

# 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'*

### 'WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER HUNGER'

Sometimes what we eat really seems to matter. We don't want a certain food because we had the same thing yesterday or maybe we don't like the taste. At other times, we crave a particular food. We feel nothing else can satisfy us.

What I love are those times when I get to share a meal with someone, and it doesn't matter what we eat. Like dinner with my wife on our wedding anniversary when the two of us can simply be together. Or when an old friend comes to town and the meal gives us a chance to talk. In these cases, the food is not nearly as important as the person.

Jesus showed he understood our physical need to eat. He fed the five thousand. The Lord's Prayer includes a petition for our Father to give us our daily bread. But Jesus also challenges us to work for food that endures. He wants to be certain we also receive from his Father the true bread from heaven which gives life to the world. Ultimately, Jesus wants us to believe in him and come to him through the Eucharist - when the food and the person are one.

*'How have my hungers been satisfied when I turn to Jesus? Could my prayer time be symbolised by a meal with a dear friend'*

( A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Gregory C Wolfe )

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.  
Fr. Joseph Gavigan - Foxford 094-9256858.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday, Sunday 10 a.m.  
KILLASSER - Tuesday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromada-Duke)      Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Conroy Family (Lismorane)  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church is discontinued for July and August. It will recommence in September.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR      24<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> July amounted to €1,210

BAPTISM: We welcome Dayna Josephine Mangan, Lismorane into the Christian Community of Callow/Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated in Callow Church on this Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August. We pray that she will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of her Parents, Godparents, Family Members, Neighbours and friends.

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](http://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 other practical arrangements which makes it more difficult to really benefit from the course.

**SEISIUN IN FR. PEYTON CENTRE:** You are invited to a feast of Irish Music, Song and Dance hosted by the Bofield Ceili Band in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass every Thursday night until 27<sup>th</sup> August. **The Show which begins each night at 9.00 p.m. is well worth experiencing. It is an ideal place to bring visitors and you will certainly enjoy it yourself as well.** You are advised to come along early to get a seat. Admission €10. Children U-18 if accompanied by parents are free. The admission fee includes tea, coffee and **beautiful buneeens!**

**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.cosgallen.com) / **THIRD LEVEL GRANT APPLICATION FORMS** for the Mayo County Council and the Mayo VEC Third Level Grant are currently available at the Cosgallen Office, Charlestown. Drop in a pick one up or phone Mayo Co. Council on 094-9024444 or Mayo VEC on 094-9024188. / **ACCESS COURSE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS** at St. Angela's College, Sligo is a preparatory course for Higher Education for Young Adults ages 18 - 21 years in the BMW Region. It is designed for students who would like to study for an undergraduate degree but may be uncertain about their ability to cope in higher education due to previous or current socio-economic circumstances. The aim of the course is to enable students to acquire the academic knowledge, skills and confidence to participate alongside students who enter University through the conventional entry channels. The course is offered on a part-time basis from September to April two evenings per week and one Saturday per month. Following successful completion of the course students receive a Certificate which can be used to gain direct entry into undergraduate programmes at St. Angela's College and at N.U.I., Galway. Closing date for completed application forms is September 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. / **LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH:** Are you currently unemployed? If so, the Local Employment Service will hold an outreach in Cosgallen, Charlestown Office on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00 a.m - 12 Noon. To book an appointment, phone the Swinford Local Employment Office on 094-9252657. For more information, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070. / **DANCING CLASSES FOR ADULTS:** Sean Nos/Traditional Dancing Classes are held in the Sports Complex, Charlestown every Wednesday night from 8.30 - 10.00 p.m. This is a great way to keep fit and have a fun time. For more information contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **SEAN NOS DANCING FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS:** Cosgallen is taking names of children and young teenagers who are interested in participating in Sean Nos Dancing classes. These classes will be held during August and continue into the Autumn subject to interest. Contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on Wednesday 12 August at the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown from 9.45 - 11.30 a.m.. For more contact 094-9255070.

**A 25 CARD GAME** will be held in the Gateway Hotel each Monday night at 9.30 p.m. for the Summer months.

**THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SIAMSA SRAIDE STREET FESTIVAL** is being held in Swinford from this Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> August. Again it promises to be a most enjoyable occasion which is worthy of your support.

**THE KILLALA-ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will depart from Knock Airport on 23<sup>rd</sup> August and return on 28<sup>th</sup> August. It will be led by Bishops John Fleming and Brendan Kelly. The all in cost is €699. For booking contact Michael Walkin, Joe Walsh Tours, 2 Willow Creek, Sligo Road, Ballina. Mobile: 086-608073 or 096-21485. For invalid section contact Ms. Mary Loftus, Abbeystown, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo. Phone 096-31462.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2009** departs from Knock Airport on 8<sup>th</sup> October. This West of Ireland Pilgrimage under the patronage of Bishop Brendan Kelly will be for 7 Nights in the Hotel Avenida. It will cost €799. Spiritual Director is Fr. John Maloney. For more information contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9186123.

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

**A KILLASSER FESTIVAL** will be held from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. It will begin with a National Schools' Disco on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August from 8.00 - 9.30 p.m. This will be followed by a Teenage Disco with Teen Queen from 10.00 - 12.30 p.m. On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August there will be a 10K Walk with tea and refreshments afterwards followed by a Duck Race. On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August there will be a Family Fun Day from 2.00 p.m. until late. Vintage Tractor Display, Tractor Reversing, Tug-o-War, 56lb throw, Welly Throw, Potato Pick, Horse Shoe Throw, Face Painting, Bouncing Castles, Penalty Shoot-out, Ball Skills and much much more. On Sunday night at 9.30 p.m. a Social will be held in Frank's Place where medals and trophies will be presented. More information from Michael on 087-9144910, Francis on 087-9909863 and Martin on 087-9377644. It promises to be a most enjoyable weekend so come along and enjoy.

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**CLONMACNOIS YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 13 - 16 AUGUST** will take place in Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly near the ancient ruins of the Clonmacnois monastic site in Co. Offaly. The Festival is for young people aged 16 - 35 and will take place from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th August. The weekend will include inspiring talks, dramas, a concert, prayer, Mass, games and times of sharing. It promises to be a great opportunity for young people from all around Ireland to explore their Catholic faith, meet new friends and have some craic! Bishop Frank Caggiano, Vicar of Evangelisation for the Diocese of Brooklyn will be the main speaker. This is a donation-only retreat. Free buses are available throughout the country - just to bring a sleeping bag and a pair of wellies! (Over 18's may like to bring their own tent). For more information see poster at the back of the church or contact 086-3025442 or 01-6753690 or check website [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN CRAGGAGH - FOXFORD** is on this Sunday 2nd August at 11.30 a.m.

**THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN KILLASSER** will probably be on Saturday 15th August at 8.00 p.m. I am suggesting this without having discussed the matter or consulted with anyone. If this is unsuitable do not hesitate to let men know.

**A CAKE SALE IN AID OF BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA FUND** will be held in Killasser after both Masses this weekend 1st / 2nd August. If anyone wishes to bake a cake etc or help out in any way, Noreen Shovlin would be delighted to hear from you. She can be contacted on 087-2263737. Noreen will be doing a sponsored Walk in Cape Cod in September.

**A CONCERT** will be held in Callow Church on Sunday 27th September. Annette Griffin, resident Musician and Singer at Ashford Castle, who has performed all over the world will be in concert on that evening. There will also be some support act(s) which have yet to be finalised. **Tickets at €15 each will be available shortly. All those who are willing to sell tickets are asked to give their names to Michael Fox after Mass in Callow this weekend and to Fr. O'Mahony after Masses in Killasser. I have no doubt but that it will be a very special occasion which you are encouraged to get your tickets for as soon as they are on sale. Your support will be very much appreciated.**

**DIOCESAN CHANGES** have been decided on over the past few weeks and will be announced during the coming week. I am involved in these latest changes, but after being here for 15 years, it would be very difficult to escape. Details of all changes will be announced on radio during the week and will be published in next weekend's Newsletter.

**A VERY WARM WELCOME** to all our visitors who are here for the August Bank Holiday weekend or for longer. We hope you have a very pleasant stay with your family or friends. Let us all remind each other to be careful on the roads that are so busy and not bring any injury to ourselves or others.

**SWINFORD COMMUNITY RADIO:** Members of the recently formed Swinford Radio Group will be present on their stand outside Mellett's Emporium next Tuesday and Wednesday, during Siamsa Sraide. The group will shortly be making an application to the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland for a licence to operate a community radio station for Swinford and its environs. The group wishes to hear from local people what they would like to hear on a community radio station, and would also be interested in talking to people who would like to join the group to assist it with its objectives. The station will be operated by members of the community, for the community. For more information about the Swinford Radio Group, call either 087-7546909 or 086-8592889.

**HUCKLEBERRY FINN DAY:** Information about this very special day and novel event is included in this week's Newsletter.

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**PRAY FOR** Martin and Maggie Ellen Loftus, Gurteen, Saturday 8 p.m.  
P. J. Cronnolly, Doontas, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Edward and Ellen Thompson, Doontas and Michael Durkin, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Mary Agnes and Martin Deacy, Cloonainra and Son Patrick Francis, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Sheila O'Hara, Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.  
Anne Sheerin, Coolegrane, Sunday 10 a.m.  
Michael and Margaret McNulty, Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.  
Michael Fox, Tierenanny and Swinford, and his Wife, Julia, Sunday 10 a.m.  
Mary Cronin (Nee Hughes), Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.  
Marian Nolan, Belfast and Cloonygowan, Sunday 10 a.m.  
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

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