

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'*

A Very Happy New Year to all our Readers

REFLECTION:

The recent bad weather was not easy for any of us. But, like all tough things, it brought out the best in people. Many people helped each other and made life that bit easier for each other. This is practical Christianity and the best form of Christianity that there is. Thanks to all who helped out like this – it might have been only the fact that you stopped your car at the top of a hill so that someone else could come up without getting stuck. It might have been just the fact that you asked someone did he or she want shopping from town. So well done to all concerned - you have shown yourselves to be real Christians and that is what we should be at. I hope and pray that 2010 will be a great year for us all and one that will bring many graces and blessings to us, our family and our Parish.

Fr John Durkan

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.
Fr. Paraic Costelloe - Foxford 094-9256131

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029
Fr. Gerard Davey - Foxford 094-9256401

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES:

Saturday 2 nd	Killasser 8pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 rd	Callow 9:30am Killasser 11:30am	Morning Mass Funeral Mass for John Doonan
Tuesday 5 th	Killasser 8pm	Feast of Epiphany
Wed 6 th	Callow 9:30am	Feast of Epiphany
Wednesday 6 th	Killasser 11:30a.m.	Feast of Epiphany
Friday 8 th	10am Killasser	Morning Mass.
Sat 9 th	8pm Killasser	People of the Parish
Sun 10 th	9:30am Callow	Morning Mass
Sun 10 th	11:30am Killasser	Morning Mass

Please pray for the following as their anniversaries occurs at this time:

Pat and Margaret Mc Gowan, Cullonaughton
Martin and Kate Ruddy, Ballinaleck
Kathleen & Paid McGowan, Carramore-Moy

We pray for Tommy Dunne, who died suddenly in Charlestown – brother of Kathleen McAndrew, Knox.
John Doonan, Dromada Joyce, who died recently
Mary Gilvarry, formerly Mary McGann originally from Lismorane, who died recently in Killala.
Michael Lohan, who died in Nottinghamshire, brother of the late Tom Lohan, Lismorane.

Schools re-open on Thursday next - Killasser & Carrowmore.

Christmas Collection: Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Collection. Your generosity was very much appreciated.

CALLOW MASS TIMES: Please note the time for the Sunday Morning Mass in Callow Church will be 9.30a.m. from now on up to Easter at least.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Tully family (Carrawena)

Sunday 9:30 a.m. The Gallagher Family (Callow)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Hurst Family (Carramoremoey)

PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: A very sincere thanks to all who prepared the Church so beautifully for Christmas. You are a credit to us all and it looks lovely.

A Message of Thanks to Jacinta & Mark from the Killasser Community.

We the people of the Parish thank you for the beautiful job you did on the Crib figures – we appreciate your generosity very much.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Killasser Church on Monday 4th January due to unclément weather condidtions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: The following dates for Confirmation, First Confession & First Holy Communion have been decided and finalised:

Confirmation	22 nd May 2010	Killasser Church at 11.30a.m.
First Confession	10 th March 2010	Killasser Church, 7p.m.
First Holy Communion	25 th April 2010	Killasser Church at 11.30a.m. Mass

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

Christmas & 26th/27th amounted to €1,861.39

A BIG THANK YOU: Thanks to all who helped so generously with training the new altar servers. Your time, interest and enthusiasm are much appreciated. A new Altar Servers list is in the process of being completed and new servers will have a special Commissioning Service in the near future.

Mayo Community Forum Francis Brennan is a member of the Mayo Community Forum and would like you to let him know of any issues/concerns you may wish him to bring up in the Forum. You may contact him at his usual phone numbers 094 9251929/087 9909863. He wishes you all a very Happy New Year.

Flood Victims Collection: The total amount collected came to €2,300.40. Sincere thanks to all who collected and contributed. It will be appreciated by those who suffered from flooding.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE: An effort is now being made to get young people to read the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Mass. We hope to get as many young people from Secondary school age group to participate and eventually, to move on to doing the Sunday readings.

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS: Killasser Church Choir and Callow Church Choir are looking for new members. If interested, please contact Marie Horkan (Killasser Church Choir) on (094) 92 51303 or Eithne McLoughlin (Callow Church Choir) on (094) 92 56155.

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.

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. Those who have already booked tickets through me will enjoy the privileges. Fr. John.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Annual Christmas Party is now cancelled due to the unclément weather and will be put on again at a later date. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

COOLEGRANE LIGHTS: The Hughes family, Coolegrane, Foxford, have once again erected their colourful display of Christmas lighting at their home. As usual, a Donation Box will be placed at the gateway, and all proceeds collected this year will go to Western Alzheimers. We hope as many people as possible will travel to see this colourful display of lights over the Christmas season, and support this worthy cause. For further information, contact: Kevin Hughes (086) 8583380.

GYM OPEN: The gym is now open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 – 9.30p.m. Membership will soon be available. For more information, contact Martin (087) 9377644.

SET DANCING CLASSES: Set Dancing Classes take place in Meelick Community Centre every Thursday night at 8.30pm. All welcome especially beginners. Come along for a very enjoyable night of dance and fun. €7 per night.

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 /

Christmas Closing: The Cosgallen office will close on Thursday December 17th and re-open on Monday January 4th 2010. The Management and staff of Cosgallen CDP would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Citizens Information Centre: The next outreach of the Citizen's Information Centre in Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown will be held on Wednesday January 13th 2010 from 9.45am to 11.30am. Please note there **will not** be an outreach on Wednesday December 23rd 2009.

Local Employment Outreach: Are you currently unemployed? If so, The Local Employment Service will hold an outreach in Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown on **Wednesday January 6th 2010 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.

FIRST AID: First Aid Boxes are in both Churches at all times. So are fire extinguishers. We would like to know how many people in our Parish are trained in First Aid. Please let Fr. John know.

READOIRI PIONEER COMPETITION: Congratulations to the pupils of Carramore School on qualifying for the Connaught Réadóirí finals in the Novelty Act and the Disco Dance in Crossmolina last weekend. The children involved were Shane Fallon, Jack Barry, Sonachú O'Callaghan Broe, Roisin Mac Sharry, William Hynes, Síle Carr, Rebecca Leonard, Clodagh Cronolly and Shauna Fallon. Good Luck to them in the Connaught finals in January.

STUDY THEOLOGY FROM HOME: The Dominicans are offering a theology programme specifically for lay people, offered by distance learning. This means that one can study for a certificate, diploma or degree in Theology, and even more importantly, become more educated in the Faith, all from the comfort of home. For further information, please contact The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. Tel: (01) 404 8124/7, or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com. Visit our website www.prioryinstitute.com