

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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'*

'WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE CHILD SUCH AS THIS IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME.'

Today, Jesus asks us to develop the childlike quality of being dependent. That quality comes naturally to infants and children, but not to adults. Jesus' disciples were way off the mark thinking their societal status was important to Jesus.

Most adults fight furiously against becoming dependent. But sometimes they have to give in. Certain illnesses, especially Alzheimer's and other dementia-related illnesses, give them no choice. In the United States, these conditions now affect nearly half of Americans over the age of eighty five. Like the child that Jesus gives us as a model today, people with dementia become totally dependent. If we believe in today's Gospel, these people, whom we often feel so sorry for, may be the greatest servants of all. In these years of childlike dementia, God may very well be working out their salvation, and the salvation of others through them.

Those who care for people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related illnesses also struggle to hold on to control. They want to be 'great' and strong as caregivers. But if they are lucky, they soon learn from their loved one to let go and depend on others for help. Then, they too become 'great' servants.

'What situations are giving me the opportunity to grow more dependent on the Lord and on the help of other?'

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Judy Hoelzeman)

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, Thursday 10 a.m. / Saturday 4.00 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.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 Rowley Family (Dromagh)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The O'Neill Family (Creggane)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday 21st September 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 12th / 13th September amounted to €1,364.80C

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.

GOOD LUCK TO MAYO MINOR FOOTBALLERS

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 / **WALK:** A Walk to mark the Irish Heart Foundation World Heart Day will take place on Tuesday next 22nd September. The meeting place is Cosgallen Office in Charlestown and the walk will commence at 11 a.m. There will be a choice of a very short walk or a three mile walk. All are welcome. 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.

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

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 still available but make sure you get them soon and do not be disappointed.** It promises to be a very special night so do not let the opportunity to enjoy it on your doorstep pass you by. **For tickets, contact Michael Fox on 087-7546909.**

HARVEST FAIR AND RAFFLE: There will be a Harvest Fair and Raffle in aid of St. Joseph's National School, Killasser on this 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 for this Raffle are still available at €2 each or €5 for a book of three. They will also be available at the Harvest Fair. 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.

COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY: In the current climate families may experience stress which can cause relationship difficulties. It is important to know that taking over a problem with a counsellor can help. The Family Counselling and Therapy Centre, Ballagherreen offers a professional and confidential service to individuals, couples and families. Issues include: relationships, difficulties, bereavement, separation, depression, loss, abuse etc. For appointments you can contact the centre on 094-9861000.

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 bunnies 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.**

A KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING as requested by shareholders, will take place in Killasser Community Centre on Friday next 25th September at 9.00 p.. to discuss the future of the Group Water Scheme. It is important that all shareholders attend as important decisions must be made.

THE MAYO MENTAL HEALTH CHURCH GATE COLLECTION taken up at Callow on 6th September amounted to €77.78c. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed.

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: Four people are required now from the Killasser area of the parish as new members of the council. You can volunteer yourself or nominate someone (please ask his/her permission first) and then give name(s) to Fr. John Durkan on 094-9251431 or Michael Fox on 094-9253603. Former members of the Council might like to become involved again.

ANGER MANAGEMENT: Everyone knows what anger is. But how do you express it without hurting others or hurting yourself? Uncontrolled anger can cost you your marriage, your job, your relationships, your health and the respect of your loved ones. The **Irish Association of Anger Management** is running a two day intensive programme '**Temper your Anger**', on **Saturday 1st November** at the Carlton Hotel, Galway (formerly Days Hotel). Places are limited so early booking is essential. For further information, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant at **087-7989253** or log onto www.difficultemotions.com

UMBRA COLLECTION SUPPORTING EDUCATION IN KITUI CLOTHING COLLECTION: Fr. Nicholas Maanzo, Diocese of Kitui, Kenya. A Collection of all types of clean dry Ladies, Gents and Childrens' Clothing, also Bed Linen, Curtains, Towels and Shoes on Friday next 25th September before 12 Noon at Killasser Community Centre and Callow Church Car Park.

THE ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL takes place on this Sunday in Croke Park. Mayo play Armagh and we wish them well. Mayo last won the Minor title in 1985. They have played in a number of finals since then, including last year when they were beaten in a replay by Tyrone.

PRAY FOR Bernie Groarke, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 19th September 8 p.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Mary Rowley, Dromagh, Saturday 26th September 8 p.m.
 Mark Hanley, Dunmaynor, Saturday 26th September 8 p.m.
 Hugh and Delia O'Neill, Creggane, Bernie Browne and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 27th September 11.30 a.m.
 Peggy Falsey (Nee Peyton), Fross, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in Quilty, Co. Clare, on Tuesday Last 8th September.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
