

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'*

'BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD'

'And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a Father's son, full of grace and truth.' In this sublime way John describes the mystery of the Incarnation, God taking on a human nature and living among us. In today's Gospel we come face to face with the depth of Jesus' love in action.

Jesus prepares the way by first of all choosing some disciples and then spending much time in their company. He engaged with them and tried to explain to them the enormity of God's plan for human beings. Mark in this passage draws a curtain to reveal to us another aspect of Jesus' relationship with the disciples. Having come back from their journeys they were eager to share all with him. Jesus wants them to deepen their experience by withdrawing to a desert place to be all by themselves.

A story is told by William Dalrymple from his travels through the Middle East. He visited a Coptic monastery of St. Anthony in Egypt. He recalls this dialogue with one of the monks who tells Dalrymple of his struggle to live poorly and without distraction in prayer. The writer dialogues with the monk saying that one doesn't have to go out to the desert to find a free space which can be surely found as well in any big city like Cairo, Alexandria or London. The dialogue continues: 'What you say is true', said Fr. Dioscuros with a smile, 'you can pray anywhere. But in the desert, in the pure clean atmosphere, in the silence - there you can find yourself. And unless you begin to know yourself how can you ever begin to search for God?'

The crowds were so greatly attracted to Jesus and his teaching that they had made their way around the headland and were there before them. A human reaction to this might have been to dismiss the people and explain to them about how tired they themselves were. Jesus' response came from the depths of a compassionate heart. He set out to teach them at length.

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

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Tansey Family (Cartron)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Convey Family (Darnagh)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

11th / 12th July amounted to €1,521

THE PETER'S PENCE - CENT - COLLECTION

was taken up at all Masses last weekend 27th / 28th June. The amount collected to date is €45. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed.

BAPTISM:

We welcome Molly Loftus, Toorard into the Christian community of Killasser through the sacrament of Baptism celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday 18th July. We pray that she will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of her Parents, Godparents, Family members, Neighbours and friends.

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 next 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. There was a huge crowd there on last Thursday night for what was a marvellous night's entertainment.

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.

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

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.

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, Abbeytown, 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.

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

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS DANCE will be held in the May Queen Pub, Tubbercurry, in aid of the Western Alzheimers Organisation on Friday night next 24th July at 10.00 p.m. Music by Noel Glynn and Sunset. Raffle on the night. Admission €7. Your support will be very much appreciated.

KILLASSER DISCO - NATIONAL SCHOOLS will be held on Friday night 31st July from 8.00 - 9.30 p.m. Admission is €.

ARTHRITIS IRELAND MAYO BRANCH BALLA will hold a 10K Sponsored Run/Walk on Saturday evening next 25th July beginning at 6.30 p.m from Balla Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to participate and your support will be very much appreciated.

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.

MAYO CONTEST CONNACHT MINOR AND SENIOR FINALS in Pearse Stadium, Galway on this Sunday 19th July against Roscommon and Galway respectively. Mayo haven't beaten Galway in Pearse Stadium since 1967 when they beat them convincingly having been All-Ireland Champions for the previous three years.

MAYO AND GALWAY contested both Senior and Minor Connacht Finals in Castlebar on 3rd August 1969. Mayo won the senior and Galway won the minor. Mayo didn't win the Connacht Senior Championship again until 1981. I looked at the programme recently and noticed that it cost 6d., (6 old pence) for those not around in the 1960's. In that currency there were 240d. (pence) in £1 at that time. No indication of the entrance fee - maybe 10 shillings.

The Mayo Senior Team was: E. Rooney, J. Carey, R. Prendergast, K. Jordan, J. Earley, J. Morley, T. Keane, P.J. Loftus, T. Fitzgerald, D. Griffith, S. O'Dowd, J. Corcoran, W. McGee, J. Langan, J. Nealon.

The Mayo Minor Team was: P. O'Brien, P. Cunningham, D. O'Mahony, L. Kelly, G. Conroy, E. Campbell, M. Morley, M. Higgins, K. O'Sullivan, N. Farragher, P. Hanns, N. Higgins, G. Earls, M. Sweeney, J. Dillon.

PRAY FOR Annie and James McLoughlin, Derreen, Sons Mark, Paddy and John, Saturday 18th 8.00 p.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.

John and Annie May Doherty, Doontas/Foxford, Son Martin and Grandson Martin, Saturday 25th 8 pm
Tom McNulty, Tierenanny, Sonny McNulty, Culduff, Nora Rawcliffe, Mary Sheridan and Deceased
Members of the McNulty and McManus Families, Saturday 25th July 8.00 p.m.

Patrick and Brigid Timlin, Prebane, Sunday 26th July 10 a.m.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE