

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'*

BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT.

There's some strange stuff in today's Gospel. Jesus, an unmarried 30-year-old, unlettered carpenter very forwardly starts to teach in his local synagogue. From his listeners' stunned reaction it must have been his first time to do so. You'd expect them to be indignant at his self-promoting posturing in the synagogue, as they'd see it, and to sneer at what he says. But no! They're impressed, amazed even, at his wisdom. In fact, so impressed are they that they just can't believe it. They can't get their head around the fact that someone like him - an ordinary Joe Soap of a carpenter - could have so much more than they have. Jealousy rears its ugly head, and instead of opening their minds to his wisdom they close their hearts to his person.

That's not all. He could do no deed of power there except to cure some people who were sick. They distanced themselves from him and would not allow him to work the miracle: personal transformation.

What this episode shows is that knowing about Jesus is not enough. We have to know him for the wonder to work. The miracle of transformation is a two-way thing: God and man at work together. We see Jesus in his humanity, but acknowledge him in his divinity too. As with those from his hometown, familiarity with the home-grown Jesus can breed contempt. We need to delve deeply, to go boldly where reason cannot take us.

Faith consists in believing when it is beyond the power of reason to believe.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - July/August 2009)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.
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 10 a.m. / Friday 2.00 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Heaney Family (Derreen)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Monaghan Family (Bokeen)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

27th / 28th June amounted to €1,307.

THE PETER'S PENCE - CENT - COLLECTION

was taken up at all Masses last weekend 27th / 28th June. The amount collected to date is €830. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed. If you have forgotten to do so you can hand it in at your convenience.

WEDDINGS IN CALLOW CHURCH:

Congratulations to Martin McCarron, Kinlough, Co. Leitrim and Davina Doherty, Belcoo, Co. Fermanagh and to Mark Fogarty, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow and Kathryn Noone, Culduff who were married in Callow Church on Thursday 2nd July and Saturday 4th July respectively. We wish Martin and Davina, Mark and Kathryn every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

WEDDING IN SWINFORD CHURCH: Congratulations to Gabriel Murtagh, Kiltimagh and Fiona Jennings, Swinford who were married in Swinford Parish Church on Friday last 3rd July. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life. Fiona has been teaching in Carramore National School since September 2004 and is a very highly thought of and respected member of staff there. Her dedication and commitment to her work is very much appreciated by pupils and parents alike.

ACCORD PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES - CHARLESTOWN CENTRE: In 2008 they delivered 10 Courses to 149 Couples and a 'mini course' to Couples. There were 20 Couples on some Courses. In 2009 they are reducing to 9 Courses because of fewer facilitators. It is highly recommended and encouraged that every couple would do a Pre-Marriage at least 9 months before the wedding date. At certain times there can be a waiting list of 2 to 3 Months which, when couples delay in booking, can result in them taking their course too close to their wedding date. All dates of Courses for 2009 are on a notice on the Church Notice Board and also appeared on a recent Newsletter. The Phone No. of Accord Charlestown is 094-9254944

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.

KNOCK SUMMER YOUTH FESTIVAL - 'YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD': This event takes place from 23rd - 26th July at Knock. It is strictly for 18 - 25 year olds and it costs €70. There are free buses. Places are limited so it is advisable to book early - now. Youth Ministry Office 094-9375035.

AGE ACTION IRELAND FOR ALL OLDER PEOPLE - FREE COMPUTER COURSE FOR OVER 55'S: Age Action Ireland organises free basic computer classes for over 55's in Mayo. The aim of the 'Getting Started' programme is to make older people comfortable using computers. Class sizes are small with one volunteer trainer for every couple of students. Both the volunteers and the older people find the classes rewarding and fun! If you would like to find out more information about this programme contact James on 087-2073262. The Course starts on 15th September in Foxford Leisure Centre and runs until 2nd November.

COSGALLEN NEWS - COSGALLEN WEBSITE: For information about upcoming events organised by Cosgallen CDP log on to www.cosgallen.com / **CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on Wednesday next 8th July at the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown from 9.45 - 11.30 a.m. To contact, phone 094-9255070.

C.S.K.A. COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB will host a multi-sport Sports Camp from 6th - 10th July inclusive, at Killasser Community Centre. Sports included are: Gaelic Football, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Rounders, Athletics, Rugby and a host of other games. The Camp will cater for Children aged 7 to 16 and the cost is €40 per child, €75 for two children from the one family and €100 for three or more children from the one family. Contact Martin Peyton on 087-9377644 or Michael Howley on 087-9144910.

THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES on completion of the Summer Camp on next Friday afternoon will be presented to the participants by Dara Colleary T.D., Junior Minister for Labour Affairs. The presentation will take place at approximately 2.30 p.m.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ALL-WEATHER TENNIS COURT at Killasser Community Centre will take place on Friday next 10th July following the presentation of certificates to the participants in the Summer Camp. It will be performed by Dara Colleary, Minister of State for Labour Affairs. It should happen about 3.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

DRAINAGE AND GROUNDWORK will be carried out during the coming week(s) in the grounds of Killasser National School. A grant of €10,500 has been received from the Department of Education and Science which is known as a Summer Works Grant. However this will not cover all the cost of the project. As a result some fundraising will have to be done. The Harvest Fair mentioned below is part of this fundraising.

HARVEST FAIR IN AID OF ST. JOSEPH'S NATIONAL SCHOOL will be held on Sunday 13th September at 12.00 Noon in Killasser Community Centre. It will include a Cake Sale, Home-made Jams and Preserves, Home-Grown Vegetables, Fruit Bushes, Trees, Flowers, Potted Plants, Fresh Eggs, Crafts etc. etc. It is important to prepare for this now over the summer months. All donations of plants, shrubs, trees and homemade produce will be very much appreciated.

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

A TABLE QUIZ in aid of Siamsa Sraide will be held in Boland's Bar, Swinford on Friday 10th July at 9.30 p.m. Table of 4. €40 per table.

THE 25TH ANNUAL SIAMSA SRAIDE STREET FESTIVAL will be held in Swinford from 1st - 5th August.

MAYO COUNTY COMMUNITY FORUM: Francis Brennan has been elected as a member of the Mayo Community Forum to represent Community and Voluntary Bodies in the Swinford Electoral Area for a five year period. Any group that wishes to raise any issue of concern is welcome to contact Francis on 094-9251929 or 087-9909863.

ORDINATION: Andrea Wills, Straide was ordained a Deacon of the Church of Ireland in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Killala on Sunday last 28th June. It was a very special ceremony, a very special occasion for Andrea and the Wills family as well as the Church of Ireland community. The ceremony was conducted by Bishop Richard Henderson, Bishop of Achonry, Killala and Tuam. We congratulate her and wish her every blessing and happiness in her ministry for the future.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION FOR THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY taken up recently in Callow amounted to €10. They wish to thank all who contributed for your generosity. This will help the organisation to continue their good work in patient care support programmes, in prevention and education initiatives.

A SIAMSA SRAIDE FUND-RAISING 100 KILOMETERE CYCLE will take place on Saturday 18th July 2009. It will begin from Main Street at 9.30 a.m. Sponsorship Cards are available from Danny Gill or Pat Thompson. Your support will be very much appreciated.

THE KILLALA-ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will depart from Knock Airport on 23rd August and return on 28th 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 8th 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.

HOLY HILL HERMITAGE: Summer is for celebration. Once a year Holy Hill dedicates the first Sunday for fun and celebration, especially for children. On this Sunday 5th July Bishop John Fleming will celebrate Mass at 12 Noon. Refreshments - baked goods for sale - games, music, face-painting and all manner of surprise demonstrations will follow. John Coxhead of Preston, International Frisbee champion will have some special antics to show off. Everyone is welcome to this time of leisurely enjoyment of one another and of life. Bring your instruments. Holy Hill Hermitage, Skreen, Co. Sligo. 091-66021.

DIOCESAN CHANGE FOR KILLALA: Fr. Chris Ginnelly who has worked in Foxford for the past twelve years as curate and Administrator is being changed at the end of July. He is returning to Killala Diocese and has been appointed Parish Priest of Ballycroy. He will take up duty on the first weekend of August. The people of Foxford and everyone in our Cluster of Parishes deeply appreciate his dedication, commitment and hard work over those years. He has been so much part of everything that has happened during this period. We wish him every blessing and happiness for the future in Ballycroy as he returns to his own diocese.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND will be visited on Thursday next 9th July at the usual time. If there is anybody not on the list who wishes to have a visit, you are asked to contact Fr. O'Mahony.

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

THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD have been distributed to most areas in the parish during the past week and hopefully the remaining boxes will be delivered during the coming week. Sincere thanks to finance committee for preparing the accounts and the envelopes for distribution and also to everyone who is delivering them to each household.

PRAY FOR John McNulty, Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Mary and Michael Brady, Lismorane, Monday 10 a.m.
 Bill Mulligan, Lismorane, Monday 10 a.m.
 Molly, Jim, J. P. and Pat Heaney, Derreen, Saturday 11th July 8 p.m.
 John and Mary Lalor and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 12th July 10 a.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE