

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'*

'JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES.....'

In Matthew's Gospel passage for Ash Wednesday, Jesus is asking us to pay attention to how we give alms, pray and fast. It is so easy to pray without hearing what we're saying, to expect more of others and to fast without losing or gaining anything. Lent is a good time to look at these practices in new ways and see how they might enrich our relationship with God and others.

Begin with prayer. Pray for your community as you gather for Sunday Liturgy. Look at people you are gathered with and say a little prayer for each, like 'God be with you this day.' Really listen to what you are saying as you sing and pray aloud with the congregation.

Fasting is doing without something, usually food. Consider giving up complaining, and take delight in eating your food. Savour its richness and thank God for those who brought it to your table.

Give money or time to groups who feed the hungry in your community. Another way of giving alms might be to give words of encouragement and thanks to those you meet as you move through your day - family members, coworkers, workers in shops.

Enter Lent with a joyful heart and a plan of action!

'What plan of action will I make as I enter into this holy season? Will my plan lead to more joy in my life?'

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Lilly Hess)

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 - Thursday, Friday, Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Wednesday 8.00 p.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

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

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 next from 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 21st / 22nd February amounted to €1,507.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' the programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Holy Communion will have its next celebration during the 8.00 p.m. Mass in Killasser Church on this Saturday 28th February. Eleven children will receive these Sacraments this year.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: Eleven children in second class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation in Callow Church on Wednesday 11th March at 7.00 p.m.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR continues in the Church of the Assumption, Collooney, Co. Sligo each Monday night at 8.00 p.m. Everybody is more than welcome to attend. The following will speak at the seminar - Joan Geraghty, John Delaney, Marie Byrne, Joe Dalton, Fr. Owen Gorman, Fr. Tommy Johnston and Frank McGuinness. Further information is available from Sr. Sheila on 086-3821810.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN KILLASSER CHURCH: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held in Killasser Church on Monday evenings between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m. More people are needed to spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. If you can make a commitment for Half an Hour or an Hour, please sign your name in the folder placed at the church door opposite the time most suitable to you.

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 KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING took place in Killasser Church on Wednesday night 18th February. Five of the existing members of the council are standing aside according to the constitution of the Council. Three new members have already agreed to become new members for the year ahead and two more are needed. It is felt that this can be achieved. Sincere thanks to Renee McDonnell, Fross, Tommy Doyle, Carramore and Philomena Rowley, Dromada-Gore who attended Wednesday's meeting for the first time.

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

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTORS: The number of people who take up the Offertory Collection has decreased over time. Because of this more people are needed so that a rota might be drawn up. If you are willing to become involved, you might hand your name in at the Sacristy. Of course this ministry is open to men and women. It is important to mention this, because we might get the idea that it is only something that men do.

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.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS OF KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME: Consumers of Killasser Group Water Scheme are advised that following a number of meetings discussing water quality issues and the introduction of new regulations governing the quality of water supplied by all water suppliers to domestic consumers, the group has decided to commence chlorine treatment of all water supplied by Killasser Group Water Scheme in the immediate future. This treatment is necessary in order to comply with drinking water quality regulations and to eliminate the problem of intermittent coliform contamination of supply which the group has experienced for many years now. The group scheme has purchased the equipment necessary to treat the water and will begin commissioning it on a phased basis over the coming weeks. Consumers are advised that this work will be carried out by a specialist water treatment company which will provide the training necessary to operate the system safely as well as devising a quality control and testing system to ensure safe operation of the system, consumer safety and compliance with drinking water safety standards. This work may take a number of weeks to complete and consumers are advised to **continue boiling all water for human consumption until further notice.** Should any consumer have concerns or queries over this issue they are invited to contact Martin Noone (Chairperson) of the scheme at 087-2233225 to discuss them. The group wishes to

thank consumers for their support over many years. **Issued on behalf of Killasser Group Water Scheme by Martin Noone (Chairperson), Gabriel Howley (Secretary) and Gerry Cronnolly (Treasurer)**

ACHONRY REGIONAL P.T.A.A. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE will take place in the Park Hotel, Kiltimagh on Friday 13th March at 8.00 p.m. sharp. Music is by Kay and the Country Stars. Tickets for the function are €30 and are available from **Thomas Marren and Margaret McGowan.**

NEWSFLASH: 'Bingo With a Difference' will begin soon on Friday Nights in Foxford Sports and Leisure Centre. Watch out for more definite details.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: Fr. Patsy Kelly, Sacred Heart Missionary, based at 'Croi Nua', Galway will lead us in reflecting on the Gospels of Lent on Thursday 5th, 12th, and 19th March at 8.00 p.m. each Thursday evening. It is highly recommended and could be a very important part of our preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Tell your friends! Better still, bring them along.

MASS CARDS: The Parish Pastoral Council has decided that Mass Cards which will be signed in the presence of those who wish to have a Mass offered, will be available in the Sacristies of Killasser and Callow Churches as well as the Parish Office.

NEW GLASS FOR NEW DOORS IN CALLOW CHURCH: Glass that will have the figures of the risen Christ and St. Thomas sandblasted onto it will be prepared and installed over the next couple of months. It is planned to have this work complete by the end of May. It is being carried out by the Abbey Stained Glass Company in Dublin. This project is being sponsored by the Kirrane Family, Callow to whom we are extremely appreciative.

LENTEN TROCAIRE COLLECTION: The Annual Lenten Trocaire Collection will be taken up again this year during Lent. Collection Boxes will also be available shortly for every home.

SCOIL MUIRE AGUS PADRAIG ENROLMENT OF PUPILS will take place on Monday 9th March between 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. in the School. Parents, Guardians who already have enrolment forms should return them to the school before that date.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday next 4th March at 8.30 p.m. Everybody is invited and welcome to attend.

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION for January/February €2,060. Sincere thanks to everyone for your contributions. It is very much appreciated. The Envelopes for the third and final year of this collection will be delivered over the coming week or two.

PRAY FOR Betty Tansey, Dunmaynor and Charlestown, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Patrick Thompson and Deceased Members of Thompson and Monaghan Families, Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Anthony Monaghan, Bokeen and Deceased Members of Monaghan Families, Sunday 10 a.m.
 John McNicholas, son of Paddy McNicholas, Cullenaughton, who died last Summer, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 William and Annie Scully, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Mary Kate Dunne, Cloonfinnish and John Kerrane, Parkroe, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Winnie McNulty, Gurteen, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Jim Hughes, Corley and Luke O'Hara, Ballycastle, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Patrick and Margaret McGowan, Cullenaughton, Sunday 8th March 10 a.m.
 Martin and Kate Ruddy, Ballinaleck, Sunday 8th March 10 am.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
