

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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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 - NOT A LA CARTE.

Johnny got the message early in life. When asked by his religion teacher what he thought of God he replied with a gravity beyond his young years, 'I bet it's very hard for him to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it.' Out of the mouth of babes!

In today's First Reading from the Book of Exodus, the word 'all' is used repeatedly. In brief: all the people promise obedience to all the words of the Lord. There's no half measure, no *a la carte* approach to God's commands. There wasn't then, and there isn't now.

Today we celebrate the feast of The Body and Blood of Christ or Corpus Christi as it's more popularly known. The Eucharist that Christ gave us is a meal open to all people who have committed themselves in faith to Jesus as Saviour.

The Eucharist, while it needs to be celebrated in a manner that expresses life, joy and community, is not an entertainment event. It's joyful yet serious, lively yet dignified and, in a sense, 'ordinary' yet holy.

What we need to realise to, however, is that it also requires effort on our part to prepare for it and further effort to celebrate it well. That's where the 'all' comes in again. We can't prepare for the Eucharist with only part of our life. Following Jesus is a total lifelong commitment. How could anyone celebrate Mass on a Sunday, having lived like a pagan for the rest of the week.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - June 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, Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Tuesday 8 p.m. / Wednesday 10 a.m. / Saturday 1. p.m. and 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Cronnolly Family (Doontas)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Gavigan Family (Knocks)

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 6th / 7th June amounted to €1,235

BAPTISM: We welcome Charlene Lisa Tansey, Treenreevagh into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday 13th June. 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 20th June at 4.00 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 this 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 this Sunday 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. The children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools who received the Sacrament this year will be joined by Colm Burke, Callow who received his First Communion in Foxford on the same day 10th May. The following children will gather:

CARRAMORE	Eoghan Leonard (Kilmactigue)	Neven Grufferty (Carramore)	Chloe Tuffy (Dunmaynor)
	Laura McNulty (Dunmaynor)	Shane Cronnolly (Dunmaynor)	Conor Meehan (Dunmaynor)
	Kevin O'Hara (Kilmactigue)	Jack Igoe (Killasser Estate)	
KILLASSER	Keisha Groarke (Killasser Estate)	Jon Farren (Killasser Estate)	Alan Hughes (Carramore-Moy)
FOXFORD	Colm Burke (Callow)		

Again, congratulations to all the above children on this very important occasion in their spiritual young lives, to their parents and family members. Sincere thanks to their teachers, Mrs. Sharkey, Carramore and Ms. Gibbons, Killasser, for all their good work and good example

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.

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 was celebrated in Callow Church on Friday last 12th June for all those living in the following townlands/villages - Carn, Cortoonduff, Derreen, Carrick, Knockaganny, Lismorane, Callow, Ballinaleck and Cloonygowan Approximately 80 people attended which included children, teenagers, young people and those a bit more mature. It was a lovely celebration both spiritually and socially.

THE PRIESTS LIVE AT THE O2 DUBLIN will take place on Monday 22nd June commencing at 8.00 p.m. The three priests, brothers Fr. Martin and Eugene O'Hagan and Fr. David Delargy will perform soaring renditions of Catholic Classics such as Ave Maria, Pie Jesu and Panis Angelicus as well as classical Irish Songs They performed in Castlebar on 29th March which was a most enjoyable occasion.

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 was taken up in Killasser and Callow last Saturday and Sunday 6th / 7th June. Your support has been 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 / **DEFIBILATOR COURSE:** A Debrilator 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 have been organised locally in conjunction with Mayo in Motion Walking Month for June. The next walk will be held on Tuesday 16th June at 8.00 p.m. The meeting place is Carracastle Church. All are welcome. For more information contact Con McMenamin on 087-9435036 or Cosgallen on 094-9255070 After that the next walk will be on Saturday 20th June at 2.00 p.m. The meeting place is at Killasser Community Centre. For more information contact Michael Howley on 087-9144910 or Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **SEAN NOS DANCING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS:** Cosgallen is taking names of children and teenagers who are interested in participating in Sean Nos Dancing Classes. These classes will be held during the summer subject to numbers. For more information contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070. / **BARNACOGUE/KILLATURLEY WALKING GROUP:** The next walk organised by the Barnacogue/Killaturley Walking Group will take place on Wednesday next 17th June at 7.30 p.m. The meeting place is at the Ireland West Airport Road Layby. All are welcome.

