

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'*

SUMMER STORMS!

The sycamore tree came crashing down during a modest storm which struck on the first day of June. The fact that it fell at the start of Summer surprised many people. After all, it had withstood the storms of Winter which usually are far more severe.

But the reason for its sudden collapse was not too deeply hidden. In Winter the tree was bare. The wind whistled through its empty branches, unable to get a proper hold on it. But in Summer it was a different matter. Now the tree was clothed with an abundance of large leaves. Hence, the wind was able to get a firm grip on it and wrestled it out of the ground.

Trees are more vulnerable before **Summer Storms** because they are loaded with leaves. People too have more to fear from 'Summer' storms than from 'Winter' storms. By Summer Storms I mean ones that come when things are good. And the rich have more to fear than when the storm hits the poor. The poor seem to have more resilience, and of course have less to lose. This may account for the fact that when apartheid was still the system of government in South Africa, suicides were three times higher among whites than among blacks.

(Flor McCarthy - Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

Fr. Joseph Gavigan - Foxford 094-9256858.

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Friday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Hughes Family (Carramore-Moy)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The McGowan Family (Cullenaughton)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 13th / 14th June amounted to €1,321

BAPTISM: We welcome Oliver Harrold, Carroweena into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday 20th 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 27th June at 3.00 p.m.

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 recently into the new doors at the side entrance to Callow Church. This is very appropriate as it is the Church of St. Thomas. The project has been carried out by the Abbey Stained Glass Company who refurbished all the church windows almost ten years ago. This new glass has been gifted to the Church by the Kirrane family of Callow in memory of their Parents, James and Mary (Mai) Kirrane. On behalf of the whole community I wish to thank the Kirrane Family for this very generous gift which greatly enhances the Church. A special welcome to all the members of the family who are present this Sunday morning for Mary (Mai) Kirrane's First Anniversary Mass and to mark the installation of the new glass

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY: This Sunday 21st June is Fathers' Day and all Fathers are wished a very happy day. It is an opportunity every year to show gratitude for the contribution of fathers to family life.

CEREMONY OF RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT FOR MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST took place during each Mass in Killasser and Callow last weekend - Feast of Corpus Christi. A number of Ministers of Eucharist were unable to be present. However they will have an opportunity to renew their commitment in the near future at a time that is suitable for them. We are very appreciative of the service the Ministers of Eucharist and people in other ministries give to the church in such a generous way.

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

A GENERAL MEETING OF KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Tuesday 30th June. This meeting is being held to discuss ongoing quality issues and to inform members of recent developments which will influence the future structure and direction of the scheme. All shareholders are encouraged to attend. Consumers are also reminded to check their water appliances, particularly drinking troughs for leaks and to have all leaks repaired without delay.

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

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 companion 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.

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 on Saturday and Sunday 6th / 7th June. The amount received at Killasser Church was €188. The amount collected at Callow will be published at a later date. Sincere thanks to all who contributed. 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 / **DEFIBRILATOR COURSE:** A Defibrillator 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 / **SEAN NOS / BARNACOGUE/KILLATURLEY WALKING GROUP:** The next walk organised by the Barnacogue/Killaturley Walking Group will take place on Tuesday next 23rd June at 7.30 p.m. The meeting place is Barnacogue School. All are welcome. / **CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on Wednesday next 24th June at the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown from 9.45 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. More information from 094-9255070. / **COMPUTER CLASSES:** Computer Classes for total beginners will take place in the Cosgallen Office one morning a week. If you are interested in learning computers please phone the office on 094-9255070. This course is free.

MASS ON SRON: The Annual Mass at one of the old church sites in the Parish was celebrated at Sron on Friday evening last 19th June. There was a nice gathering of people, including some people who were there for the first time. It is always special to revisit these sites where people worshipped in earlier centuries and in difficult times. Sincere thanks to everyone who prepared for this celebration of the Eucharist, to all who attended and to those who prepared and provided lovely home baking and tea. Once again it was a lovely occasion both spiritually and socially.

