

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

PARISH WEBSITE - www.killasser.com

FR. DAN O'MAHONY (094) 9251431. e-mail djomachonry@eircom.net

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 AUGUST 2009.

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'*

'HOW CAN THIS MAN GIVE US HIS FLESH TO EAT?'

I think the aroma of hot, home-baked bread fresh from the oven is likely the most wonderful thing I have ever smelled. As intoxicating - as alluring - as bread can be, there is much in today's Gospel that warns me the message is not how 'yummy' Jesus is.

Jesus isn't campaigning here. He actually scares many of his followers away. Few scholars doubt the strong link to the Eucharist in Jesus' words, but many also urge us to hear more than the truth concerning the real presence. Jesus is insisting on his humanity; we who believe he is God come to us are not to discount his humanity in any way. His flesh is real, his blood flows red, and we who believe in Jesus must accept him in the fullness of that reality.

There is always a danger that a human Jesus will be discovered to have a human personality, will be utterly Jewish in culture and ethnicity, and actually belong to a specific time and place in history. Could the God of the cosmos come to us in such a limited fashion? Those who feed on him know they have found life.

'What makes me hunger for a human Jesus?'

(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 10 a.m. / Friday, Saturday 1.00 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

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

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Loftus Family (Dromada-Duke)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The O'Hara Family (Coolegrane)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The O'Grady Family (Carrowleambeg)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

in Killasser Church is discontinued for July and August. It will recommence in September.

in Killasser Church is discontinued for July and August. It will recommence in September.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

8th / 9th August amounted to €1,311

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.

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 27th 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!**

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 / **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 1st 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 / **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

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 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.

MASS ON MIDWEST RADIO will be broadcast from Killasser Church on Sunday 1st November - Feast of All Saints.

A KILLASSER FESTIVAL will be held from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd August. It will begin with a National Schools' Disco on Friday 21st 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 22nd August there will be a 10K Walk with tea and refreshments afterwards followed by a Duck Race. On Sunday 23rd 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.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN KILLASSER is being celebrated on this Saturday evening at 8 p.m. The Offertory Collection at this Mass will be given towards the Cemetery Fund. You are encouraged to give a donation, in the envelopes that are available in each of the Churches for the same fund.

EXPECTING CAO OFFERS: Young people are welcome to check their CAO offers on-line and free of charge on Tuesday 18th August from 12 Noon - 5.00 p.m. at the Youth Information Centre, Pavilion Road, Castlebar. Phone 094-9028674

HUCKLEBERRY FINN DAY was a most successful and enjoyable event held on the River Moy on Saturday 8th August. Almost 100 canoes, kayaks and rafts took part and all the funds raised will go towards the Moy Rescue Organisation and Sea Rescue. This event was the brainchild of Michael Browne and assisted by a large group of people they organise a very novel and most enjoyable event. A most enjoyable Barbecue was also held on Saturday night in Foxford to complete a very special day. Well done to all concerned for their initiative and concern for the wellbeing and safety of everybody.

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. Gurteen.
 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 5th / 6th September.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING in the Parish Office on Saturday next at 9.15 p.m.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND will be visited on Thursday next 20th August at the usual time. Anybody not on existing list and who wishes to be visited, please contact Fr. O'Mahony.

ALTAR SERVERS' ANNUAL OUTING can take place probable on Tuesday 25th August if that date is suitable and if there is a number of parents of the children willing to travel and supervise everything for the day. Contact will be made with all parents in the next few days.

WEDDINGS: Congratulations to John Nolan, Killasser and Susan Conroy, Charlestown who were married in Charlestown Church on Sunday last 9th August and Jacinta Hennigan, Rubble and Meelick and Noel O'Connor, Ballymiles, Swinford who were married in Meelick Church on Saturday 8th August. Mass was celebrated in the Hennigan Heritage Centre on Sunday evening last for Jacinta and Noel along with their parents, families, neighbours and friends. We wish both couples every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church on this Sunday 16th August at 1.00 p.m. and on next Saturday 22nd at 5 p.m. and also in Callow Church on next Saturday at 3.30 approx.

A CAKE SALE was held in Killasser Community Centre after Masses last weekend in aid of Bone Marrow For Leukaemia Trust Fund. Noreen Shovlin would like to sincerely thank all who organised and supported this event. Thanks to all who baked cakes etc, helped on each day and gave donations. Total raised was €11.40c Noreen will go on a walk ? later in the year. Prize winners: (1) Mike Quinn, Tuam, (2) Richie Kenny, Callow, (3) Pat Doherty, Swinford.

A SPECIAL WELCOME to Fr. Michael McManus, Texas, who is home in Killasser this weekend. Sadly he came for the funeral of his grandnephew during the week. We wish him a pleasant stay and it is always nice to see him.

TEAMPALL MAOIL CEMETERY MASS on Friday next 21st August at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome

PRAY FOR Cemetery Mass, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tom and Delia Gallagher, Callow, Sunday 16th August 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 P. J. Loftus, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 22nd September 8 p.m.
 Gertie O'Carroll (Nee O'Hara), Coolegrane and Ilkeston, Derbyshire, Sunday 23rd August 10 a.m.
 James O'Grady, Carrowleambeg and Manchester, Lily O'Hara, Culdalee, Sunday 22nd August 11.30am
 Gerard Oates, Rathoath, Co. Meath, Nephew of Vinnie Hurst, Carramore-Moy and Grand-Nephew of Fr. Michael McManus, Texas who died on Saturday 8th August. Funeral Mass on Wednesday 12th.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND

CONCERT

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2009

Commencing at 8 p.m.

IN

Callow church

Featuring

Annette griffin

International
Singer/harpist/entertainer

With supporting acts

Admission: €15

Ticket enquiries: 087 754 6909