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 this weekend 13th / 14th June, Feast of Corpus Christi. To facilitate this, maybe you could put in some extra money in your offertory collection envelope this weekend. The last time the Eucharistic Congress was held in Ireland was in Dublin in 1932.

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 next 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.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening next 17th June at 8.30 p.m. This is the final meeting before the Summer Break. No meetings are held in July or August.

A PARISH CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Fr. Peyton Memorial Centre, Attymass on Thursday week 25th June at 8.30 p.m. Again, this will be the final meeting of the Cluster Committee before the Summer Break.

THE ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place in Foxford on this Sunday 14th June after the 11.30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

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.

C.S.K.A. COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB will host a multi-sport Sports Camp from 6th - 10th July inclusive, at Killasser Community Centre. Sports included are: Gaelic Football, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Rounders, Athletics, Rugby and a host of other games. The Camp will cater for Children aged 7 to 16 and the cost is €40 per child, €75 for two children from the one family and €100 for three or more children from the one family. Contact Martin Peyton on 087-9377644 or Michael Howley on 087-9144910.

MAYO COMMUNITY GAMES COUNTY ATHLETIC FINALS 2009 will take place in Claremorris on Saturday 4th July. The following have qualified from Killasser: Samantha Doherty, Courtney Groarke, Michelle O'Keeffe, Orlaith Peyton, Brid Rogers, Holly McNulty, Laura McNulty, Lorna Kavanagh, Lorraine Kavanagh, Emily O'Grady, Brandon Doherty, Dara Kavanagh, Shane Cunney, Shane Cronnolly, Neven Grufferty, Pierce Rowley, Fionn Stephens, Jonathan Burke, Hayden Harrold, Ryan Stephens. **Relay Squads - Over 8 / Under 10 (Mixed): Dara Kavanagh, Shane Cronnolly, Neven Grufferty, Courtney Groarke, Laura McNulty, Chloe Tuffy. Over 12 / Under 14 (Boys): Pierce Rowley, Shane Cunney, Hayden Harrold, Ryan Stephens, Jonathan Burke. Over 13 and Under 15 (Mixed): David Cronnolly, Lorraine Kavanagh, Liam Moran, Kevin Rowley, Brid Rogers.** There will be a meet and train get-together at Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday evening next 17th June at 6.30 p.m. Enquiries to Martin Peyton on 087-9377644

PRAY FOR 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.
 Thomas and Ellen Keane, Culduff, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Joe Carr, Graffy, His Parents Patrick and Mary Anne, Saturday 20th June 8.00 p.m.
 Joe Ward, Doontas and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 20th June 8.00 p.m.
 John and Ellen Howley, Cartron, Son Eddie and Michael James Hegarty, Saturday 20th June 8.00 p.m.
 Sarah and Anthony Regan, Culduff and Deceased Gillen and Regan Family Members, Sunday 21st June 10 a.m.
 Mary (Mai) Kerrane, Callow and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 21st June 10 a.m.
 Martin and May Kilty, Cullenaughton and Son Murt, Sunday 21st June 10 a.m.
 Tom and Nora Howley, Carramore, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Phil Curran (Nee Dunne), Arizona and Cartron, Sister of Joe Dunne, Cartron and Margaret Gavigan, Knocks, who died in Arizona on 7th June, Sunday 21st June 11.30 a.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT SRON
 ON FRIDAY NEXT 19 JUNE AT 8.00 P.M.
 ALL ARE WELCOME.**
