

# 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'*

### 'I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE'.

There is a lot of complaining in these verses about where Jesus came from and where he got his authority. Why were the religious leaders so opposed to Jesus? They questioned his origins and his mission. Inwardly they must have wondered if what Jesus was saying about God was true, but they closed their minds to that truth and refused to believe that Jesus came down from heaven. They just didn't 'get it.'

Why did some people 'get it'? Because they opened their minds to what Jesus was saying and what they experienced of him. He spoke of God's love and mercy. He gave sight to the blind, healed the sick and lame. He walked among them, ate and celebrated with them, prayed with them. He was one of them. So when Jesus said, 'I am the Bread of Life' they could say, 'Yes, I have experienced you as bread. You have given me hope and a promise of eternal life.'

We too can experience Jesus as the bread of life for ourselves and for our world. We can open ourselves to the good news of Jesus in his words and deeds. In our prayer we can learn to trust in God's love and forgiveness.

*'Am I among those who 'get it' when Jesus continues to speak in the world today? Do I allow my heart to be open and my mind to be transformed?'*

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Lily Hess)

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

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

Fr. Joseph Gavigan - Foxford 094-9256858.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday 10 a.m. / Friday, Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8 p.m. The McNulty Family (Carrownedan)

Saturday 8 p.m. Killasser Cemetery Mass

Saturday 10.00 a.m. The Hughes Family (Coolegrane)

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

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

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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### THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> August amounted to €1,637

### 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](http://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 other practical arrangements which makes it more difficult to really benefit from the course.

# 'GOOD LUCK MAYO'

**SEISIUN IN FR. PEYTON CENTRE:** You are invited to a feast of Irish Music, Song and Dance hosted by the Bofield Ceili Band in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass every Thursday night until 27<sup>th</sup> August. **The Show which begins each night at 9.00 p.m. is well worth experiencing. It is an ideal place to bring visitors and you will certainly enjoy it yourself as well.** You are advised to come along early to get a seat. Admission €10. Children U-18 if accompanied by parents are free. The admission fee includes tea, coffee and **beautiful buneeens!**

**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](mailto: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](http://www.cosgallen.com) / **THIRD LEVEL GRANT APPLICATION FORMS** for the Mayo County Council and the Mayo VEC Third Level Grant are currently available at the Cosgallen Office, Charlestown. Drop in a pick one up or phone Mayo Co. Council on 094-9024444 or Mayo VEC on 094-9024188. / **ACCESS COURSE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS** at St. Angela's College, Sligo is a preparatory course for Higher Education for Young Adults ages 18 - 21 years in the BMW Region. It is designed for students who would like to study for an undergraduate degree but may be uncertain about their ability to cope in higher education due to previous or current socio-economic circumstances. The aim of the course is to enable students to acquire the academic knowledge, skills and confidence to participate alongside students who enter University through the conventional entry channels. The course is offered on a part-time basis from September to April two evenings per week and one Saturday per month. Following successful completion of the course students receive a Certificate which can be used to gain direct entry into undergraduate programmes at St. Angela's College and at N.U.I., Galway. Closing date for completed application forms is September 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. / **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 / **CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on Wednesday 12 August at the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown from 9.45 - 11.30 a.m.. For more contact 094-9255070.

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

**THE KILLALA-ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will depart from Knock Airport on 23<sup>rd</sup> August and return on 28<sup>th</sup> 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, Abbeytown, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo. Phone 096-31462.

**A KILLASSER FESTIVAL** will be held from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. It will begin with a National Schools' Disco on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August from 8.00 - 9.30 p.m. This will be followed by a Teenage Disco with Teen Queen from 10.00 - 12.30 p.m. On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August there will be a 10K Walk with tea and refreshments afterwards followed by a Duck Race. On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August there will be a Family Fun Day from 2.00 p.m. until late. Vintage Tractor Display, Tractor Reversing, Tug-o-War, 56lb throw, Welly Throw, Potato Pick, Horse Shoe Throw, Face Painting, Bouncing Castles, Penalty Shoot-out, Ball Skills and much much more. On Sunday night at 9.30 p.m. a Social will be held in Frank's Place where medals and trophies will be presented. More information from Michael on 087-9144910, Francis on 087-9909863 and Martin on 087-9377644. It promises to be a most enjoyable weekend so come along and enjoy.

