

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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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'*

THE DEEP END - AN UNHOLY DISTANCE

The heavenly honorific of today's feast puts me in mind of the teacher who told her six-year olds to write to God and ask him a question. I'm sure he smiled at Jeannie's. She wrote, 'Dear God, in bible times did they really talk that fancy?'

Jesus never spoke 'fancy' about his Father. So, why should we? Two possibilities come to mind. First, we want to be reverential. The problem here, however, is that the language we use when 'reverential' can be all head and no heart. Consequently, we put God at a distance he neither wants nor observes. Love draws, it doesn't repel. So, if we call God a trinity, how can we call love an abstraction.

Secondly, we don't have a clue who, or what, God is. This may be truer than we feel comfortable admitting. So we resort to abstraction. Now for some peculiar reason the more abstractly you present something the more profound some people think you are. I tend to think the opposite. It's only when you know something inside out that you can describe it simply. Profundity and simplicity go-hand-in-hand, not profundity and abstraction - unless, of course, God can be reduced to a mathematical equation.

So how then to talk of God? Well if the purpose is to reveal God in some way, talk is not the best way to go about it. Example is. Just as surely as talk of love can never replace the real thing, so 'trinity' can never replace the simplicity of Father, Son and the Love between them.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - June 2009)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Tansey Family (Cartron)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. 'Do This In Memory'

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Hurst Family (Carramore-Moy)

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 30th / 31st May amounted to €1,400.

BAPTISM: We welcome Alannah Anita Anne Marie Kerviche, Doontas into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated in Killasser Church on Sunday last 31st May. We pray that she will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of her Parents, Godparents, Family Members and the whole community.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Saturday next 13th June at 2.00 p.m. Anybody who wishes is very welcome to attend.

MASS CARDS: The Parish Pastoral Council has decided that Mass Cards which will be signed in the presence of those who wish to have a Mass offered, will be available in the Sacristies of Killasser and Callow Churches as well as the Parish Office.

PENTECOST COLLECTION: Sincere thanks for your contributions towards the Pentecost Collection taken up over the past few weekends. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

THE VOCATIONS COLLECTION taken up recently amounted to €750. Sincere thanks for your support and generosity.

CEREMONY OF RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT FOR MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST will take place during each Mass in Killasser and Callow on next weekend 13th / 14th June - Feast of Corpus Christi.

THE FINAL CELEBRATION OF 'DO THIS IN MEMORY' for the School Year 2008/2009 will take place during the 10 a.m. Mass in Callow Church on Sunday next 14th June. All children who received First Holy Communion on 10th May along with their Parents and Family Members are invited and welcome to attend.

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

NEW GLASS FOR NEW DOORS IN CALLOW CHURCH: Glass that has the figures of the risen Christ and St. Thomas sandblasted onto it was installed on Friday 29th May. It has been carried out by the Abbey Stained Glass Company in Dublin. This is the company that refurbished the church windows almost ten years ago. This project is being sponsored by the Kirrane Family, Callow to whom we are extremely appreciative.

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A SPANISH STUDENT? Host families required for Spanish Students during the month of July. A Student will come as a companions to a child within your own family and would range in age from 11 - 16 years. Generous terms and a rewarding experience. Teacher will travel with the students and is a great support throughout the student's stay. For further information contact Geraldine on 094-8105964.

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.

A NEIGHBOURHOOD MASS will be celebrated in Callow Church on Friday 12th June at 8.00 p.m. All those living in the following townlands/villages - Carn, Cortoonduff, Derreen, Carrick, Knockaganny, Lismorane, Callow, Ballinaleck and Cloonygowan are invited to attend. The suggestion to have Neighbourhood Masses/Services came from the parish survey carried out by the Parish Pastoral Council.

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.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE ANNUAL CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION to support the work of the Killasser Community Care Group will be taken up in Killasser and Callow on this Saturday and Sunday 6th / 7th June. Your support will be very much appreciated.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL is now enrolling for the following Post Leaving Certificate Courses: Art Craft and Design with Portfolio Preparation / Business Studies incorporating Business Computer Applications / Legal/Medical/Dental Receptionist / Community Care / Sport and Recreation / ECDL / Microsoft Office Specialist / Computers for Beginners. Contact 086-0341072 for details or log on to www.ballyhanuniscs.ie or e-mail plcbcs@iol.ie

