

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'*

'YOU ARE THE CHRIST'

'Who do people say that I am?'

'Who do *you* say that I am?' It's easy to quote public opinion - 'Some say this; some say that.' But public opinion is never enough for Jesus; he wants to know what *we* think of him.

We agree with Peter: 'You are the Christ.' But Jesus would ask us what the title means to us. It means Jesus is 'God from God, light from light, true God from true God, one in being with the Father.' ... All correct according to the creed, but in terms of Mark's gospel a simpler acknowledgement is required. 'Christ (Messiah) is the suffering one.'

At this point in Mark, Peter's statement that Jesus is the Christ is correct, but it merely scratches the surface of understanding the real identity of 'the Christ.' When Jesus speaks of his suffering and death, Peter rebukes him, as much as saying that suffering is beneath him. But Jesus will not be swayed from the cross and the pain that goes with it.

Only when we accept the cross as part of Jesus' true identity, and take up our own, will he really know what we think of him.

'How has my profession of faith in Jesus the Christ grown and deepened?'

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - David LeSieur)

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 10 a.m. / Friday 1.00 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Wednesday 10 a.m. / Friday, Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Groarke Family (Carrowleambeg) Sunday 10.00 a.m. The McNulty Family (Cullenaughton)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 5th / 6th September amounted to €1,280

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 / **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 / **INTENSIVE TUITION ADULT BASIC EDUCATION COURSE:** An Intensive Tuition Adult Basic Education Course for people who have not acquired a junior certificate standard of education and who wish to train to get back into the workplace will be held (subject to numbers) in Cosgallen in Charlestown. The course is free and will cover the following subjects: Communications, Personal Development, Maths and Computers. The Course will be held in Cosgallen three hours a day twice a week for fourteen weeks. The Course is funded by Mayo VEC. For more Phone 094-9255070

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.**

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. Still the exact amount is not to hand but should be for next week's Newsletter. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

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

Aoibheann Brennan - Dromada-Joyce
Niamh Kirrane - Carramore
Isabelle Tuffy - Dunmaynor
Callum Grufferty - Carramore

Ellie Foliard - Carn, Callo
Megan Tuffy - Swinford
Rhys Neary - 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.

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.

Mass Celebrating the life & work of Frank Duff Mass Celebrating the life & work of Frank Duff, Founder of the Legion of Mary will be offered by Bishop Brendan Kelly in St Nathy's Cathedral, Ballaghaderren on Saturday 19th Sept at 3pm. All are welcome.

Message from Fr John Thanks very much for the welcome I have received so far and for organising the refreshments in the Community Centre after 8pm Mass last Saturday evening. My family, relations, friends and former parishioners and I were very grateful.

A VERY SINCERE THANKS to each and everyone of you for your kindness and support over the past fifteen years. During that time I received far more from you than you received from me. Looking back over that time I hope we all travelled the journey of life and faith together as best we could. There are so many aspects to parish life - spiritual, social, community, educational, sporting - that I have been privileged to be part of. All of my involvement with you as a parish community has given me so much in so many ways over the years. I count myself very fortunate to have been so much part of Killasser for so long. If I am to call any parish home, it is Killasser. I hope that what I and my predecessors have tried to offer in our role has been of benefit and that the good work you have been doing will continue to grow and flourish into the future. No doubt, there are times of great change ahead but with good planning and vision there are great times ahead. Getting to know me as you did over so many years, you know that do not like any spotlight on myself. That is why I said, when a farewell function was mentioned, that if people liked to do something, I would gratefully accept your generosity. I had only two requests, that it would be held before I left and that it would be after the 11.30 a.m. Mass. For granting those requests and for your generosity and presence at the function, I will be forever grateful. It was a lovely gathering and as I said to a number of people 'I almost enjoyed it - the spotlight' Thanks again for everything and I wish Fr. John Durkan and all of every blessing, happiness and success as a parish for the future. I know you have given him a warm and sincere welcome and that you had a love celebration of Mass and tea and buneeeeeens afterwards for his induction. You always do the right thing and I know you will continue to do it for the future. Slan agus Beannacht. **Dan O'Mahony. 1978 - 1982 and 1994 - 2009.**

PRAY FOR Tom Horkan, Blackpatch and his parents Pat and Nora Horkan, Saturday 8 p.m.
P. J. Nash, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.
Bridie Rowley, Dromada-Gore, Saturday 8 p.m.
Desmond Walsh, Tierenanny, Saturday 8 p.m.
Sarah and Jack Hennigan, Milltown, Saturday 8 p.m.
John McHugh, Craigaballagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
Pat, Willie and Matt Thompson, their Sister Mary Goldrick and their Parents, Doontas, Saturday 8 p.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Andrew Meehan, Cartron, Months Mind, Friday 8 p.m.
Bernie Groarke, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 19th September 8 p.m.
Reg Harvey, Hemel Hempstead, Essex, England, Uncle of Fr. John Durkan, who died during the week.
Attracta Gavin, Swinford, Mother of Marie Fallon, Principal Carramore N. S. who died on Tuesday 8th September and whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in Swinford on Friday 11th September.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
