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

Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Anniversaries:

Margaret O'Toole, Tankardstown

Mick Lennon, Parkmore

Cecil McGeer, Parkmore

Anne McGrath, Carrigeen

Paddy & Annie Cullen, Deerpark

Paul Rowe & his Parents, Bawnogues

William Byrne, Shroughaun

Felix O'Neill, Weaver Square

Patrick O'Reilly, Woodfield

Kenneth Bookle, Shepherds Bush,

London

Pat, Peter & Mary O'Brien, Irongrange

Patrick Coffey, Carrigeen

James O'Shea, Waterville, Kerry

John O'Connor, Parkmore

Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Month's Mind Mass of

Ann Nolan, Stratford

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Bridget & Daniel Coughlan, Dunlavin

Evening Vigil - St Mary's Church
Stratford on Slaney - 16th March '09.
5.50pm - Hymn. **6pm** - Mass. **6.50pm** - Stations
of the Cross. **7.10pm** - Rosary & Catena. **7.30pm**
- Peregrination pro Christo what it means.
7.40pm Venerable Edel Quinn. **7.55pm** - Break.
8.20pm - Holy Hour. **9.20pm** - Peregrinatio
Report. **9.35pm** - Concluding Prayers of the
Legion. **9.45pm** - Address of Comitium Presi-
dent. **10pm** - Night Prayer. **10.10pm** - Distribu-
tion of Shamrock. **N.B** The Sacrament of
Reconciliation (Confession) will take place
during the Vigil & times will be announced

The Sick and the Housebound

Fr Sean will visit the people
in the **Country Areas** on **Monday**
morning 9th March @ 10.30am.

Fr Tommy will visit the people
in the **Town Areas** on **Thursday**
morning 12th March @ 10.30am

St Vincent De Paul - Africa Collection.
The collection on the 21st & 22nd Feb. raised •2,238.05
from the 3 Churches of Baltinglass Parish. This is an
incredibly generous response to this appeal & the Vincent
de Paul Society would like to thank all the parishioners for
their donations. The following is part of a text of an e-mail
received from Fr John Joe Garvey. "I was delighted to hear
of the success of the fund raising for our programs.
Thanks to all those who contributed so generously. It will
be a great help as things are difficult here. Your generosity
is deeply appreciated here. May God reward you
abundantly. God bless, Fr John Joe Garvey.

Visit of The Relics of Saint Therese
of Lisieux, Carmelite Church, White Abbey, Kildare on
Friday April 24th to Mon. 27th April 2009. A full
programme of services & times will be available later.

Self Help Africa.

Will hold a Church Gate Collection in this Parish on
14th & 15th March '09.

St Patrick's Day Parade

on Sun. 15th March. We would appeal to local businesses to
enter into the spirit of the event. There is no charge for float
entries! To ensure the success of the event & provide a base
for an annual parade a small financial contribution from each
local firm would be appreciated. Any contribution from
•50.00 to • 250.00 would help defray the costs of the event.
Contact: Ann Patterson, Main Street, Baltinglass 059
6481575 or Vincent Gethings, Iron Grange 086 1560963

WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE CENTRE.

Next meeting will take place on Wed. 11th
March @ 8pm in the Day Care Centre.

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

February 2009:

Conor Joseph Cullen

Jake Anthony Beggs

Ellen Kate Cogan

Hannah Sophie Halpin

Ciara Siobhan Hancock

Kendall Mary Malone Walsh

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.
the next meeting has been
rescheduled for Thurs. 19th
March in The Parish Centre @ 8pm.
The Communications Group
Next meeting takes place in the Parish
Centre on Tues. 10th March @ 8.30pm

Trocaire

Every day, thousands of innocent people are
forced to flee their homes because of conflict.
They lose everything. Even as you read this
people are fleeing their homes and struggling to
survive. This Lent, you can help:
<<http://apps.trocaire.org/lists/1> Trocaire works in
many countries where millions of people have
been forced to flee their homes because of
conflict. This Lent, please support Trocaire and
help to rebuild innocent lives torn apart by
conflict. Any amount given will make a
difference. This year, you can donate
online through our virtual Trocaire box.
<<http://apps.trocaire.org/lists/lt> .php

Congratulations to the following
who were married recently.

