

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:

The recent flooding brought home to us how fragile life is. We do not have a permanent hold on it or on our own circumstances. We live in a world that can change very quickly.

Climate change is going to affect our lives adversely more and more from now on. Our summers are becoming wetter and rain is more prevalent. We need to prepare ourselves for this kind of future.

God does not change. He is consistently the same. In these dark, difficult days, we need to trust in him.

Fr. John Durkan.

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

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

Fr. Paraic Costelloe - Foxford 094-9256131

Fr. Gerard Davey - Foxford 094-9256401

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES:

Saturday 5 th December:	Killasser, 8p.m.	Martin McManus & deceased family members, Carramore James Adams, Cloonfinish John McLoughlin, Dereen Vincent Cunney & deceased family members, Dromada-Gore
Sunday 6 th December:	Callow, 10a.m.	John (Dan) Mulligan
Sunday 6 th December:	Killasser, 11.30a.m.	Kathleen Carr, Coolcastle (Months Mind Mass)
Monday 7 th December:	Callow, 10a.m. Killasser, 8p.m.	Morning Mass Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Private Intention
Tuesday 8 th December:	Callow, 10a.m. Killasser, 11.30a.m. Carrowmore School Hall, 1p.m.	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Feast of the Immaculate Conception Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome, not just those connected with Carrowmore School
Wednesday 9 th December:	Killasser, 10a.m.	Morning Mass
Thursday 10 th December:	Callow, 10a.m.	Morning Mass
Friday 11 th December:	Killasser, 10a.m.	Morning Mass
Saturday 12 th December:	Killasser, 8p.m.	Martin Quinn, Dromada-Joyce Michael Dempsey & Deceased family members and Hughes Deceased family members Martin & Geraldine McNulty, Listernan & Deceased family members And Michael & Annie McIntyre, Cloonacool and Deceased family members
Sunday 13 th December:	Callow, 10a.m.	Helen Murphy & parents, Michael & Peg McNulty, Cullonaughton
Sunday 13 th December:	Killasser, 11.30a.m.	People of the Parish

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The McNulty Family (Listernan)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Murphy/McNulty Family (Cullonaughton)

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

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

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 28th Nov/29th Nov amounted to €1,510

COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE FLOODS: A collection for the victims of the flooding will take place again this Sunday, organised by members of the community. Families need only contribute once to the collection.

SELF HELP AFRICA: Self Help Africa will hold a Church Gate collection on 5th/6th December.

FOXFORD ST. VINCENT de PAUL COLLECTION: Church Gate Collection takes place on 12th/13th December.

PENANCE SERVICE: A special penance Service takes place in Killasser Church on Tuesday 15th December at 7.30p.m. Visiting priests from the Cluster will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Other Penance Services in the Cluster:

Bonniconlon	Wednesday 16 th December, 7.30p.m.
Attymass	Wednesday 16 th December, 8.30p.m.
Foxford	Thursday 17 th December, 7.30p.m.
Straide	Thursday 17 th December, 8.30p.m.

ADVENT REFLECTION IN KILLASSER CHURCH: Would you like to take time out for an Advent Reflection? If so, come along to Killasser Parish Church on Wednesday December 9th, from 8 – 9p.m.

ADVENT REFLECTION: The Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass, invites you to join them for a time of reflection to prepare for Christmas.

Saturday 12th December, 10a.m. – 4p.m. Theme: “We are Called to Prepare the Way of the Lord”
 Saturday 19th December, 10a.m. – 4p.m. Theme: The Word was Made Flesh and Dwells Among Us”
 Presentations given by Fr. Steve Gibson, CSC
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Lunch - Celebration of the Eucharist
 Donation of €22 for the Day
 Please notify us in advance, preferably through your Parish priest.
 Fr. Peyton Centre phone (096) 45374

CLUSTER ADVENT REFLECTION: A special Advent Reflection takes place in the Fr. Peyton Centre on Monday 14th December at 8p.m. This is being organised for all parishioners of Killasser, Foxford, Straide, Bonniconlon and Attymass. All are welcome.

CAROL SERVICE IN CALLOW CHURCH: A Carol Service takes place in Callow Church on Sunday 20th December at 6p.m. All Welcome.

CHRISTMAS YOUTH 2000 RETREAT: a national Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat for young people aged 16 – 35 takes place at Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from Friday 18th – Sunday 20th December. An opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends! Contact Youth 2000 office on (01) 6753690 or (086) 3025442 for information. No Charge – Donation only. Special Buses available from some locations. See poster at the back of the Church. Website: www.youth2000.ie

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.

SECOND SESSION OF TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS: The second session of Training for Altar Servers takes place on Saturday 12th December at 11a.m. Later on, there will be a Commissioning of New Altar Servers.

