

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

*'We seek to become a more welcoming community where God's message of faith,
hope and love is experienced'*

REFLECTION: LEARNING THE LESSON OF THE LEAVES

At this time of year, the leaves are turning golden. Many have fallen down and the wind is rapidly blowing away the rest. In Germany, they say that tidying up leaves is a "fools task" – at least until they have all fallen down.

The trees are taking off their clothes in a sense for the long sleep of winter. Those trees are not afraid of letting go – which is something we all have to do.

There is so much in our lives which we should let go of – stuff we have hoarded, old clothes, old grudges, old habits of thinking, even old ideas.

As November approaches, we are aware of our dead, who have let go of life in order to embrace eternal life. We find it hard to let go of them. May the grieving people receive grace to learn the lesson of the leaves, and gently entrust their loved ones to God.

Fr. John Durkan

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

Fr. Paraic Costelloe - Foxford 094-925131

Fr. Gerard Davey - Foxford 094-9256401

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES:

All Souls Day: Callow Church, 10a.m. and 7p.m.
Killasser Church, 8.15p.m.

Wednesday: Killasser, 10a.m. – Faithful Departed

Thursday: Callow, 7.30p.m. – Faithful Departed

Friday: Killasser, 10a.m. - People of the Parish

Friday: Killasser, 8p.m. – Faithful Departed

MASS ON MIDWEST RADIO will be broadcast from Killasser Church on Sunday 1st November - Feast of All Saints.

The Mass in Killasser will be at 10a.m. that day, and the Mass in Callow will be at 11.30a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The McLoughlin Family (Dereen)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Mulligan Family (Callow)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

NEWSLETTER NOTICE: The Parish Newsletter will be printed on Friday afternoons, and so, please email all notices as early as possible on a Friday.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES: November Envelopes for our faithful departed with the usual lists have been left in Killasser and Callow Churches. Masses will be offered for all those named on these lists during the month of November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Confirmation 22nd May 2010

Time to be arranged

First Confession 10th March 2010

Killasser Church, 7p.m.

First Holy Communion 25th April 2010

Killasser Church at 11.30a.m. Mass

If any of the families directly involved have a difficulty with any of these dates, Please contact Fr. John immediately.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Killasser Church on Monday 2nd November, 4 – 7p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

24th/25th October amounted to €1,020

PASTORAL COUNCIL: A very sincere thanks and congratulations to Geraldine Burke, Evelyn Warde and Caroline Forkan who have agreed to serve as new members of the Parish Council. May the Lord reward you all richly, and your families, for your generosity and commitment. The Parish is enriched and blessed because you have offered your services to us all.

A proposal being discussed by the Pastoral Council is the possibility of changing the Sunday Mass time in Callow Church from 10a.m. to 9.30a.m. This gives the priest more time to talk to the people of Callow, book Masses, etc. Your feedback on this proposal to any Pastoral Council member would be appreciated.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME: A very cordial meeting of parents took place recently. The Enrolment Mass for families of those who will be receiving First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, 8th November at 11.30a.m. All the families involved are invited to sit in the seats at the front of the Church, and also please bring the Baptismal Candle for your child along with you. WE ask everyone to pray for these boys and girls, as they prepare for Confession and Holy Communion. Next meeting for parents will be on 24th November at 8p.m. in Killasser Church.

ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? Invest in your marriage, invest in your future. Take time out to examine the foundations of your relationship by attending an Accord Marriage Preparation Course. Contact your local centre in Charlestown on 094-9254944. Office hours are 10.00 a.m - 1.00 p.m. or log in to www.accord.ie It is very important to participate in your Marriage Preparation Course not later than a year before your Wedding date. Later than that means that you are preoccupied with many practical arrangements which makes it more difficult to really benefit from the course.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION: The Annual collection of the Swinford Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will take place on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November 2009. Envelopes for the collection will be available in the Church on the week prior to the collection. Please give generously to this worthy cause. Thanking you for your continued support.

HARVEST COLLECTION: A sincere thanks to all who contributed to Harvest Collection.

FOXFORD BINGO continues every Friday night, commencing each night at 9.00 p.m. sharp. Up to €2,000 on offer each night. It takes place in the Sports and Leisure Centre. Your support will be very much appreciated.

TABLE QUIZ: Scoil Muire agus Treasa Parents Association are holding a fun table quiz in Melletts Emporium on Thursday 5th November at 9pm. Tables of 4 €40. All welcome.

