

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY FIRST 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'*

### 'YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE'.

In his lifetime, Jesus was one of the seemingly unimportant people who significantly impacted society and all cultures. Jesus challenged traditional beliefs. Accepting his words of eternal life was difficult for some, impossible for others.

( A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Robert L. Morris )

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 9 a.m. / Friday 10 a.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 Warde Family (Doontas)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Hurst Family (Carramore-Moy)

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

### THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

16<sup>th</sup> August amounted to €95.

### THE KILLASSER CEMETERY COLLECTION

amounted to €1,622.10c. The offertory collection taken up in the cemetery during the annual Mass amounted to €90 and the special envelope collection to date amounted to €632.10. Sincere thanks on behalf of the cemetery committee for your support and generosity.

### 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](http://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 for the final Thursday night on 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:events@bothar.ie)

**COSGALLEN NEWS - COSGALLEN WEBSITE:** For information about upcoming events organised by Cosgallen CDP log on to [www.cosgallen.com](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 / **COMPUTER NEEDED:** A second-hand computer is required for a needy family in the Swinford/Charlestown area. If you have a computer that you don't need contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070. / **CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on Wednesday next 26<sup>th</sup> August at the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown from 9.45 a.m - 11.30 a.m. A free service. Contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2009** departs from Knock Airport on 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> November - Feast of All Saints.

**A KILLASSER FESTIVAL** is being held from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. It began with a National Schools' Disco on Friday night followed by a Teenage Disco with Teen Queen. On Saturday there was a 10K Walk with tea and refreshments afterwards followed by a Duck Race. On this Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**A CONCERT** will be held in Callow Church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 now available. All those who are willing to sell tickets are asked to give their names to Michael Fox after Mass in Callow this weekend and to Fr. O'Mahony after Masses in Killasser. I have no doubt but that it will be a very special occasion which you are encouraged to get your tickets for as soon as they are on sale. Your support will be very much appreciated.**

**THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN KILLASSER** was celebrated last Saturday evening 15<sup>th</sup> August.. A very large crowd attended on what turned out to be a very nice evening as regards weather. The cemetery looks in excellent condition thanks to the members of the Rural Social Committee who cut the grass regularly. The members are Stuart Durkin, Richard Hughes, Sean Brennan, Phillip Flanagan and Malachy Egan. Sincere thanks to all the people and families who look after their own family graves so well. The cemetery committee are to be complemented also for the work they do and the responsibility they take on to keep the cemetery looking so well.

**AN OPEN MEETING** will be held in Callow Church on Tuesday next 25<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00 p.m. for all who are willing to help out with the organisation of the Concert to be held in the Church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Any help you are willing to give will be very much appreciated.

**A TABLE QUIZ FOR THE LAEUKAEMIA TRUST FUND** will be held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Friday Night next 28<sup>th</sup> August, commencing at 9.30 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated.

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**ACHONRY DIOCESAN CHANGES/APPOINTMENTS:**

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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 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September and we are to be in our new places for the weekend 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** who were not visited on Thursday last will be visited on Thursday next 27<sup>th</sup> August at the usual time.

**ALTAR SERVERS' ANNUAL OUTING** will take place on Tuesday next 25<sup>th</sup> August. The bus will leave Callow Church on Tuesday morning at 8.30 a.m. and Killasser Church at 8.45 a.m. The Altar Servers will be accompanied by a number of parents who have volunteered to travel. Sincere thanks to them for giving of their time. The group should be back home that evening at 8.30 p.m. approximately.

**WEDDINGS:** Congratulations to Tara Deacy, Shanwar, Foxford and Ronan O'Malley, Ballina and Mark Bazquill, Castlebar and Eileen Donnelly, Ring, Co. Waterford who were married in Callow Church on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August respectively. We wish both couples every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Saturday next 29<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30 p.m.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into the Christian Community/Family Olivia Mary Asuncion Grogan, Manchester who was baptised in Killasser Church on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August, Seoda Jamila Monaghan, Killasser Estate who was baptised in Killasser Church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and twins Nathan McCloskey and Matthew McCloskey, Carramore-Moy and Cheltenham, England who were baptised in Callow Church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. We pray that all these children will grow up to be committed and good followers of Christ through the good example of their Parents, Godparents, Family Members and Neighbours.

**TEAMPALL MAOIL CEMETERY MASS** was celebrated on Friday last 21<sup>st</sup> August. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but I am sure a large crowd attended. Compliments to all who organise this annual Mass and who keep the cemetery in such good condition.

**KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT WORK** is now almost complete, having been carried out over the past couple of weeks. A new drainage system has been put in and an extra large area has had tarmac laid on it. It will now be much cleaner and user-friendly for pupils and teachers. The work is being carried out by Noone Construction Foxford. Everything should be in perfect condition for the return to school in September.

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**PRAY FOR**

P. J. Loftus, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 8 p.m.  
 Gertie O'Carroll (Nee O'Hara), Coolegrane and Ilkeston, Derbyshire, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10 a.m.  
 James O'Grady, Carrowleambeg and Manchester, Lily O'Hara, Culdalee, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 11.30am  
 Martin Joe Hegarty, Carrowleambeg and Parents Margaret and Frank, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Tommy Rowley, Cloonfinnish, Michael and Ellen McLoughlin and Mary and Tom Rowley, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August. 8 p.m.  
 Michael and Kate Warde, Doontas and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 8 p.m.  
 Mary Cronin (Nee Hughes), Cullenaughton, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10 a.m.  
 Andy Meehan, Cartron and Galway who died on Thursday last 20<sup>th</sup> August in Tuam. His Funeral Mass Was celebrated in Killasser Church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and burial took place afterwards in Killasser Cemetery. He was a brother of Mary Ellen Hegarty, Creggane.  
 Mary Sherlock, Moygara, Gurteen, Mother of Fr. Vincent Sherlock who died suddenly on Friday last 21<sup>st</sup> August. Her remains repose at her home from 6 p.m. this Sunday until 6 p.m. Monday. Remains arrive in Cloonloo Church at 8 p.m. on Monday. Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 12 Noon.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

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