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

Anniversary Masses:

Diocesan web site: www.kandle.ie

This weekend:

Baltinglass: 7.30pm:

Month's Mind Mass of

Jim Bourke, Irongrange

Nan Kavanagh, Irongrange

Anniversaries:

Paddy Harper, Parkmore

Freda Keogh, Parkmore

Edward O'Toole, Tankardstown

Mary Nolan, Bawnogues

Margaret Edwards, Holdenstown

Katherine & Matthew Byrne (Snr), Chapel Hill

Mark Dalton, formerly of this parish

Billy Walsh, Woodfield.

Stratford: 6pm: (Saturday)

Matthew, Christina & John Hanly

Grangecon: 9.30am:

Anniversaries: 2nd/3rd January.

Baltinglass:

John Molloy, Raheen

John & Sarah Leigh, Rathbran

Aileen Walsh, Woodfield

Philip Hughes, Parkmore

Jane & Michael Clynych, Lathaleer

Grangecon:

Peter & Elizabeth Cullen, Bessina

John Molloy, Raheen

John & Sarah Leigh, Rathbran

Anniversaries

Holy Day -6th Jan. 2010

Philip Hughes Jnr. Late of Parkmore

& Ruthin in Wales.

Joseph & Catherine Kavanagh

Collections last weekend

Development Fund: • 1,269.00
Offertory: • 1,212.00
Thanks to all who give so generously

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.

Mass in St Paul's Oratory @ 10 am on

Monday 28th December 2009,

Tuesday 29th December 2009,

Wednesday 30th December 2009,

Thursday 31st December 2009.

Mass in St Joseph's Church @ 11am

on Friday 1st January 2010

Collectors for Grangecon for the month
of January are Martin McGeer &
Paul Moore.

Holy Day - 6th January.
Reader in Grangecon is Joe Hamill
Eucharistic Minister is May Markham.

Workshops in Mount St. Anne's during Januray 2010.

Thursday January 14th, 21st and 28th.

**8pm-9.30pm. CROCHET CLASSES -
ALL LEVELS**

Learn to crochet in a relaxed atmosphere and
create something fantastic!

Presenter: Sr. Róisín Gannon pbvm

Cost: 10 Euro per night

Thursdays January 14th – March 18th -

8pm – 9.30pm. YOGA COURSE

Every Thursday for 10 weeks

Why not relax and ease the stresses of life
with an enjoyable course in yoga.

Presenter: Edel Swords (ITEC; YTTC ap-
proved)

Cost: 10 Euro per night (90 Euro – 10 nights)

**Wednesday January 27th - Wednesday
March 31st. EXPLORING THE SCRIP-
TURE IN CONTEXT**

Every Wednesday for 9 nights. 8.00-9.30pm

Presenter: Sr. de Lourdes Sheridan pbvm

Cost: Donation.

**Saturday January 30th - 10am – 4.30pm
MUSIC THERAPY**

Different ways of using music during the
healing process. Ideal for carers, health profes-
sionals or just for the pure enjoyment of music.

Presenter: Clara Monahan

Cost: 50 Euro (includes light lunch and tea/
coffee)

Collectors for Baltinglass

for the month of January 2010 are:

Saturdays @ 7.30pm Masses.

Main Aisle: Noel Kennedy

John Kelly

Convent Aisle: Michael O'Neill

Lalor Aisle: Charley Shortt

Sundays @ 11am Mass.

Main Aisle: Kevin O'Neill

Donal Kavanagh

Convent Aisle: Paschal Dunne

Lalor Aisle: Michael Cogan

Mass of the Nations

Our diocese is celebrating a Mass of the
Nations on the Feast of the Epiphany (6th
Jan 2010) at 12.30pm in the Church of Ss.

Peter and Paul, Portlaoise with repre-
sentatives from many countries including
Poland, slovakia, Brazil, India, Romania,
Philippines & many African countries. All
are welcome.

Lourdes 2010

The Pilgrimage to Lourdes is
provisionally fixed for August
23rd to 28th 2010. More infor-
mation in the new year 2010.

Sunday 3rd January 2009.

Stratford: 6pm (Sat)

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)

11am (Sun)

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)

Readers:

Stephen Poll

Mary Hayes

Alice Cullen

Margaret Kealy



Eucharistic Ministers

Melisa Egan

Theresa McDermott/Clare O'Neill

Catherine O'Neill/Margaret Brennan

Tony Howard



Sunday 10th January 2009.