25 CARD GAME: The usual 25 Card game continues on Monday nights at 9p.m. sharp in Killasser Community Centre. All welcome.

25 CARD DRIVE: 25 Card Drive continues in Meelick Community Centre every Tuesday night 9p.m. for the winter season. All are welcome.

BOTHAR FUNDRAISING TREK IN OCTOBER TO ASSISI: Join Bothar on a week long trek following the footsteps of Francis of Assisi this October. Bothar use livestock in development aid projects throughout the developing world. For further details contact Bothar on 071-20100 or by e-mail at events@bothar.ie

BROADBAND is now available by contacting Westnet on **1850 930 305** This could be of great benefit to everyone who uses the internet on a regular basis. It can certainly speed up the process

COSGALLEN NEWS - COSGALLEN WEBSITE: For information about upcoming events organised by Cosgallen CDP log on to www.cosgallen.com /

Sean Nos Dancing Classes for Adults: Sean Nos Dancing Classes for Adults continue every Wednesday night in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown at 9pm. All are welcome.

Widow's Group The next meeting of the Widow's Group will be held on Monday November 16th 2009 at 8pm in the Cosgallen office. For more information contact Cosgallen CDP on 094-9255070.

Local Employment Outreach: Are you currently unemployed? If so, The Local Employment Service will hold an outreach in Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown on **Wednesday November 4th 2009 from 10am to 12 noon.** This is a free and confidential information and support service to unemployed people seeking training and employment. To book an appointment, phone the Swinford Local Employment Office on 094-9252657. For more information contact Cosgallen CDP or phone us on 094-9255070.

Practical IT for Beginners Course: Mayo Local Employment Service are running a Practical IT course for beginners aimed at assisting participants to develop basic computer skills, leading to a qualification in Computer Literacy. The course will be held in Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown twice weekly on Monday and Friday mornings from 10am – 2pm. For more information, or to book a place on the course, contact Mayo Local Employment Service on 094 9252657/094 9382216 or Cosgallen CDP on 094 9255070. Eligible participants may be entitled to some financial assistance towards travel expenses.

Tickets for Audience with the Pope: If any one going to Rome wishes to attend an audience with the Pope, I can arrange for you to get tickets. In special cases, it is possible even to meet the Holy Father in person. Please give me plenty of notice, otherwise it will not work out. Fr. John.

KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME: Consumers of Killasser Group Water Scheme are advised that the water rates for this year are now due and will be collected in the coming weeks in the usual way. The charges for this year have been set at €90 per house and €140 for house and land. The Committee wish to thank the membership for their continued support over the last year.

COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY: In the current climate families may experience stress which can cause relationship difficulties. It is important to know that taking over a problem with a counsellor can help. The Family Counselling and Therapy Centre, Ballaghaderreen offers a professional and confidential service to individuals, couples and families. Issues include: relationships, difficulties, bereavement, separation, depression, loss, abuse etc. For appointments you can contact the centre on 094-9861000.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING: A meeting of Killasser Community Centre Committee will be held on Wednesday night next, 4th November at 8.30p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Denise Ginty and Kevin Doyle who were married in Killasser Church last Sunday. May God Bless their married lives.

We also congratulate Damian & Breda Tansey on the recent baptism of their daughter, Roisin Aine. May God bless her on the roads of life.

Sincere sympathy to the Sheerin family, Boreen, on the death of Miceál recently. May he rest in peace.

Sincere sympathy to the Rowley family on the death of JP from Carrabeg. May he rest in peace.

PRAY FOR:

- Denis Moran, Carrowliamore, Saturday 31st October, 8p.m.
- Patrick & Mary Rochford and deceased family members, Cartron, Saturday 31st October, 8p.m.
- Martin Doherty, Northhampton, his son Martin and parents John & Annie May Doherty, Foxford, Saturday 31st October, 8p.m.
- Deceased members of the Davitt Family, Dromada-Joyce, Sunday 1st November, 10a.m. **THIS MASS WILL BE IN KILLASSER CHURCH**
- Thomas & Catherine Monaghan, and sons Thomas & Anthony, Cullenaughton, Sunday 1st November, 11.30a.m. **THIS MASS WILL BE IN CALLOW CHURCH**
- Fr. Dudley Filan, Dunmaynor, Killasser, and his parents, Nicholas & Delia, Saturday 7th November, 8p.m.
- Tom Brown, Callow, Sunday 8th November, 10a.m.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.