

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'*

IN NEED OF FRIENDS.

Someone once pointed out that the best time to make friends is before you need them. Paul's passionate plea for unity in today's Second Reading is a reminder of that fact. Paul, of course, doesn't package his plea in such self-serving terms. However, in its own streetwise fashion the remark is true. Unity is good, disunity is not. It's as simple as that.

Paul uses language here that many people, particularly men perhaps, may find difficult to identify with in terms of relating to others. He pleads for 'humility', 'gentleness', 'patience', and that awful thing called 'love'. In an age when, in the name of so-called entertainment, we are bombarded with images of just the opposite of these - anger, hate, violence and abuse - we might be pardoned for wondering which is the norm in life: humility or arrogance, gentleness or aggression, patience or frenzy, love or hate. A constant diet of grim actors on TV, and on the big screen, aping antisocial antics as if life consisted of never-ending rows fuelled by mindless jealousy can result in a building up of bile.

So, whether we suffer from indigestion or not is up to us. Which do we want: to be hurtful or helpful, coarse or courteous, aggressive or friendly? Those who feed on anger, hate and violence are no strangers to fear. These take more out of us than they give. It's the caring, the friendship and the love that makes life pleasant and fulfilling.

Ask any angry, jealous and friendless role model you can find.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - July/August 2009)

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, Thursday, 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 McNulty Family (Lahardane)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

WEDDING: Congratulations to Ben Geoghegan, Western Australia and Sinead Lavelle, Dublin who were married in Callow Church on Sunday last 19th July. We wish them both every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

18th / 19th July amounted to €1,202

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 other 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.

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 / **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. / **LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH:** Are you currently unemployed? If so, the Local Employment Service will hold an outreach in Cosgallen, Charlestown Office on Wednesday 5th August from 10.00 a.m - 12 Noon. To book an appointment, phone the Swinford Local Employment Office on 094-9252657. For more information, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070. / **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

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 in on 20th September will be one of these.

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. Again it promises to be a most enjoyable occasion which is worthy of your support.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Callow Church on Saturday next 1st August at 2.00 p.m.

KILLASSER DISCO - NATIONAL SCHOOLS will be held on Friday night 31st July from 8.00 - 9.30 p.m. Adm is €3.

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.

CLONMACNOIS YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 13 - 16 AUGUST will take place in Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly near the ancient ruins of the Clonmacnois monastic site in Co. Offaly. The Festival is for young people aged 16 - 35 and will take place from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th August. The weekend will include inspiring talks, dramas, a concert, prayer, Mass, games and times of sharing. It promises to be a great opportunity for young people from all around Ireland to explore their Catholic faith, meet new friends and have some craic! Bishop Frank Caggiano, Vicar of Evangelisation for the Diocese of Brooklyn will be the main speaker. This is a donation-only retreat. Free buses are available throughout the country - just to bring a sleeping bag and a pair of wellies! (Over 18's may like to bring their own tent). For more information see poster at the back of the church or contact 086-3025442 or 01-6753690 or check website www.youth2000.ie

USED CLOTHING COLLECTION DRIVE FOR HOMELESS AIDS ORPHANS IN KEYNA: Collection in Swinford on Tuesday next 27th July in Car Park opposite Church before 12 Noon and in Charlestown on the same day in the car park at the Pastoral Centre. They will take your unwanted used clothing - Clean dry Ladies, Mens and Childrens - Household Textiles - Clean and Dry Curtains, Towels and Bedlinen - Footwear (Paired) - Shoes - Ladies, Mens and Childrens.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN TOOMORE is on Saturday next 1st August at 6.00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN CRAGGAGH - FOXFORD is on Sunday 2nd August at 11.30 a.m.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN KILLASSER will probably be on Saturday 15th August at 8.00 p.m. I am suggesting this without having discussed the matter or consulted with anyone. If this is unsuitable do not hesitate to let men know.

A CAKE SALE IN AID OF BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA FUND will be held in Killasser after both Masses next weekend 1st / 2nd August. If anyone wishes to bake a cake etc or help out in any way, Noreen Shovlin would be delighted to hear from you. She can be contacted on 087-2263737. Noreen will be doing a sponsored Walk in Cape Cod in September.

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. A meeting to arrange promotion of the concert and work out practical details will be held in Callow Church on Wednesday evening next 29th July at 9.00 p.m. All those willing to help with this event are invited to attend.

PRAY FOR John and Annie May Doherty, Doontas/Foxford, Son Martin and Grandson Martin, Saturday 8 pm.
 Tom McNulty, Tierenanny, Sonny McNulty, Culduff, Nora Rawcliffe, Mary Sheridan and Deceased
 Members of the McNulty and McManus Families, Saturday 8.00 p.m.
 Dan Barry, Carramore, Wife Maureen and Brother Johnny who died in Dublin recently, Saturday 8pm
 Patrick and Brigid Timlin, Prebane, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Martin and Maggie Ellen Loftus, Gurteen, Saturday 1st August 8 p.m.
 P. J. Cronnelly, Doontas, Saturday 1st August 8 p.m.
 Sheila O'Hara, Cullenaughton, Sunday 2nd August 10 a.m.
 Anne Sheerin, Coolegrane, Sunday 2nd August 10 a.m.
 Michael and Margaret McNulty, Cullenaughton, Sunday 2nd August 10 a.m.
 Michael Fox, Tierenanny and Swinford, and his Wife, Julia, Sunday 2nd August 10 a.m.
 Mary Cronin (Nee Hughes), Cullenaughton, Sunday 2nd August 10 a.m.
 Marian Nolan, Belfast and Cloonygowan, Sunday 2nd August 10 a.m.
 Gary Groarke, Dublin and Cloonfinnish, Brother of Christine Barry, Carramore, who died on Saturday 18th July. Funeral Mass was in Swinford on Thursday 23rd July
 Bridie Groarke, Swinford and Cloonfinnish, Mother of Christine Barry, Carramore, died on Thursday 23rd July. Her funeral Mass is in Swinford on this Sunday at 12 Noon.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
