Tinahely, will hold a series of creative
experimental workshops for adults in
Baltinglass & Tinahely. Workshop in
Baltinglass: - The Lalor Centre on Tuesday
nights from 8pm to 10pm. Oct. 13/20/27.

To book a place call Maggie on
087 413 7608

Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th October 2009

It is most wonderful to see a couple, a man and a woman together,
relating to each other in a deeply respectful way.

Today's first Reading and Gospel speak of this relationship.
Many couples have never discovered, experienced or have lost
this sense of unity and respect which is most necessary in a
marriage partnership. It is so important to have a solid
base and mutual support for each other, also to know what
expectations the other person has.

Often times each partner will bring all the baggage from their
past and not be totally free to live from who they are. Personal
growth and harmony is so important for both, that is harmony at
every level - mind, body and spirit.

The marriage bond is when two persons are united through
their being - and just how many couples really experience
this? It is so important to be true to ourselves and to each
other - not to be pretending. In an ideal world separation
and divorce would not be necessary but more education and
guidance is needed before entering a marriage partnership.
So many couples are living separate lives anyway - but let's
remember how much Jesus loved Mary Magdalene.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2009.

BAPTISMS:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass:

4th October @ 11.45. 1st November @ 11.45.

6th December @ 11.45

St Oliver Plunkett, Grange Con

Saturday 24th October @ 5pm