

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'*

RECESSION FROM MATERIAL THINGS.

I recall an occasion when I was on mission in Africa. Our compound was near a border and an invading army, said to be liberating, was quickly approaching. Our local Bishop gave an order that we were to leave at once. We did not have time to decide what to take and what to leave behind. After several months, we returned. Our house was empty. In my room only a little earthenware jar stood in the middle of an empty floor! I learned a lesson, even if at a cost, that the gift of life is infinitely precious.

It was Jesus' desire to send his disciples on mission empty-handed, to live in total dependence on their hosts. He forbade superfluities; take nothing - except a staff; do not carry two tunics. Such a state of total emptiness can confer real freedom on a person.

The society in which we live, on the contrary, gives the impression that if only we possessed this or that object of our desires we would be happy. The advertising world is always a step ahead and constantly proposes something bigger and better to make for happiness. Thomas Merton writing in 1965 has this to say about greed: 'The great sin, the source of all other sins, is idolatry. Never has it been greater, more prevalent than now. It is almost completely unrecognised - precisely because it is so overwhelmingly total. It takes in everything. There is nothing else left. Fetishism of power, machines, possessions, medicines, sports, clothes etc., all kept going by greed for money and power' (The Intimate Merton, p. 294)

I believe that we, as Christians, can indeed be grateful for this recession. We can make it a recession from material things. It is a time for taking stock, for re-evaluating and re-discovering true values. Saints like Elizabeth of the Trinity were always conscious of the abiding presence of the Trinity in her soul. This amazing fact is true for each baptised Christian. 'Lord, you who are present in the depths of my heart; allow me to meet you in the depths of my heart.'

(Sr Elizabeth McCarthy - 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. / Sunday 10 a.m. and 2.00 p.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 McLoughlin Family (Derreen) Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Mulligan Family (Callow)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church is discontinued for July and August. It will recommence in September.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 4th / 5th July amounted to €1,275

THE PETER'S PENCE - CENT - COLLECTION was taken up at all Masses last weekend 27th / 28th June. The amount collected to date is €15. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed. If you have forgotten to do so you can hand it in at your convenience.

WEDDING IN CALLOW CHURCH: Congratulations to Derek McCormick, Dublin and Muireann O'Sullivan, Dublin who were married in Callow Church on Friday last 10th July. We wish Derek and Muireann every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

THE MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART will celebrate their centenary in Ireland with a Pilgrimage of Thanksgiving to Knock Shrine on Saturday 25th July. Everyone is invited to the celebration that will be led by Cardinal Sean Brady. Ceremonies will start at 12 Noon. James Kilbane will sing with the Knock Choir for the Mass. Enquiries to 021-4545704.

CONSUMERS OF KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME are advised that following the recent good weather that reserve levels of water are lower than they have been for many years. Consumers are advised to take all reasonable water conservation steps in order to ensure a continuous supply to everyone. Consumers are reminded again to check all water appliances for leaks and dripping taps and have all leaks repaired or reported immediately.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday 22nd July at 9.00 p.m. This is a follow-up meeting to the previous meeting held on June 30th. This meeting will be addressed by representatives of Mayo County Council, Ryan Hanley consulting engineers and the National Federation of Group water schemes. It is vital that there is a strong consumer representation present and a representative from each household is requested to attend.

KILLASSER DISCO - NATIONAL SCHOOLS will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Friday next 17th July from 8.00 - 9.30 p.m.. Admission €3. All are welcome.

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 from 16th July to 27th August. **The Show begins each night at 9.00 p.m.** You are advised to come along early to get a seat. Admission €10. Children U-18 if accompanied by parents are free. Don't miss a great night out!

POULTRY BRING AND BUY: Swinford Agricultural Show is holding a Poultry Sale at Swinford Amenity Park on this Sunday 12th July from 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.. All poultry breeders and those interested in purchasing chickens, ducks or geese are invited. Admission is €5 Children are free. Proceeds go towards the staging of Swinford Agricultural Show on 15th August.

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

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

C.S.K.A. COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB hosted a very successful and enjoyable a multi-sport Sports Camp during the past week at Killasser Community Centre. Over fifty children and young people took part. Sports included were: Gaelic Football, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Rounders, Athletics, Rugby and a host of other games. The Camp was organised and run by Martin Peyton and Michael Howley. Compliments on a job well done. A special thanks to Maureen Murphy who provided/made a lovely new banner for the occasion.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 couple of weeks 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Saturday next 18th July at 3.00 p.m.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING concerning R.E.P.S cutbacks will be held in Deputy Beverley Flynn's Office in Castlebar on Monday morning next 13th July at 10.00 a.m. All farmers and everyone interested is encouraged to attend.

ADULT BUCKET COLLECTORS are required for the Sponsored Cycle which takes place on next Saturday in aid of Siamsa Sraide. Those who are willing to help out are asked to get in touch with Danny Gill or Brid O'Connell.

PRAY FOR Molly, Jim, J. P. and Pat Heaney, Derreen and Martin and Geraldine McNulty, Listernan, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John and Mary Lalor and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 10 a.m.
 William and Nora Ruane, Cullenaughton, Son Mike and Daughter Mary, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Annie and James McLoughlin, Derreen, Sons Mark, Paddy and John, Saturday 18th 8.00 p.m.
 Mary Howley (Nee O'Donnell), wife of the late Brendan Howley, Dunmaynor, who died in Manchester On Friday 10th July.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE