

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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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'*

'HE COMMANDS EVEN THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS AND THEY OBEY HIM'

Clearly, Jesus knew his own people well and loved them. Yet, from the very beginning of his public ministry, Jesus seems to have dealt with a tough crowd! Whether in the streets or the synagogue, he willingly faced a mixed and conflicted audience. Some open and others hostile, many were divided as cliques for all kinds of political and religious reasons, and most were likely to be (then as today) personally wounded, conflicted and searching for salvation.

But for whoever truly listened to Jesus, he was far more than a persuasive and compassionate teacher. His own actions mirrored his words and gave him authority.

Most strikingly, Mark's Gospel states that those most wounded and particularly those enslaved by evil could immediately recognise Jesus for who he was. At this moment early on in Jesus' ministry even the possessing demons found the clarity to respond to his commands in obedience. But what of all the others in the crowd?

As one of Christ's people today, am I listening to him? How will I give him authority today ... over me, over my life?

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Dan Borlik)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.
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 10 a.m. / Tuesday 7 p.m. / Thursday, Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Tuesday 8 p.m. / Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Conlon Family (Boleboy)

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

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

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 24th / 25th January amounted to €1,312

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID - SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND is celebrated on the 1st February each except when this day falls on Sunday as it does this year. The feast is not celebrated this year.

FEAST OF PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD - CANDLEMAS DAY is on Monday 2nd February. Candles can be left in to the churches to be blessed for home use. They will be blessed at the 10 a.m. Mass in Callow on Monday and at the evening (8 p.m.) Mass in Killasser on Tuesday.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE - BLESSING OF THROATS will take place at both evening Masses on Tuesday next 3rd February. St. Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, is believed to have been martyred in the early 4th Century. Very little is known about him. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the 8th Century he has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from a disease of the throat. He is said to have healed a boy who was choking. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

FOXORD 25 CARD GAME continues on Tuesday night next 3rd February at 8.30 p.m. and continues each Tuesday.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME continues each Monday night at 9.00 p.m. It is always a most enjoyable game and your support will be very much appreciated.

CIRCUIT CLASSES AND FITNESS CLASSES will be held every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and Wednesday at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre. Everyone is welcome. Further information from Tommy on 087-2235337.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night 15th January. Some of the items discussed were: **Ecumenical Service to mark Church Unity Octave / Cluster Newsletter / Fr. Peyton Centenary Celebrations including the Mass on R.T.E. on 4th January / Celebration of Baptism and preparation for the Sacrament.** The Parish representatives on this committee are Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty.

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER will be published again this year before Easter. If you have any article, photograph or topic you think should be included, you are asked to contact Maureen Murphy who is a member of the Editorial Committee. Items need to be ready not later than Sunday 15th February. The Newsletter is always a nice record of the significant events within the cluster over the previous year.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING took place in Callow Church on Wednesday Night 21st January. Some of the items discussed were: **Neighbourhood Services/Masses to be held this Spring / Selecting New Members for the Council in accordance with constitution of the Pastoral Council / Further Training for Altar Servers / Mass from Attymass on Television / Ecumenical Service in Foxford Church of Ireland / Service for World Day of Sick / Scripture sharing for Lent etc.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Tuesday night next 3rd February at 9.00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

COSGALLEN NEWS - ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES: Cosgallen Adult Education Spring Classes will start shortly. If you are interested in taking part in a Computer Course or if there is any other course you would like to attend, please contact the Office on 094-9255070. The Adult Education Classes run for sixteen hours, two hours per night, one night a week for eight weeks. The Course fee is €70. The Course is partly funded by the VEC. / **HOMEWORK CLUB FOR PARENTS:** Cosgallen in association with the VEC are organising a Homework Club for parents. The Homework Club will look at ways of addressing issues that parents may have in relation to their children's study. The course will also help parents with any concerns they have in relation to certain subjects such as maths. Ideally the participants should be parents of students who are in third to sixth class. If you are interested in attending, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070. / **LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE:** Are you currently unemployed? If so, the Local Employment Service will hold an Outreach in Cosgallen Office, Charlestown on Wednesday 4th February from 10.00 a.m. - 12 Noon. / **TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteer literacy tutors are needed to provide one-to-one tuition. An adult literacy awareness event for volunteers and learners will be held on 3rd February from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. at the Further Education Centre (Friary), Ballyhaunis. For those wishing to avail of Adult Literacy Initial Tutor Training, courses will commence in February. If you are interested in becoming a tutor, contact Noelle Staunton, ALO on 094-9251928 or 0879102374. An Adult Learners Fair will be held in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris on 6th February from 3.30 - 5.00 p.m. This is an opportunity for prospective learners to become aware of the education services being provided by Mayo VEC and how it may benefit them. Anyone requiring further information please contact Noelle Staunton. **GROW IT - COOK IT - EAT IT:** Cosgallen is organising classes in Horticulture. These classes are currently at the planning stage. If you are interested in taking part and have suggestions of what you would like the course content to be contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070. / **NO NAME CLUB:** A Committee Meeting for Swinford No Name Club will be held on Thursday 5th February at 8.00 p.m. in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. New members are welcome. / **BRIDGE CLASSES:** Cosgallen is at present organising its Spring adult education classes. If you are interested in learning how to play Bridge contact them on 094-9255070 or call into them at the Enterprise Centre in Charlestown.

