

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY SECOND 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'*

THEY OBSERVED THAT SOME OF HIS DISCIPLES ATE THEIR MEALS WITH UNCLEAN HANDS.

In no way do the words of Jesus in today's Gospel make less valid the good advice you were probably given from early childhood: wash your hands before you eat. Of course it is helpful to remember that there are people in our world who have to carry water for miles for the simple necessities of life. The water they bring into their households may need to be used for more important matters than washing hands.

Jesus is attempting to teach us the art of discerning what is essential in life. He wants us to reflect on priorities. And so he dares to call the hecklers - those on the sidelines who make it part of their profession to watch for other people's faults - hypocrites. How easy it is to honour God with our lips because it is the acceptable thing to do in our society, yet to have hearts that are constantly making judgements about others. How easy it is to *'know the law'* and forget to love.

Guard well your heart the ancestors tell us. The same heart that pours out envy and greed, hatred and evil thoughts has the potential to send forth love and blessings.

'When I evaluate my interior life, am I moved to repentance? To change? To deeper reflection?'

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB)

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.
Fr. Paraic Costelloe - Foxford 094-925131

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 1.00 p.m. and 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromada-Duke) Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Hughes Family (Coolegrane)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Judge Family (Magheraboy)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church is discontinued for July and August. It will recommence on Monday 7th September from 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 22nd / 23rd August amounted to €1,450

THE KILLASSER CEMETERY COLLECTION amounted to €1,677.10c. 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 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.

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 / **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. / **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. / **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. / **LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH:** Are you currently unemployed? If so, the Local Employment Service will hold an outreach in the Cosgallen Office, Charlestown on Wednesday next 2nd September from 10.00 a.m. - 12 Noon. To book an appointment, phone the Swinford Local Employment Office on 094-9252657 or Cosgallen on 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 KILLASSER FESTIVAL was held last weekend in rather inclement weather conditions. Compliments to all the Community Centre Committee for going ahead with all the events in spite of the weather conditions. Hopefully everybody enjoyed the events.

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 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

CONCERT: More people are still needed to come forward to help with ticket selling.. You are asked to contact Michael Fox on 087-7546909.

‘GOOD LUCK MAYO’

THE ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS' ANNUAL OUTING took place on Tuesday last to Lough Key Forest Park Adventure Centre in Boyle, followed by some shopping and then on to Arigna Mines and a tour of the mines which were working coal mines up until 1990. Then on to Keadue to O'Carolan's Grave - the blind Harper, Poet/Songwriter and St. Lasair's Well. Lasair was a son of Ronan. This is the Lasair from whom our parish got its name. We finished up with chips and chicken nuggets in Donella's in Boyle. Sincere thanks to all 28 Altar Servers who were so well behaved and to the parents who accompanied them. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the day out.

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 on Monday.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL RE-OPENS on Monday next 31st August. We wish pupils, teachers and parents a very happy, successful and healthy school-year 2009-2010.

CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL RE-OPENS on Tuesday next 1st September. Again we wish pupils, teachers and parents a very happy, successful and healthy school year 2009/2010

HARVEST FAIR AND RAFFLE: There will be a Harvest Fair and Raffle in aid of St. Joseph's National School, Killasser on 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 go on sale today 30th August after all Masses at €2 each or €5 for a book of three. They will also be available at the Harvest Fair on 20th. For further details or to help selling the tickets, phone Helen on 087-7584835 or Brid on 086-8783535.

THE MAYO MENTAL HEALTH CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION is being taken up before all Masses - 5th/6th Sept.

BAPTISM: We welcome Holly Katie Brennan, Dromada-Joyce into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday 29th August. We pray that she will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the good example of her Parents, Godparents, Family Members and Neighbours.

THE KILLASSER CHURCH OUTER DOORS have been newly painted and varnished during the past week and look very well. It should have been done long before now but better late than never.

THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM between Killasser Church and Killasser Community Centre has been problematic for some time causing an area of the lawns below the church to get waterlogged. That too, has been sorted out this Saturday and hopefully everything will go smoothly from now on.

THE NEW DOORS IN CALLOW CHURCH have also been varnished during the past week and now look much better.

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.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW CHURCH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION for the past couple of months amounted to €3,000 approx. Just cannot find the exact amount as I go to print - very late. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

A VERY SINCERE AND WARM WELCOME to Fr. John Durkin, Kiltimagh and Midfield, Swinford who will take over as Parish Priest of Killasser during this week on Tuesday 1st September. His first Mass will be in Killasser on Friday at 10a.m. I know you will make him very much at home and I wish you as a Parish Community along with his leadership every blessing, success and fulfilment in everything you try to do for the betterment of Killasser/Callow.

PRAY FOR **Martin Joe Hegarty, Carrowleambeg and Parents Margaret and Frank, Saturday 8 p.m.**
Tommy Rowley, Cloonfinnish, Michael and Ellen McLoughlin, Mary and Tom Rowley, Saturday 8 p.m.
Michael and Kate Warde, Doontas and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 29th August 8 p.m.
Catherine and Michael Stenson, Carrowleambeg, 8 p.m.
Mary Cronin (Nee Hughes), Cullenaughton, Sunday 30th August 10 a.m.
Kathleen Coughlan, Cullen, Sunday 30th August 10 am.
John McNicholas, Sweetwell and formerly of Cullenaughton, who died on Monday 24th August and Funeral Mass was celebrated in Swinford on this Saturday 29th August.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