Linda O'Hara

&

Paul Galvin

& also

Brian Matthews

&

Marianne Bogue

Mount St Anne's, Killenard, Portarlington.
Poetry & Spirituality - Sat. 14th March '09. The
link between poetry & spirituality will be
explored. Presented by Sr Mairead Murphy .
10am to 4.30pm. •50 (including lunch)

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

We pray for
Lizzie Kearney
Late of Bawnogues & Dublin
Who died during the week.
May she rest in peace
Amen

An open invitation
Ephesus Evenings - Lenten Series on St
Paul. Parish Centre, Portlaoise. 8pm to
10pm on March 11th '09. The Conversion
of St. Paul - From faithful Jew to Passionate
Christian. Speaker: Ms. Debra Snoddy
lectures in New Testament in All Hallows
College, Dublin.

Sunday 15th March 2009

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers
Stratford:	6pm (Sat) Jim Fanning	Helen O'Keefe
Baltinglass:	7.30pm (Sat): Jim Kearney	Matt O'Brien & May Kennedy
	11am (Sun) Kate Deans	Catherine O'Neill & Fintan Doyle
Grangecon	9.30am (Sun) Theresa Doyle	Kay Moore

Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning
Numbers: 17, 25, 26, 30

Jackpot winner: No winner
This week's Jackpot •4,400

Match three winners:

• 150.00 each

Con Murphy, Baltinglass.

Tickets •2 each.

**Next draw in McDonagh's Pub on
Monday 9th March 2009.**

Play online www.localotto.ie

Fetac Level 5 Special Needs Course

Thurs. mornings 10am -2pm for 12 weeks. 2
Modules - Understanding Special Needs &
Special Needs Assisting. Starts March 5th.
Teaching Assistant Skills Level 6. Now
enrolling for Course on March 25th - 6.30-
9.30pm. Candidates must have a Level 5
Childcare or Special Needs Assistant or
equivalent. Funding may be available. Contact
Aislinn @ Vision Training on 086 1704157

Coffee Morning in Lalor Centre
(new building) in aid of Daffodil day.

Time 10.30am to 12 noon

on Thursday 12th march 09. Cake sale &
raffle prizes. Anyone who wishes to
bake buns etc. we would be very
grateful. All proceeds go to the hospice
All are welcome.

Baltinglass & District
Country Market.

Pick up your St. Patrick Day Badges,
Cards and Treats at Baltinglass & District
Country Market this Sat at 10-1

Experienced Guitar Teacher.

Beginners & Advanced. Contact

Leonie on 085/1524553

Rainbows Pre-School Montessori

Catering for children 2.5 yrs to 5 yrs. Now taking
enrolments for Sept. 09 & Jan. 2010. Rainbows
Summer Camp 2009 July & August '09.

Phone 086/ 0681624

Daffodil Day

Will be held in Baltinglass & surrounding
areas on Fri. 20th March '09. Fresh & silk
daffodils & other merchandise will be on
sale at different stalls in the town.

Donations of fresh daffodils gratefully
received. Anyone wishing to help will be
very welcome. Please come to the main
stall at McAlister's monument. Please
give as generously as you can as you
always do.

West Wicklow Arts Network 3rd
Anniversary Gig

Traditional band Lonnra feature local
singer/bodhran player Claire Leigh, Skillet,
Cordilia Von Klot & Jacques Candelay.
They'll be accompanied on the night by Phil
Callery. Not all music on the night will be
traditional Irish. Also on the bill is singer/
songwriter John Maguire . The Rory Adams
Trio play their own style music which has a
definite funky accoustic feel to it. Lovers of
swing-blues are in for a treat with the music
of the Low Down Dogs. All this takes place
in The Watermill (Horans) on Fri. 13th of
March, @ 8.30pm. Adm. •5

Avril's Allotments

Grow your own fruit and veg enquires
phone Avril on 087-4119214

Parents and friends Committee meeting
Wed 11th march @ 8.30 pm in the new Lalor
Centre. Hope to see you all there.

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 in Lent

8th March 2009

'In their presence he was transfigured'.

I know a man called Bill who is 93 years of age. He jogs 3 miles most days and he occupies his time sketching old houses from memory. His work is wonderful.

Now, today's Gospel tells us about the Transfiguration of Jesus. Peter, James and John were up on the mountain with Jesus. There in their presence he was transfigured, his clothes became dazzling white.

A cloud came covering them in shadow and from this cloud the Father's voice was heard. This is my Son the Beloved. Listen to him!

This event was a preview of the Resurrection of Jesus. The disciples wanted to stay on the mountain - to stay with the experience but they had to come down. Often we want to hold on to the precious moments of our lives but they become memories. We can sit and reflect on those precious moments, dwell on those wonderful experiences so they can uplift us when times are difficult.

So just as Bill relies on his memory to sketch old houses so can we also rely on our memories to recall moments of Resurrection, glimpses of the full new life awaiting each of us.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2009.

BAPTISM

Baltinglass: 15th March 2009 @ 11.45am

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.