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.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING: The next meeting will take place after 8p.m. Mass on Saturday 19th December.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will take place on Wednesday 16th December at 8p.m. in the Parochial House.

FUNDRAISING SOCIAL FOR CARROWMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL: A Fundraising social for Carrowmore N.S. takes place in Frank's Place on Saturday 12th December after 8p.m. Mass. All are welcome.

SCOIL MUIRE & PADRAIG ENROLMENT: Enrolment for incoming First Years to Scoil Muire & Padraig will take place on Tuesday, December 8th from 7 - 9 p.m. Further details may be had by contacting Marie at 094 92 51481.

COOLEGRANE LIGHTS: The Hughes family, Coolegrane, Foxford, will once again be erecting their colourful display of Christmas lighting at their home. The lights will be switched on on Friday evening 11th December at 6p.m. by the manager of the Mayo Football senior team, John O'Mahony T.D. Afterwards, Santa Claus will be calling in to see the lights and talk to the children with some presents. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Poultry, Pets, Car Boot Sale: Swinford Agricultural Show Society will hold a Bring or Buy sale at Swinford Amenity Park on Sunday 13th Dec., between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The sale will include turkeys, geese, and chickens as well as all the usual items on offer at a car boot sale. All stands cost €10. Come along for all your Christmas bargains. Enquiries to 087 9863634

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.

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.

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

ANNUAL 25 CARD DRIVE: The Annual 25 Card Drive to support the work of Killasser Community Care Group will be held on Monday 14th December at 8.30p.m. in Killasser Community Centre. A prize fund of €500 on the night. Tickets €8 available from members of the Killasser Community Care Group. Your support would be appreciated.

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

25 CARD DRIVE: Franks's Place, Killasser, under new management: 25 Card Drive continues this Sunday at 3p.m. "Playing for Turkeys": These card games for turkeys will then continue every Sunday at 3p.m. and every Friday night at 9.30p.m. in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Also, there is a pool competition every Friday night starting at 9p.m. sharp, first 16 only and strictly over 18's.

Live Music every Sunday night. You get here, we get you home for €3 a head in a 3 mile radius. Come along for a great night out in a friendly atmosphere.

Table Quiz: There will be a table quiz in the Gateway Hotel on Saturday Dec 5th at 9 p.m. to help with the cost of staging the Connacht Réadóirí finals which will be hosted by the Achonry region this year. Tables of 4. €40 per table. Your support will be very welcome.

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. Teacher Michael Monaghan.

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 N6s Dancing Classes for Adults: Sean N6s Dancing Classes for Adults continue every Wednesday night in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown at 9pm. All are welcome.

Cosgallen Office Notice: Cosgallen CDP office will be closed every Friday from November 27th until Christmas. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

16 Days of Action Opposing Violence Against Women: This year the 16 days of action opposing violence against women will run from November 25th to December 10th 2009. The 16 days of action campaign is used to raise awareness about gender based violence. People who are experiencing physical, emotional or sexual violence can contact Mayo Women's Support Services on 094 9025409 or Cosgallen CDP on 094 9255070.

Citizens Information Centre: Mayo Citizens Information Service will hold an outreach on **Wednesday December 9th 2009** at The Cosgallen Office, The Enterprise Centre, Airport Road, Charlestown from 9.45am to 11.30am. The service is free and confidential, and a wide range of areas are covered including Consumer Rights, Employment Rights, Social Welfare, Taxation and Disability Information. For further information contact Cosgallen CDP Charlestown on 094-9255070.

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.

MEITHEAL OF THE YEAR & MAYO PERSON OF THE YEAR: The Mayo Association Dublin is inviting nominations from community groups, organisations, clubs and individuals for the prestigious awards – Meitheal of the Year and Mayo Person of the Year Award 2010. For further information, visit www.mayoassociationdublin.com or contact Carmel Heaney (086) 854 8566 or Francis O'Malley (087) 743 1979. Closing Date: 11th December 2009.

KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME: Consumers of Killasser Group water scheme are advised that following recent unsatisfactory test results all water should be boiled before human consumption. The management committee regrets any inconvenience caused.

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

LIST OF PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS & SISTERS: This list, with the Newsletter, is intended to help us prepare an event to honour their families. The parish event will take place on June 6th 2010 at 3p.m. We would like to write to these priests and religious, and their families, to invite them all to come here for that event. If someone is left off the list, please let us know. If you have a person's address or his/her families address, please let us know.

COMMITTEE MEETING: A special committee has been set up to organise the Parish event for June 6th, 2010. If anyone would like to be part of it, please contact Fr. John or any member of the Parish Council. First Meeting on Wednesday 9th December at 8p.m. in the Parochial House.