Stratford: 6pm (Sat)

Baltinglass: 7.30pm (Sat)

11am (Sun)

Grangecon 9.30am (Sun)

Readers:

Mary Whittle

Marie Doyle

Catherine O'Neill

Mary Ross



Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Fleming/Julia O'Neill

Tony Duffy/Kate Deans

Mick Kehoe



Baltinglass GAA Club



Jackpot winner: No winner

Winning Numbers: 2, 6, 8, 21.

Next week's Jackpot •**10,300**

Match three winners: •30 each

Yvonne Foley, Tynock, Mary
Campion, 7 Parkmore, Jer O'Neill,
Bull Ring, Winnie Keogh, 2,
Parkmore, Lillie Kehoe,
Barronstown, Fiona Doyle,
Rathbran, Sheila Parke, Jimmy
Murphy, Shillelagh,
Eileen Coffeey, B. Collins.

Voucher Winners.

Mary Doyle, Bill Porter, Jennifer
Bollard, Winetavern, P. Treacy,
Edward Street, Margaret
O'Driscoll, Borkle & Brendan
Collins.

Tickets •2 each.

Next draw in Dutchman's Pub,
Edward Street on Tuesday 29th
Decembe 2009 @ 10pm.

The Lalor Centre

A sincere thanks & a Happy Christmas to
all our loyal friends, supporters & people
who have been so good to us all year,
especially the hard working committee.

Dancing for pleasure
In O'Toole Memorial Hall,
Rathdangan, on 9th Jan. 2010, from
9:30pm to 12:00. Music by Cupla.

We remember all in our Parish who
are sick at this time. May God
bless them.

Baltinglass & District Country Market

is now closed until February. We wish all
our customers a merry christmas and a
happy new year.

2008 Review.

The Communications Group wish to
thank you for your support in pur-
chasing the Parish Magazine in such
great numbers yet again this year. The
2009 Review seems to be another great
read - with articles, news & stories
from past & present events & happen-
ings in our Parish. There are still some
Reviews on sale in the shops &
outlets around Baltinglass. A note of
thanks to the shops & outlets who
very kindly take the Review & sell
them for us each year.

TULLOW R.F.C.

New Years Eve Party. Doors open @ 8pm.
Wine, Champagne on arrival- until
10.30pm. •5 Cover Charge.
Music til late. Spot Prizes.

Readoiri Competition.

Well done to Pippa Lee, Laura
Burke, Kellie Nolan & Nathalie
Lennon who competed in the disco
dancing section of the competition in
Graiguenamanagh on the 11th Dec.
They did themselves proud.

THE PARISH OFFICE
is closed from Thursday 24th
December (inclusive) & will re-
open on Mon. 4th January @
9.30a.m. Anniversaries can be
left into the Sacristy after any of
the Masses during this time.
Please note
This week's newsletter
is a double issue.

Baltinglass Grangecon Stratford & Bigstone Newsletter

The Feast of the Holy Family.

27th December 2009

The Holy Family.

One day when I was out walking I saw this magnificent
formation of fern leaves growing in among the trees. I just
stood in wonder. The formation was due to the root cluster
underneath and to me it was perfect.

Now, human beings live in families and today's celebration is
that of the Holy Family. Every family is holy as each human
has a sacred centre within and every home is built on sacred
ground. So we have many sacred sites in our country.

In the 1st Reading from Samuel, Hannah had a son but she
'made him over to the Lord' for the whole of his life. She
did not cling onto him but gave him back to Life itself.

There is a holy family in each of us - a Mary, Joseph and
Jesus - aspects of a man, a woman and a child which can be
related to the Trinity God within. But let's look at the wider
aspect of community - families making up villages, towns,
cities, counties, countries and our global family.

In Africa they say it takes a village to rear a child, well I say
it takes the whole world. Our global family has a global root
cluster - rooted in the God of history and the God of eternity
- Christ.

'We are already the children of God' John. A.S

BAPTISMS:

St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass:
Sunday 3rd January @ 11.45a.m.
Sunday 7th February @ 11.45a.m.
Sunday 7th March @ 11.45a.m.

