

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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'*

'EPHPHATHA - THAT IS, 'BE OPENED!'

The English translation of this Aramaic word is used in the Rite of Baptism (for children) and as part of the preparatory rites used with the elect on Holy Saturday. In this rite we are invited to open our ears and our mouth 'that you may profess the faith you hear to the praise and glory of God.'

We are called to be evangelisers! We are called to allow God's Word to live in us, then to live and act in ways that will allow its message to spread to others.

I am conscious of so many people, famous and not so famous, who have worked to bring the healing and reconciling values of Jesus to the many communities they were a part of in this world. Often this occurred at great cost to themselves. People like Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa and Sr. Dorothy Stang, a U. S. missionary in Brazil. Yet there is still so much to do. More effort is needed.

Today's Gospel reminds us of our baptismal call to open *our* ears, *our* minds, *our* hearts, to hear the need in our own communities and to respond.

'What is it that needs to be 'opened' in me to allow me to touch the hearts of those many people thirsting for intimacy and community?'

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Susan McCarthy, RDC)

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.
Fr. Paraic Costelloe - Foxford 094-925131

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday, 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 Horkan Family (Blackpatch)

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday 14th September 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 29th / 30th August amounted to €1,450

THE KILLASSER CEMETERY COLLECTION amounted to €1,677.10c. The offertory collection taken up in the cemetery during the annual Mass amounted to €90 and the special envelope collection to date amounted to €632.10. Sincere thanks on behalf of the cemetery committee for your support and generosity.

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.

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

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 / **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 / **ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:** If you are an adult and would like to volunteer to work with young people in outdoor activities please contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **CLASSES:** If you are interested in any of the following classes; Farm Accounts, DIY for Women, Conversational Irish, Arts, Crafts and Cookery for men, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **WIDOWS GROUP:** Cosgallen has been contacted by a number of local widows who wish to meet people in a similar situation with a view to forming a group. A meeting will be held on Monday 14th September in the Cosgallen Office at 8.00 p.m. For more information, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on Wednesday 9th September at the Cosgallen Office from 9.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.. / **COURSE FOR ONE PARENT FAMILIES:** A course for people who are parenting alone will be held in Cosgallen Office in September. This course will be held one morning per week for 10 weeks approx. The course is free and has been funded by Mayo V.E.C. For more information contact 09409255070

LEADING ENTREPRENEUR BUSINESSMAN John Quinn of Surface Power Technologies will address this year's Enterprise Evening hosted by the Innovation in Business Centre at Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, Castlebar. The event titled 'Spirit of Entrepreneurship' takes place in the GMIT Castlebar campus on Thursday 10th September from 6.00 - 7.30 p.m. For more information phone 094-9043198.

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.

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 are now available. 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**

CONCERT: More people are still needed to come forward to help with ticket selling.. You are asked to contact Michael Fox on 087-7546909.

A CONCERT MEETING will be held in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening at 9.00 p.m. Ticket sellers are needed and hopefully as many as possible will attend and be willing help out.

HARVEST FAIR AND RAFFLE: There will be a Harvest Fair and Raffle in aid of St. Joseph's National School, Killasser on Sunday 20th September at 12.30 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre. There will be a Cake Sale, Ornamental Plants, Fruit Bushes, Home-Grown Vegetables, Jams and Preserves and lots more for sale. Refreshments will be served. Also: Promotional Stands, Childrens' Activities and a Raffle at 1.30 p.m. First Prize: a joint Prize of two 500Litres of home heating oil. Second Prize: A Fujitsu Siemens lap-top Computer. Third Prize: A Sony Digital Walkman (MP3 player). Fourth Prize: Health and Beauty Hamper by 'Nature Cures'. Fifth Prize: Bottle of Brandy and Leg of Lamb. Tickets go on sale today 30th August after all Masses at €2 each or €5 for a book of three. They will also be available at the Harvest Fair on 20th. For further details or to help selling the tickets, phone Helen on 087-7584835 or Brid on 086-8783535.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM STUDIES COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS: If you are interested in returning to Education, improving your employment prospects, why not enrol on the above course at the Further Education Centre, Swinford which is due to commence in September. The course is free. Eligible participants are paid a full allowance equivalent to a full Social Welfare payment plus meal and travel allowances. Childcare support is also available. For more information, contact Emer in Swinford at 094-9251928.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW CHURCH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION for the past couple of months amounted to €3,000 approx. Just cannot find the exact amount as I go to print - very late. Sincere thanks to all who contributed

A VERY SINCERE AND WARM WELCOME to Fr. John Durkin, Kiltimagh and Midfield, Swinford who will be inducted as Parish Priest of Killasser and Callow on this Saturday evening at the 8.00 No doubt you will make him very much at home and he is wished every blessing and happiness for the future.

