

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

PARISH WEBSITE - [www.killasser.com](http://www.killasser.com)

FR. DAN O'MAHONY (094) 9251431. e-mail [djomachonry@eircom.net](mailto:djomachonry@eircom.net)

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

1 APRIL 2007.

## 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'*

### LIVING LIFE WITH A GOAL.

Early travellers journeyed by the stars, in a sense they still do with Satellite Navigation (SatNav) technology. But mistakes are still possible. One hapless ambulance crew on a routine 8 mile journey with a patient realised several hours and 200 miles later that their SatNav had unerringly brought them to a hospital of the same name but in a different city.

With far less high tech, this Passion Sunday finds Jesus and his companions reach unerringly the goal of His journey - Jerusalem. It was the goal of his journey. Nothing would deter him from it, several times we are told 'his face was set for Jerusalem.'

Jesus knew what he was about, but do we? Are we meandering around in life or have we a goal and a purpose. One writer says it can be done, based on S.E.C.R.E.T.S. (1) **Sense of purpose - write down your goals in life.** (2) **Excellence - strive for the best.** (3) **Contribution - give it your best.** (4) **Responsibility - take responsibility for your action.** (5) **Effort - it takes work.** (6) **Time - manage it, as it's precious.** (7) **Stick with it.**

Holy Week shows us in all the experiences of His life; triumph, leave-taking, betrayal, abandonment, helplessness and simply waiting that He has mapped the road out for us. Even seeming dead-ends like death are now just another stop on the road to glory. Not SatNav needed.

Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - April 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

<b><u>HOLY WEEK CALLOW:</u></b>	Wednesday	Mass 10 a.m.	
	Holy Thursday	Mass of The Lord's Supper 7 p.m.	
		Procession to the Altar of Repose after Mass and Adoration until 10 p.m.	
	Good Friday	Meditation around the Cross 8 p.m.	
<b><u>HOLY WEEK KILLASSER:</u></b>	Monday	Mass 11 a.m.	
	Holy Thursday	Mass of The Lord's Supper 9 p.m.	
		Procession to the Altar of Repose after Mass and Adoration until Midnight.	
	Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3 p.m.	
	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil begins at 9 p.m. followed by the first Mass of Easter. No 8 p.m. Mass.	
<b><u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST CALLOW:</u></b>	Holy Thursday	7 p.m.	Margaret McGowan and Mary McNulty.
	Easter Sunday	10 a.m.	Anne Deacy.
<b><u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST KILLASSER:</u></b>	Holy Thursday	9 p.m.	Mary Marren, Eileen O'Neill, Sr. Margaret.
	Holy Saturday	9 p.m.	Francis Hegarty and Anne Holleran.
	Easter Sunday	11.30 a.m.	Geraldine Burke and Bridie Sheerin.
<b><u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD CALLOW:</u></b>	Holy Thursday	7 p.m.	Pat Gallagher.
	Easter Sunday	10 a.m.	Claire Conroy.
<b><u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD KILLASSER:</u></b>	Holy Thursday	9 p.m.	Ray Chuck.
	Holy Saturday	9 p.m.	Mary Stenson / Marguerite Marren Patrick McNulty.
	Easter Sunday	11.30 a.m.	Francis Brennan.

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:**

Saturday 9 p.m. The Stenson Family (Carrowleambeg)

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

Easter Sunday 10 a.m. The Sheil Family (Callow).

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:**

Saturday 9 p.m. Claire Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr

**CALLOW:**

Sunday 10 a.m. Helen Timlin.

**ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:**

Holy Thursday 9 p.m. Ciara Hussey Colin Hughes Brid Rogers Shane Cunney.

Good Friday 3 p.m. Caoimhe Warde Eoin Gallagher Lorraine Kavanagh Kevin Rowley

Holy Saturday 9 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Ronan Carr Aileen Gallagher .

Easter Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford Cormac Warde. Pierse Rowley Niall Armstrong.

Altar Servers are asked to arrive at the Church a little earlier than usual to become more familiar with the ceremonies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. If you are unable to attend the ceremony you are named for, you are asked to get another Server to replace you.

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be celebrated in Killasser Church on this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 12.30 p.m.