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS HEATS FOR ALL-IRELAND SINGLES 25 CARD CHAMPIONSHIP will be held in the following venues:

McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris on Sunday 1st February at 6.30 p.m.
Broadhaven Bay Hotel, Belmullet on Sunday 1st February at 6.30 p.m.
Diamond Coast Hotel, Enniscrone on Sunday 8th February at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door in each venue.

KILLASSER BOXING CLUB is hosting a Boxing Tournament in Killasser Community Centre on this Saturday night 31st January, commencing at 8.00 p.m. Your support for this event will be very much appreciated. Sincere Killasser Boxing Club recommenced its activities it has attracted a large number of young boxers. Well done to everyone involved with the club for providing such good training for so many young people

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

ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE DEVELOPING PARISH 2009 will take place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Monday, Tuesday 16th / 17th February. The Title of the two day Seminar this year is 'Skills for the Contemporary Parish'. It is always a very interesting meeting and I hope to attend. If there is anybody who would like to attend, you can contact Fr. O'Mahony for further details.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK is on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wednesday 11th February. On that evening Mass will be celebrated in Callow Church at 7.00 p.m. during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated and administered. If you are sick at any age or if you are elderly you are very welcome to receive the Sacrament. Of course everybody is invited to attend. After Mass there will be a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit and maybe a buneeen! If somebody needs transport, you might be good enough to give someone a lift.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: When there is a Months Mind or Anniversary for your family member, it is most likely some members of the family of the deceased will be scheduled to bring the Offertory Gifts to the Altar. Do look at the Newsletter the week previous to the Anniversary Mass to get details.

COOLEGRANE LIGHTS: The Hughes Family, Coolegrane, Foxford would like to thank everybody who supported their Christmas Lighting Display at their home for charity during the Christmas Season. The total amount of Money raised this year amounted to €2,068.00. It is being donated to the Multiple Schlerosis Society. **Complements and congratulations to the Hughes Family for enabling this to happen.**

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS: It is planned to run another Computer Course for beginners in the New Computer Room in Killasser Community Centre. If you are interested in this course you should contact the following number 086-0564096 between 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. any evening during the week. This new room is state of the art so why not avail of the opportunity.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: To book Killasser Community Centre for any activities, meetings, functions or events, please telephone the following number 087-6913271 to avoid disappointment or over-lapping.

DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR CONSECRATED LIFE FOR THE YEAR OF VOCATION takes place during February. All Religious in the Diocese are invited to a celebration of this Day on **Thursday next 5th February at 6.30 p.m.** in the Cathedral in Ballaghaderreen. The Celebration will consist of Evening Prayer and Eucharist. This is all happening at the invitation of Bishop Brendan Kelly. He wishes everyone to be aware that we are honouring our Religious in this way and that you are most welcome to this celebration..

COSTA BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR SEBASTIAN BARRY: Congratulations to Sebastian Barry who won the Costa Book of the Year Award in London on Tuesday last. It was awarded for his novel 'The Sacred Scripture'. Sebastian is son-in-law of Henry Deegan, Cullenaughton. Sebastian and his family lived in Cullenaughton for a period a few years ago.

GIVE BLOOD AND JOIN IRELAND'S MOST EXTRAORDINARY CLUB: There will be a Blood Donation Clinic at Aras Attracta, Swinford on Wednesday 11th February from 4.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. **Your donation is vital.**

PRAY FOR

- John and Martha Stenson, Knocks, Saturday 8 p.m.**
- Tom Conlon, Cullen, Sunday 1st February 10 a.m.**
- People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.**
- Michael Hegarty, Creggane and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.**
- Maureen Gallagher, Midfield and Deceased Members of Walsh and McGeever Families, Saturday 8 pm**
- Mary Kate, Conlon, Boleboy, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.**
- Martin Hegarty, formerly of Cornageltia who died in Burnley, England, recently, First Cousin of Maggie Brennan, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.**
- Bernie Durkin, Doontas, Saturday 8 p.m.**
- Frannie Durkan, Forest Hill, London and formerly Rubble, Brother of Paraic Durkan, Rubble, who Died suddenly on Wednesday 21st January. Funeral Mass celebrated this Saturday 31st January.**

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