COSGALLEN NEW - TEFL COURSE: Names are being taken for a TEFL (teaching English as a foreign language) Course which may be held in Cosgallen, Charlestown in the near future, subject to numbers. This will be a two-day course and may be held on a Saturday and Sunday. Other days may be considered subject to demand. To book or for more information contact 094-9255070 / **DEFIBRILATOR COURSE:** A Defibrillator Course will be held in the Charlestown/Swinford area on June 24th / 25th if you wish to avail of this course contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **SEAN NOS DANCING FOR ADULTS:** Cosgallen is organising Adult Sean Nos Dancing Classes. This is a great way to keep fit and have fun time. If you are interested contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070. / **NO NAME CLUB:** The No Name Club is a national Youth Organisation which has as its basic objective the provision of social and recreational activities for young people in an atmosphere free from alcohol and other drugs. The setting up of the first No Name Club in Swinford is underway. With the assistance of Con Nolan, Development Officer with the No Name Club, a dedicated committee meet on a weekly basis to finalise the setting up of the Club. A number of adults have received training and have been vetted to ensure that the club runs to the highest possible standard. Great interest has also been shown by the young people in relation to getting this club set up. A large number, who were interested in becoming hosts and hostesses, were recently interviewed and all successful applicants will be responsible for organising activities in their club. The committee is looking for a suitable venue where these young people can meet and socialise. If you can offer any assistance or would like to become involved please contact Rita Campbell at 087-2920314. / **MAYO IN MOTION WALKING INITIATIVE:** A number of walks has been organised locally in conjunction with Mayo in Motion Walking Month for June. The next walk will be held on Tuesday June 9th at 7.30 p.m. The meeting is Callow Lake Car Park. All are welcome. For more information contact Imelda O'Hara on 087-2235376 or Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on **Wednesday 10th June** at the Cosgallen Office, Charlestown from 9.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

50TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS will take place in Dublin in 2012. Obviously the event will cost a considerable amount of money. It has been suggested by the Irish Bishops' Conference that a collection be taken up in every parish on weekend of 13th / 14th June, Feast of Corpus Christi. To facilitate this, maybe you could put in some extra money in your offertory collection envelope next weekend.

THE ALL-IRELAND ROSARY RALLY in honour of Fr. Peyton, took place in Knock on this Saturday afternoon 6th June. Liam Lawton and the Cluster Choir provided the music and singing which was beautiful.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated in Straide on this Sunday 7th June.

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL will be held in the School on Monday evening 8th June at 8.00 p.m.

MASS ON SRON: The Annual Mass at one of the old church sites in the Parish will be celebrated at Sron on Friday 19th June at 8.00 p.m. Hopefully as many people as possible will make the effort to attend what is a very special occasion each year both spiritually and socially.

THE ANNUAL PIONEER MASS will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Tuesday 16th June at 8 p.m. All living and deceased members of the Killasser and Callow Centre will be remembered during this Mass. Afterwards, pins will be presented to Jubilarians. Anyone who would like to get a gold or silver pin, should contact Maureen Murphy as soon as possible. Refreshments will be served in the Community Centre afterwards. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the quiz, essay, readoiri, soccer and football competitions. The organisers invite all pioneers in the parish, as well as all the prize-winners, their families, mentors and families to the Mass and presentation.

CALLOW GROUP WATER SCHEME UPGRADING WORK: This essential work is to be carried out very shortly. The road up to the reservoir on Carn Hill will have to be dug up. This means that this road will have to be closed for the duration of the work. There will be detours signposted to enable traffic to get through. The Water Scheme Committee apologise for any inconvenience caused.

A MEETING OF THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE will be held in the Parish Office on Saturday next 13th June at 9.15 p.m. It is almost the time of year again to receive your new box of Offertory Envelopes.

TENNIS COACHING LESSONS for Secondary School Pupils and Adults, Male/Female, will be held each Saturday from 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. in the new Tennis Court at Killasser Community Centre. Court is open each day from 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

PRAY FOR People of the Parish, Saturday 8.00 p.m.
 John Sheerin, Tierenanny and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 10 a.m.
 James and Sarah McGloin and Son John, Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Nellie Holleran, Magheraboy and Deceased Members of the Ormsby and Holleran Families, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Catherine and Brian Groarke, Carrowleambeg, Son Bernie and Deceased Members of the Groarke and O'Hara Families, Saturday 13th June 8.00 p.m.
 Pat Joe and Kathleen Tansey, Cartron, Saturday 13th June 8.00 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