**WEDDING:** We congratulate Anne McLoughlin, Callow and Kevin Loftus, Knockmore who were married in Callow Church on this Saturday afternoon 31<sup>st</sup> March. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY THIS YEAR** will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. May. The Children of Second Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive Holy Communion for the first time at the 11.30 a.m. Mass on that day.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS/PENANCE** was celebrated in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening last 28<sup>th</sup> March. This year, twelve children received the Sacrament for the first time. They are the following:

<b>CARRAMORE</b>	<b>Shauna Fallon (Swinford)</b> <b>Emily Ronayne (Swinford)</b>	<b>Cathal Frain (Swinford)</b> <b>Rachael Neary (Claddagh)</b>	<b>Conor Kerrane (Carrownedan)</b>
<b>KILLASSER</b>	<b>David Gallagher (Ballinacurra)</b> <b>Daire Thompson (Graffy)</b> <b>Rachael Howley (Dunmaynor)</b>	<b>Emily O'Grady (Carroweena)</b> <b>Mary Tully (Carroweena)</b>	<b>Maeve Peyton (Dromada-Gore)</b> <b>Thomas Stenson (Carrowleambeg)</b>

Congratulations to all the children on reaching this spiritual milestone in their young lives. Sincere thanks to their Parents and Teachers for all you have done for them along the Christian Journey from Baptism to this point. We pray that through your efforts and the efforts of the whole community they will become even better followers of Christ for the journey ahead.

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY':** The next celebration of this programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Holy Communion will take place during the 9.00 p.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Holy Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER:** The dates for the Reconciliation/Penitential Services and the celebration of the Sacrament, were decided on at the Cluster Steering Committee Meeting on Thursday Night 22<sup>nd</sup> March. They are as follows:

<b>STRAIDE</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>8.00 P.M.</b>
<b>KILLASSER</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>8.00 P.M.</b>

**If the date for Killasser doesn't suit, then please feel free to attend in Straide on Monday night. We are all encouraged to receive the Sacrament at this time as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. The priests from the Cluster will be available each night. It is important that you are present for the duration of the ceremony. It will last for about 50 mins.**

**PALM SUNDAY** is this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>. April If the weather is suitable we are assembling at Killasser Community Centre before the Vigil Mass this Saturday evening at 7.45 p.m. approx to bless the Palm Branches and then move in procession to the Church for Mass. At Callow Church on Sunday morning you are invited to assemble at 9.45 a.m. at the entrance on the Swinford side of the Church for the blessing of Palm and then process into the Church. This is a more meaningful way of celebrating this special occasion and more in keeping with what happened on the first Palm Sunday. For those unable to walk this distance, Palm Branches will be available inside both churches.

**HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER IN KILLASSER CHURCH:** Hopefully, like other years, we can have a meaningful Offertory Procession which will involve a number of people. At Mass on Holy Thursday everybody will have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion under both species.

**HOLY THURSDAY IN CALLOW CHURCH:** Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7 p.m. An Offertory Procession will be part of the Liturgy. At least six people are needed to bring up gifts, so we are asking for volunteers.

**GOOD FRIDAY - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION IN KILLASSER CHURCH** will be celebrated in the traditional way at 3.00 p.m. People from all areas of the Parish and beyond are more than welcome to attend.

**GOOD FRIDAY - A MEDITATION AROUND THE CROSS IN CALLOW CHURCH** will be celebrated in Callow Church on Good Friday Evening, commencing at 8.00 p.m. We are confident that you will find this ceremony meaningful as it has been over the past few years. Many people will be needed to participate in the ceremony, so hopefully, anybody willing to be involved will be able to come along to a practice on this Sunday evening at 6.00 p.m. People from all over the Parish and beyond are most welcome to attend on Friday Evening.

**EASTER VIGIL - HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT:** Before the Ceremonies begin a Candle and holder will be available for each family. They are lit at the beginning from the Pascal Candle and during the renewal of Baptismal Promises. You are welcome to bring them home with you afterwards

**TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION:** It is hoped that as far as possible, Trocaire Boxes should be returned on Holy Thursday so that they can be brought to the Altar in the Offertory Procession.

**PRACTICE AND PLANNING MEETING FOR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES** will take place in Callow Church on this Sunday Evening at 6.00 p.m. and in Killasser Church on this Sunday evening at 7.30 p.m. All those who are involved in any way in the Ceremonies as Ministers of the Word, Readers of the Prayer of the Faithful, Participants in the Offertory Procession in Killasser and Callow on Holy Thursday, those involved in presenting the Meditation around the Cross on Good Friday in Callow and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Killasser on Good Friday as well as Ministers of the Word for Holy Saturday, are asked to attend whichever meeting is relevant for you. For the Meditation around the Cross in Callow, people from both sides of the Parish are welcome to participate. It is vitally important to attend this evening if we are to celebrate the Ceremonies well

**DONATIONS TOWARDS RENOVATION AT CALLOW CHURCH:** Sincere thanks for the following donations towards the renovation at Callow Church and Killasser Parochial House - €5,000 / €1,000 / €1,000 / €250 / €100 / €50 / €100 / €100 / €50 / €50 / €50 / €200 / €1,400 / €150 / €400 / €1,000 / €250 / €100 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / €300 / €250 / €60 These donations were received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

**THE NEW SEATING FOR CALLOW CHURCH** was delivered on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January. The new furniture definitely enhances the appearance of the church a great deal and highlights the excellent work that has already been carried out. Sincere thanks to those who have already made donations towards the cost of the new furniture, and to a number of others who have indicated they are willing to make a donation. The amount of each donation is €1,000. The total cost of the furniture is €38,483.52c. The conventional seat/benches in the main body of the Church will accommodate a minimum of 82 people. There are also 80 Chairs which will obviously seat 80 people. The chairs are placed in the choir area, baptismal area, the gallery and area inside the side door of the Church. Chairs are moveable and as a result give one the freedom to use the areas where they are for a variety of purposes. The chairs are connected to each other but can also be arranged in different formations. With traditional seating, one is very restricted in what one can do, because it cannot be moved around. This is a pity, because with buildings (churches) that so much money is spent on, it is a pity that they have not more flexibility for a variety of uses. Callow Church now has that advantage.

**SINCERE THANKS** to the 12 families who have contributed a €1,000 each toward the Callow Church seating. The total cost of the seating is just over €38,000, so further donations will be very gratefully accepted. **Two were received during the past week.** Your generosity and support is always very much appreciated.

**KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND ENVELOPES** hopefully will be distributed to every home in the parish over the next week or so. The Parish Finance Committee, as has been announced some time ago, is asking each family to contribute €500 towards the recent renovations on Callow Church, Killasser Parish House and further work that will always be necessary at both churches and the Parish House. This direct form of contribution is necessary even though we have particular fundraising events from time to time. Your weekly offertory contributions are necessary for and just cover the every day running expenses of the parish. The suggested method of payment of the €500 is as follows: A once-off contribution of €500, 3 yearly contributions of €180 or a monthly contribution of €15 for 36 Months. Your support will be very much appreciated. The first contribution is due this March, as soon as you receive your special envelopes. **Sincere thanks to those who have already returned their envelope and contribution**

**THE JAMES KILBANE FUNDRAISING CONCERT** is the next special event to raise funds for the renovation of Callow Church and Killasser Parish House. Also performing on the night as guests are Brenda Greealis and recent All-Ireland Readoiri winners Lasair. It will take place in Callow Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets for the concert are now available from Maureen Murphy, Margaret McGowan, Theresa Convey, Jacinta Gallagher, Fr. O'Mahony and others. Admission is €15. Tickets are limited to 250. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**THE JAMES KILBANE CONCERT TICKETS** are selling very fast. As the number available is limited it is advisable to get your ticket(s) as soon as possible. After each of the Masses this weekend, a member of the organising committee will take bookings for tickets, so you are advised to book now. There will not be any tickets available on the night of the concert at the door.

**A SHORT MEETING OF CONCERT TICKET SELLERS AND ORGANISERS** will be held in Killasser Church on this Sunday Evening at 9.00 p.m. to assess the ticket situation and any other item concerning the Concert that needs to be attended to.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE:** Five women from Achonry Diocese have recently completed two years training in Spiritual Direction with the Jesuit Centre for Spirituality, Manresa. They are now available to meet with individuals. Spiritual Direction/Guidance offers a reflective look at life and working of the Holy Spirit in it. For more information, Phone Patricia McCarthy on 086-1021532 or Frances Mellett on 087-7813926. You can get a brochure in the Sacristy.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:** 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> March amounted to €1,113.

**A MONSTER 25 CARD DRIVE** will be held in Scoil Mhuire agus Padraig School Hall, Swinford on Good Friday Night next 6<sup>th</sup> April. There will be €1,000 in Prizemoney as well as lots of Spot Prizes. Doors open at 9 p.m. Game starts at 9.30 p.m. Proceeds in aid of Meelick Community Centre. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME** every Monday Night at 9 p.m. All support welcome.

**THE PILLARS, AND LOW WALLS AND GATES** at the entrance to Callow Church on the Swinford have been painted. This work is being done free of charge by the painter Michael Roddy as a contribution towards the renovation of the Church. We thank him for this generosity.

**THE DOORS OF KILLASSER CHURCH** will be painted in the near future. It is now five years since they were last done

**INFORMATION SERVICE:** A service providing information and advice to members of the community will be available each Monday from 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre.