**A CONCERT** will be held in Callow Church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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**CLONMACNOIS YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 13 - 16 AUGUST** will take place in Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly near the ancient ruins of the Clonmacnois monastic site in Co. Offaly. The Festival is for young people aged 16 - 35 and will

take place from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. The weekend will include inspiring talks, dramas, a concert, prayer, Mass, games and times of sharing. It promises to be a great opportunity for young people from all around Ireland to explore their Catholic faith, meet new friends and have some craic! Bishop Frank Caggiano, Vicar of Evangelisation for the Diocese of Brooklyn will be the main speaker. This is a donation-only retreat. Free buses are available throughout the country - just to bring a sleeping bag and a pair of wellies! (Over 18's may like to bring their own tent). For more information see poster at the back of the church or contact 086-3025442 or 01-6753690 or check website [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN KILLASSER** will be on Saturday next 15<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00 p.m.

**SWINFORD COMMUNITY RADIO:** Members of the recently formed Swinford Radio Group will shortly be making an application to the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland for a licence to operate a community radio station for Swinford and its environs. The group wishes to hear from local people what they would like to hear on a community radio station, and would also be interested in talking to people who would like to join the group to assist it with its objectives. The station will be operated by members of the community, for the community. For more information about the Swinford Radio Group, call either 087-7546909 or 086-8592889.

**EXPECTING CAO OFFERS:** Young people are welcome to check their CAO offers on-line and free of charge on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August from 12 Noon - 5.00 p.m. at the Youth Information Centre, Pavilion Road, Castlebar (situated directly across from the tennis courts). A Guidance Counsellor will be available in the centre to answer any individual queries by phone or in person. This service is available to young people between the ages of 17 and 25 years. Contact the centre on 094-9028674. This service day is supported by South West Mayo Development Company.

**SWINFORD AGRICULTURAL SHOW ON SATURDAY 15 AUGUST:** All gardening and cookery enthusiasts are encouraged to pick up a schedule of classes in local shops or from the Show Office in Swinford National School from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Join in the excitement of the show by getting your entries in on time. Entries exceeding €20 will gain a free admission to the show. Phone 087-7716028. **NEW ATTRACTIONS AT THE SHOW:** Among the many attractions at this year's show is a unique exhibition of photographs from the work of the late John Duffy of Swinford. Music this year will again be provided by the very popular Blue Grass Band and by the highly acclaimed Trad/Rock band 'Celtica'. There will be an opportunity to try your hand at the turf footing or the potato picking or the bale rolling competition. Lots of novelty events for the children too. You may enter your dog at the office or between 12 Noon and 1.30 p.m. at the show ground. Phone the Show Office on 087-7716028 or visit [www.swinfordagrishow.com](http://www.swinfordagrishow.com) **What recession?....Only progression at Swinford Show on Saturday next.**

**HUCKLEBERRY FINN DAY** which took place on this Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August was very successful and enjoyable. More later.

**ACHONRY DIOCESAN CHANGES/APPOINTMENTS:**

Rev. John Doherty, P.P. Gurteen, to be Priest-in-residence, Charlestown.  
 Rev. Farrell Cawley, P.P. Kilmovee to be Pastor Emeritus and residing at Ballinacarrow, Co. Sligo.  
 Rev. Michael Joyce, P.P. Swinford, to be P.P. Bohola.  
 Rev. Paraic Costello, P.P. Bohola, to be P.P. Foxford.  
 Rev. Joe Caulfield, P.P. Carracastle, to be P.P. Carracastle.  
 Rev. Dan O'Mahony, P.P. Killasser, to be C.C. Cloonacool.  
 Rev. Dermot Meehan, Adm. Ballaghaderreen, to be P.P. Swinford.  
 Rev. Vincent Sherlock, C.C. Ballaghaderreen, to be P.P. Kilmovee.  
 Rev. John Geelan, C.C. Cloonacool, to be P.P. Bonniconlon.  
 Rev. John Durkin, C.C. Kiltimagh, to be P.P. Killasser.  
 Rev. Joseph Gavigan, C.C. Foxford, to be P.P. Ballaghaderreen.  
 Rev. Michael Quinn, C.C. Swinford, to be P.P. Carracastle.  
 Rev. Gerard Davey, C.C. Ballaghaderreen, to be C.C. Foxford.  
 Rev. Gabriel Murphy, C.C. Cloonloo, to be C.C. Kiltimagh.  
 Rev. Ronan Murtagh, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, to be Diocesan Secretary and C.C. Cloonloo.  
 Rev. Martin Henry, on loan to Killala Diocese, to be C.C. Ballaghaderreen.

These changes take effect from the weekend 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> September.

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**PRAY FOR** John and Eileen McManus, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Tom and Delia Gallagher, Callow, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 10 a.m.  
 Bertie Carroll (Nee O'Hara), Coolegrane and Ilkeston, Derbyshire, England, Aunt of Seamus O'Hara, Coolegrane and Sean O'Hara, Carrick, who died in Derbyshire on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Funeral Mass in Derbyshire on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

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