CALLOW GROUP WATER SCHEME UPGRADING WORK: This essential work is being carried out at present. 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 KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening last 17th June. A number of issues were discussed including the possibility of a Concert in Callow Church in the Autumn. A number of people who have served on the Council for a period of time have stepped aside and have been replaced by new members. Sincere thanks to those who have served in the past and to those who have accepted the invitation to serve for the future. This was 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 next 25th June at 8.30 p.m. Again, this will be the final meeting of the Cluster Committee before the Summer Break. Our parish representatives are Maureen Murphy (Carramore-Moy) and Joe McNulty (Cullenaughton).

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.**

THE MAYO COMMUNITY GAMES ATHLETIC FINALS take place in Claremorris on Saturday 4th July. 24 Children have qualified from Killasser. There was a disappointing turnout at last Wednesday evening's meet and train session. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout on Tuesday evening next 23rd June at 6.30 p.m. at Killasser Community Centre. It is important that competitors prepare properly, especially the relay squads and the competitors for the field events. Enquiries to Martin Peyton on 087-9377644.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE DISCO: A Disco for young people aged 8 - 11 will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Friday evening next 26th June from 8.00 - 9.30 p.m. Admission is €3.

MAYO COLLEGE OF HAIRDRESSING invites you to a Hairdressing and Barbering Open-Day on Thursday next 25th June in the Mayo College of Hairdressing, Unit 1, Moneen, Castlebar. It runs from 4.00 - 8.00 p.m. Phone No. 094-9060963. www.hairdressingmayo.ie

DRAINAGE AND GROUNDWORK will be carried out during the Summer Holiday Period, probably in July 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.

CARRAMORE AND KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOLS will close for the Summer Holidays on Friday next 26th June at 12 Noon. We wish pupils and teachers as well as parents a very pleasant Summer.

SIXTH CLASS CHILDREN REACH THEIR FINAL WEEK IN NATIONAL SCHOOL: The following are the children in sixth class in both schools:

KILLASSER	Siobhan Tully (Carroweena)	Jonathan Burke (Clooncleeveragh)
CARRAMORE	Brenda Carr (Coolcastle)	Chloe Meehan (Dunmaynor)
	Hayden Harrold (Carroweena)	Shane Fallon (Swinford)
	Melissa Cronnolly (Dunmaynor)	Siofra Frain (Swinford)

We thank them for their contribution to school life in both schools during their time there. We congratulate them on reaching this stage of their education and wish them well on the next stage of their education in Secondary School. We wish them a good Summer holiday.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Sinead Vizzard, Carrowleamore and Shane Lacey, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny who were married in Killasser Church on this Saturday 20th June. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

THE ANNUAL FR. PEYTON MASS will be celebrated in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Sunday next 28th June at 3.00 p.m. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Brendan Kelly and the homilist will be Fr. Steve Gibson, Spiritual Director at the Centre. The Cluster Choir will provide the music and singing.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAYO on their victory over Roscommon in Castlebar in the Connacht Senior Football Semi-Final this Saturday evening. The final score was Mayo 3 - 18 to 0 - 7. They will now play the winners of Galway v Sligo semi-final in the Connacht Final on 19th July.

PRAY FOR Joe Carr, Graffy, His Parents Patrick and Mary Anne, Saturday 8.00 p.m.
 Joe Ward, Doontas and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8.00 p.m.
 John and Ellen Howley, Cartron, Son Eddie and Michael James Hegarty, Saturday 8.00 p.m.
 Sarah and Anthony Regan, Culduff and Deceased Gillen and Regan Family Members, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Mary (Mai) Kirrane and husband James Callow and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Martin and May Kielty, Cullenaughton and Son Murt, Sunday 10 a.m.
 P. J. Loftus, Oulogue, Sunday 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 11.30 a.m.
 Tommy Hughes, Carramore-Moy, Saturday 27th June 8.00 p.m.
 Mrs. Mary McCarthy (Nee Halleran), Sister of Celia Howley, Carrowleambeg, who died in California On Wednesday last 17th June.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE