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### Anniversary Masses:

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Anniversaries:

Jim Keogh, Parkmore

Frank Glynn, Mill Street

Patsy Fennell, Clough

Pat Farrell, 3 Beech Avenue, Parkmore

John & Catherine Rogers, Edward Street,  
Baltinglass

Anna & Thomas Bollard, Randlestown,  
Stratford.

Paul Kehoe & the Kehoe & Hutton

Families, Weaver Sq., Baltinglass

Mary & Annie Groves, Parkmore

Paddy O'Reilly, Carrigeen

Maisie & Joseph O'Brien, Edward Street  
& Mr Peacon.

Bridget O'Neill, The Wood

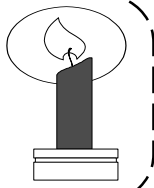
Stratford: 6pm: (Sat)

Anna & Thomas Bollard, Randlestown,  
Stratford

Michael Morris, Winetavern

Grangecon: 9.30am:

We pray for  
**Christopher Ryder,**  
Deerpark, Baltinglass  
Who died recently.  
**May he rest in peace**  
**Amen.**



The next date for cleaning Baltinglass  
Church is Friday 21st May 2010.

Sunday 23rd May 2010

Readers:



Eucharistic Ministers



Stratford: 6pm (Sat) Elizabeth Thompson

Brigid Bollard

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat) Niall Lennon

Maria Kinsella/Phil O'Connor

11am (Sun) Mona Nolan

Nancy Hughes/Catherine Lord

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun) Jo Coogan

May Markham

### 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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2010

Baltinglass, Hacketstown &  
Rathvilly/Kiltegan Parishes.

\*\*\*Pilgrimage Tour\*\*\*

23 August 2010 -

5 nights. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
- •749.00.\*Free Travel Insurance up  
to age 85 years. Supplement: Single  
Room •175 (very restricted) De-  
posit: •200 pp. Escorted by: Fr.

Seán Maher. How to book. Phone  
059/ 6481722 or visit Elliott Travel  
(spaces are strictly limited). Early  
booking is recommended! This  
holiday is operated by Joe Walsh  
Tours Licence Number T.O. 052

The Kildare and Leighlin Pilgrimage  
to Knock this year will take place on Sund. 6th June.  
As in previous years Fr. Liam Lawton & the Diocesan  
Choir will lead the singing. This year we expect good  
participation from across the diocese. All are welcome.

Day of Healing.

In Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on Sat.

22nd May 2010. Bus departs the Square,  
Baltinglass @ 7.30a.m. via Tullow & Carlow. Bring  
a packed lunch. 059/ 9151245 or 059/ 9151120 for  
booking.

The Lalor Centre.

The annual Auction takes place on Friday 21st May in  
Inis Fail, Germaines, Baltinglass. The tag table will be  
in Germaines from 11am to 4.30pm on that day. The  
next auction meeting takes place in Inis Fail on  
Wednesday the 19th May @ 9pm. This is the final  
night for list of items for auction.

Danny's Corner.

Hello Everyone. Please come & support the Lalor  
Centre at our Auction on Frid. 21st May @ 9pm in  
Germaines. Come and have some fun.

INVITATION.

The priests and parishioners of Caragh invite you to join in  
and celebrate the 50th Anniversary, Re-opening and  
Blessing of our Church on the 30th May, 2010 in The  
Church of Our Lady & St Joseph, Caragh. Mass at 3.00pm.  
Followed by light refreshments and entertainment.

Vision

A unique opportunity to experience an Abundant Life!  
Spirituality for the 21st Century. Discover how the  
power of the beatitudes gives you a deep spiritual  
experience etc. Open to all denominations. Venue:  
Parish Centre, Graiguecullen on Sat. 29th May from 10am  
to 4pm. Cost: donation. People to make their own  
arrangements for lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. For  
information of dates & venues of Vision Seminars visit  
[www.visionbeinspired.com](http://www.visionbeinspired.com)

Free Weekly Course in Child's Play

For Parents starting Mon.17th May in Baltinglass Adult  
Learning Centre. The Course is funded by Co. Wicklow  
VEC and is available to all early school leavers. Contact  
Annette/Maeve on 059 64 82642 or 086 8462771 for details.

Baltinglass Seniors' Annual Holiday  
From June 20th to 25th at the Connemara  
Coastal Hotel. Price •395. A few places left.  
Ring Anne on 087/ 6156993. People that are  
already booked please ensure that all money is  
paid in 2 weeks before departure. Will depart  
on Sun. 20th at Fatima Hall, Baltinglass @ 9am.

Carlow Choral Society

Will perform "The Seasons" by Joseph Hadyn in  
the Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow on Sun.  
May 16th @ 8pm. Info: Susan 0857119334.

The West Wicklow Historical Society  
Held its 30th annual general meeting on Wed.  
12th May. Long standing members Dorothy  
Leonard and Irene Mogg, who were unable to  
attend, were mentioned at the meeting for their  
great support of the WWHS over many years.  
Currently the summer programme of excursions  
is being finalised. Members are reminded that  
annual subscriptions are now due (15 Euro  
individual; 25 Euro family). Anyone interested  
in becoming a new member may contact the PRO  
([gorry@indigo.ie](mailto:gorry@indigo.ie)).

Raffle at Baltinglass Bingo

Baltinglass Parish Bingo takes place every  
Monday night in Fatima Hall at 8.30pm. On  
31st May the raffle will be in aid of Stratford  
National School. Your support would be  
greatly appreciated.

May is the Month of the Rosary.  
The Rosary will be recited on Sunday 16th  
May at the Grotto at the Presentation  
Cemetery, Baltinglass @ The 3pm. Also the  
Rosary and Exposition of the Holy Eucharist  
at Grange Con Church on Sunday 16th May  
@ 3pm.

Scoil Chonglais Annual Exhibition  
of Students' Work takes place in Scoil  
Chonglais, Baltinglass on Sunday 23rd  
May from 12noon to 6pm. Open to the  
public. All are very welcome.

### Baltinglass GAA Club

Last Weeks Winning Numbers: 03, 05, 11, 20.

**Jackpot winner:** No Winner.

This week's Jackpot **•4,900.**

**Match three winners:** •300 each.

Con Murphy, Bawnogues, Ann Kenny, Kiltegan, Patricia Doody, Baltinglass & Bridie Kehoe, Grange Con.

**Tickets •2 each.**

**Next draw in The Judge's Inn, Main Street on Monday 17th May 2010.**



Well done to Baltinglass U14 Girls Who are on the way to Derry for the Feile Peil Na Nog to represent Wicklow. Congrats to Marie Kealy from Grangecon School who won the skills Competition with Cumann Na mBun Scoil to represent Wicklow on All-Ireland semi-final day in August.

#### Clothing Collection

In aid of Chernobyl Aid Ireland.

Please donate your used clothing, towels, bags, shoes, bed linen, bags & curtains in bags outside Fatima Hall, Baltinglass on Wed., 19th May from 9am to 12 noon. Contact Tina Kavanagh on 087 630 1350.

#### KILTEGAN IT CENTRE.

Whiz Kidz afternoon class starts Wed., 19th May from 4-5pm. Limited places. Photoshop Evening class starts Thursday 13th May from 7-9pm. 2 places left. Beginners day & evening classes starting soon. Day time class runs one day a week for 6 weeks and is from 10am-12. Evening class runs one day a week for 6 weeks and is from 7-9pm. Contact Kiltegan IT Centre on 059 64 73330 for more information.

#### Yoga for Health & Fitness.

Six week course starting in the Parish Centre, Baltinglass on Tuesday 18th May from 7.30pm to 9pm. Cost •80 for the course. Phone Kirsty Howe on 087 6327830. Please book as places are limited.

#### Baltinglass Lion's Club

With the help of the Hospital Nursing Staff will provide a FREE diabetes screening service next Saturday 22nd May.

#### THE Match of 2010.

**"Wicklow V Carlow."**

In Portlaoise on Sunday 16th May. Rumour has it that Wicklow is 5 to 1 to win. Whoever is giving those odds, please let us know because I need a few bob for the holidays!!!

Do you suffer from Migraine?

The Migraine Association of Ireland is coming to Wicklow to hold an information seminar on Thurs. May, 20th at the Brooklodge Hotel near Arklow from 7pm. To book your place email info@migraine.ie or call 1850 200 378.

#### West Wicklow Arts Network Presents The Discovery Gospel Choir

Who will perform a FREE concert on Wed., May 26th, to celebrate Africa Day in The Church of Ireland Church in Baltinglass. With members from Ireland, Botswana, Cameroon, Congo-Brazzaville, China, England, France, Haiti, Kenya, Nigeria, Poland, South Africa, Uganda & Zimbabwe, the choir represents a rich diversity of backgrounds. Doors open @ 7.30pm. Concert begins @ 8pm. All donations appreciated.

#### The Judge's Inn Golf Society.

Outing to Kilkenny Golf Club on Friday 21st May, 2010 from 3 to 4pm. For timesheet contact 087/ 6431831.

#### Daisy Cottage Farm, Kiltegan.

The next poultry bring & buy sale is on Saturday 15th May @ 10am. Small animals & rare breeds welcome. Contact 087/ 695 6810 or 087 997 2371.

#### 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

#### OPENING HOURS

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

# Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

The Ascension of the Lord

16th May 2010

"He blessed them". 'Today's Gospel'.

The gorse (furze) is in bloom and the very scent from it makes me feel drunk. It is so prickly and its deep golden yellow flowers are only heavenly.

"...Lifting up his hands he blessed them! Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into heaven. He had to leave so that his spirit could become part of every human being. Jesus was chosen by the Father to fulfil a certain mission on earth - so that he would renew the whole world. He was mediator between God and humanity.

Some of us may know people who have the peace of Christ - an inner peace not dependent on exterior circumstances. We are all invited to this peace - not wanting more than what we have and thanking God for it. There is a peace in handing over and allowing our lives to unfold rather than wanting to control everything.

Jesus blessed his disciples - maybe we too could bless others. Thank you God for people in my life who are helping me on life's journey. Bless them and bless the mayflower, the song of the bird and the beautiful scent of the gorse.

"Now as he blessed them he withdrew from them and was carried up to Heaven".

A.S.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2010.

#### BAPTISMS:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass:  
Sunday 6th June @ 11.45.  
Sunday 4th July @ 11.45.  
Sunday 1st August @ 11.45.

#### First Holy Communion:

Grange Con: Sunday 16th May @ 11am.