A VERY WARM WELCOME to Fr. Tommy Johnston, Charlestown who will conduct the ceremony of induction on this Saturday evening for Fr. John Durkin. During the ceremony he will be given symbols of his responsibility as Parish Priest of Killasser.

ST. JOHN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL CARRAMORE JUNIOR INFANT CLASS 2009 - 2010: The following are the members of this class:

Aoibheann Brennan - Dromada-Joyce	Ellie Folliard - Carn, Callow
Niamh Kirrane - Carramore	Megan Tuffy - Swinford.
Isabelle Tuffy - Dunmaynor	Rhys Neary - Carramore
Callum Grufferty - Carramore	Alex Harrold - Carroweena.

ST. JOSEPH'S NATIONAL SCHOOL KILLASSER JUNIOR INFANT CLASS 2009 - 2010: The following are the members of this class:

Aine Thompson - Graffy	Maura Rogers - Killasser Estate	Jade Groarke - Killasser Estate.
Ryan Lynch - Rubble	John Howley - Dunmaynor	Ciaran Skeffington - Carrowleambeg

It is great to see such a large enrolment in both schools for the coming school year. We wish the members of the infant classes in both schools a very happy, fulfilling and successful time in primary school over the next eight years.

A FUND-RAISING TABLE QUIZ IN AID OF BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA TRUST will be held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Friday night next 11th September at 9.30 p.m. Admission is €40 for Tables of 4 people. A Raffle for a ticket to the All-Ireland Football Final, plus lots of other prizes will be held on the night. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Lynette McDonnell, Fross and Donal De Barra, Spiddal, Co. Galway who were married in Killasser Church on this Saturday 5th September. We wish Lynette and Donal every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

BEST WISHES AND EVERY BLESSING AND HAPPINESS to all priest who are beginning in new parishes this weekend 5th / 6th September. It is a challenging and nervous time for priests and people getting to know each other and working with each other for the future. Hopefully the dust will settle very quickly and everyone will get along well and work well together for the betterment of every parish community. It is very much a team effort.

RE-DEDICATION OF ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH - BALLISODARE: This event was celebrated on Sunday 16th August. The ceremony of dedication took place during a special Mass on that afternoon. It was a beautiful celebration in what is now a beautiful church. For the most part it is new but some of the original is retained. Both old and new are beautifully blended together. If you ever pass that way on the road from Ballisodare to Ballina, you should drop in and have a look. Fr. Tommy Towey, formerly of Bonniconlon is now the Parish Priest of Ballisodare. Both he and the committee who helped to bring this project to completion, deserve great credit and are to be complemented. I think we all like to see our churches in good condition and places to be proud of in the best sense.

THE IRISH WHEELCHAIR CARS IRELAND is hosting an Exhibition in the Clayton Hotel, Galway on 11th / 12th September. The exhibition is for the benefit of the elderly, the disabled, parents, carers and anyone with restricted mobility. It is a non-profitable event, admission is free and it is the first of its kind to be held outside Dublin. It will provide a rare opportunity for visitors to get information and advice from the different charitable organisations that will be in attendance and to see various products that may be of assistance to people in their everyday life.

PRAY FOR Joe Price, Moy View, Saturday 5th September
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Tom Horkan, Blackpatch and his parents Pat and Nora Horkan, Saturday 12th 8 p.m.
 P. J. Nash, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 12th 8 p.m.
 Bridie Rowley, Dromada-Gore, Saturday 12th 8 p.m.
 Desmond Walsh, Tierenanny, Saturday 12th 8 p.m.
 Sarah and Jack Hennigan, Milltown, Saturday 12th 8 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
