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

### Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Month's Mind Mass of

John Molloy, Raheen

Anniversaries:

Mick Foley, Carrigeen

Mary Foster, Nee Kenny

Brigid Hayden, Raheen

Betty Sutton nee Hanrahan,

Weaver Sq.

Nancy McDonald, nee Hanrahan,

Weaver Square

Elizabeth Fleming, Shrougnaun

William Coleman, Castleruddery,

Kathleen & Patrick Cullen, Tullow  
& formerly of Rathdangan.

Bridget O'Neill, Newtown

Eileen Lynch, Bawnogues

Jack Gorman, Clough

Larry O' Toole, Hartstown

Michael & Tom O'Neill & Sheila

Moran, Tuckmill

Anne Doyle, Parkmore

William & Maureen Doran, Mill St,

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Joseph Burke, Stratford

William Coleman, Castleruddery

Brigid Salmon, Lowtown.

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Sunday 15th February 2009

Stratford: 6pm (Sat)

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)

11am (Sun)

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)

Readers:

Karen Mangan

Niall Doogue

Elaine Byrne

Jo Coogan

Eucharistic Ministers

Jimmy Fanning

Bernie Doogue/Seamus Kelly

John Paul Kenny/Bernie Kilcoyne

May Markham

### 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

We pray for

Liam Furlong formerly of Woodfield,

Baltinglass, who

died in London during the week.

May he rest in peace

Amen

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes  
and the World Day of Prayer for the

Sick is on Wednesday 11th of  
February. The anointing of the Sick  
will take place at the 10am Mass in  
St Joseph's Church.

Trocaire Mobile Phone Appeal  
Please donate & recycle your unwanted  
mobile phones & help to raise much needed  
funds to support Trocaire's work in the  
developing world. Any type or make  
of mobile phone qualifies  
whether working or not. Remember to  
remove your SIM card. Phones can be left  
into the Parish Office.

Carlow Regional Pioneer Meeting  
in the Lalor Centre on **Frid. 20th Feb.** '09 after  
7.30pm Mass in St Joseph's Church. Refresh-  
ments will be served after the Meeting. All  
young people or anyone requiring a **silver** or **gold**  
**pioneer pin** contact **Mick Kehoe** **urgently on**  
**087/ 2875011**

Irish Wheelchair Association  
Annual Church Gate Collection of the 14th & 15th  
Feb. '09. The funds raised will help our association to  
continue and expand on a wide range of services for  
people with physical disabilities in Co. Wicklow.

### Used Stamps

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

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje  
from the 4th to 11th of April. A further •30 off  
the price if deposit is paid before the end of  
Feb. For details contact Duffy Coach Hire on  
059/6471681 or 087/2543235

### Lost Property.

A number of umbrellas, reading glasses  
and gloves have been left behind in  
Baltinglass Church after Mass. These  
items can be collected off Nancy in the  
Sacristy after any Mass.

Communications Meeting

The next meeting takes  
place in the Lalor Centre  
on Tuesday 10th of  
February 2009 @ 8.30pm.

West Wicklow Day Care  
Meeting

takes place on Wednesday 11th  
February 2009 @ 8.30  
in the Day Care Centre,  
Weather permitting.

Congratulations to /Grangecon  
N.S. U13 Quiz team  
who took part in the **Credit Union**  
**Quiz** on Friday 30th January and  
**came 2nd. The team were** Hannah  
Dowling, Amanda McGeer, Sean Parke  
& Meabhdh Thornton & Sub Eoin  
Burke. Congratulations also to the **U11**  
**team** who came **3rd. The team were**  
David Curran, Louis Glass, Dylon  
Hosey & Clara McDonagh & Sub  
Marie Kealy. Well done to all.

Mount St Anne's, Killenard,  
Portarlinton.

Confirmation/First Holy Communion  
Lunches available at Mount St. Anne's,  
Killenard, Portarlinton. Large & small  
groups catered for. Children's menu  
available. For reservations or enquiries  
phone 057/ 8626153 or  
email: msannes@eircom.net

Annual Ecumenical Service  
will be held in St Mary's Church, Church  
Lane, on Sunday 15th February @ 4pm.

### **Baltinglass GAA Club**

Last Weeks Winning  
Numbers: 03, 07, 09, 11

**Jackpot winner:** No winner

This week's Jackpot **•3,800**

**Match three winners:** •20 each

Paul & Eamonn, Monica Mullen,  
Kevin Byrne, Ed Humphries, Kerry  
Byrne, Ann Kenny, Connor Doody,  
Patricia Doody, M. Keogh, Nuala  
O'Farrell, Gary Cullen, Mrs Brid  
Murphy, John Byrne, Henry O'Neill,  
Patricia Norton, Tom Whelan, Rosie  
Coffey, John Hendy & Vonny Gilbert

**Tickets •2 each.**

**Next draw in Harbourne's Pub,  
Main Street on Mon. 9th Feb.'09**

Play online [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

Registered Child Minder  
in the Stratford area. Full time or  
part time hours. Very experienced  
& reliable. Contact Caroline on  
087/ 9457928 or 059/ 6451737

Stratford/Grangecon  
Development Association  
Community Employment Scheme  
have vacancies in the villages of  
Stratford and Grangecon. Usual  
eligibility applies. Contact Thomas  
Whittle on 087/9227051 or email  
[stratfordce@gmail.com](mailto:stratfordce@gmail.com)

### **APPEAL FOR FOSTER CARERS"**

Public Information Meeting in  
The Harbour Hotel, Newbridge Rd,  
Naas on Wed. 11th Feb. '09 @ 8pm.

Painter & Decorator  
**Interior & Exterior.** Damien Larkin,  
Baltinglass. **Phone:** 085/ 8260431

Dyspraxia Kildare West Wicklow  
Parents Support Group.

Dyspraxia/DCD explained. Presentations by Maire Louise Chapman, Senior Occupational Therapist followed by a presentation by The Dyspraxia Association. Suitable for parents, professionals, teachers, resource teachers, principals and SNA's and anyone who has an interest. The presentation starts at 8pm. Venue: Clonard Court Hotel, Athy, Co. Kildare on Wed. Feb 11th '09. For further information: [www.dyspraxiaireland.com](http://www.dyspraxiaireland.com). Email: [dyspraxiaireland@eircom.net](mailto:dyspraxiaireland@eircom.net). Phone Angela Ennis on 086 8575940/ or Fiona Miley on 087/9934654.

### **Scoil Chonglais School Disco**

Valentine's night, Sat. 14th Feb.

Organised by the Parent's Association.

**Venue:** Fatima Hall.

**Date:** Sat 14th Feb.

**Time:** 8pm to 11pm.

DJ on the night is Jake from 2nd year.

Please come along & support on  
the night.

### **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](mailto:admin@baltinglassparish.ie)

### **OPENING HOURS**

**Monday - Friday 9.30am -1.00pm**  
**1.30pm - 2.30pm**

# **Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter**

5th Sunday in ordinary time

8th February 2009

**'He went off to a lonely place and prayed there'. Gospel.**

Have you ever compared yourself to others? Well, I have often been busy doing just that. Times that I am searching, times I am dwelling too much on the past, times I am afraid, times I am insecure, times I am discontent.

There are times also when I am feeling happy, feeling contented with who I am, times I feel secure, times I am at peace. The more I recognise the positive the more it will grow. I need to savour these wonderful moments of peace and contentment.

'Jesus went off to a lonely place and prayed there' - but he had to return to be among the people. He found the balance between being alone and being with others. Each of us is invited to do the same.

I am content with the little things of life - the simple things - and it's in this contentment that I meet God. Relationships are most important to me, everything and everybody in relationship - also relationship with myself. I need to work on all of this, to take time alone as Jesus did so that I am more able to go out mixing and meeting without comparing myself to others.

**'Jesus went off to a lonely place and prayed there'.**