**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE** which has been drawn up by a sub-committee of the Parish Pastoral Council and finalised and agreed on by the full committee, is being distributed at present. They will be delivered to every home in the Parish. Every person of secondary school age and upwards is being asked to fill in a questionnaire. There will be a plentiful supply. You are asked to have them returned as soon as possible - they can be dropped in to special boxes that will be placed in each church or you can deliver them or post them to the Parochial House. The idea of the questionnaire is to get as broad a view as possible on some questions that the Pastoral Council feels are relevant at the present time. Your willingness to fill up the questionnaire will be very much appreciated and valued. You have the option of signing your name to the questionnaire or staying anonymous. The choice is yours. Some areas of the parish have not yet received them, but hopefully you will during the next week or so.

**A CONCERT BY THE MAYO CONCERT ORCHESTRA AND GUESTS** will take place in the Cathedral in Ballaghaderreen on this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April, commencing at 7.30 p.m. There will not be an admission charge but there will be a voluntary collection in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice and I.H.C.P.T. ( Irish Handicapped Childrens' Pilgrimage Trust ). It should be an enjoyable evening and everyone is welcome. Your support will be appreciated.

**MOY DAVITTS G.A.A. CLUB** is organising a Skill Course, commencing on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 10 a.m. - 12 Noon It will run for 5 Saturdays. National School level Fee is €10 per child. The Venue is Moy Davitts G.A.A Pitch. **Training: Minor Training on Thursday at 7.00 p.m. and U-16 Training every Sunday at 12 Noon.** All new players welcome. Please come out and support your local G.A.A. Club.

**THE SOUTH SLIGO SPRING WALKING FESTIVAL AT LOUGH TALT** will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2007. For further information contact Breege Mullarkey on 071-9181313, Breda Monaghan on 071-9181291 or Therese Sheerin on 071-9181120.

**KILLASSER YOUTH GROUP EASTER EGG TREASURE HUNT:** The Killasser Youth Group is holding an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt after 11.30 a.m. Mass in the grounds of Killasser Church and Killasser Community Centre. Lots of Eggs to be won. Entrance Fee is €2 per Child.

**THE KILLASSER YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE** was held on St. Patrick's Day in Killasser Community Centre. The amount raised came to €212.59c. This money will go towards the ongoing running of Killasser Youth Group Project. The Youth Group wishes to thank you sincerely for your contributions and support.

**NEW TREATMENT FACILITIES AT HOPE HOUSE FOXFORD BLESSED AND OPENED:** The New Treatment Facilities at Hope House, Foxford were blessed and opened officially on Friday last 30<sup>th</sup> March. Bishop Flynn blessed the new facilities and the Official Opening was performed by the Minister for Finance, Mr. Brian Cowen, T.D. A large crowd of people gathered on a beautiful afternoon for the occasion. We congratulate Srs. Attracta and Dolores and their staff for the wonderful work they have been doing for the past 14 years in helping people to overcome addiction of various types. We wish them every blessing and success with their work for the future.

**ENTERTAINMENT AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW FACILITIES AT HOPE HOUSE** was provided by Mairin Ni Mhurchu, Darina Burke and Sarah Scully on the Harp with music and song.

**HOPE HOUSE - MEITHEAL AWARD WINNERS 2006:** Congratulations to Hope House on winning the Mayo Meitheal Award for 2006. They were presented with their award at the Mayo Association Dinner in Dublin in February.

**SCOIL MUIRE AGUS PADRAIG LEAVING CERTIFICATE GRADUATION MASS** was celebrated in the School Hall on Thursday evening last 29<sup>th</sup> March. Congratulations to all the students and especially to those from Killasser and their Parents on reaching this stage of their education. We wish all of you every success in your Leaving Certificate Examination.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES ON R.T.E. TELEVISION** will be coming live from St. Muredach's Cathedral in Ballina this year. Fr. Martin Henry, Lisloughna, who is serving in Ballina parish, will be the chief celebrant of the the Easter Sunday morning Mass. We wish Fr. Martin and everyone involved well. It is a huge undertaking.

---

**PRAY FOR** Kieran Murphy, Ballinrobe, Brother of Sr. Mairin Ni Mhurchu, Rubble, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Dan Conlon, Boleboy, Son John and Wife Maureen and Deceased Members of Conlon and McManus Families, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Michael and Delia Kielty, Cullenaughton, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 10 a.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Ellen Howley, Monday 11 a.m.  
 Mary Kate Dunne, Cloonfinnish, Months Mind, Saturday 9 p.m.  
 Cormac Sheil, Callow and Son Cormac, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 10 a.m.  
 Tommy Kelly, Manchester and Carlow, boyfriend of Delia Groarke, Carroweena, who died recently, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 11.30 a.m.  
 Ellen Howley, Cartron, who died in the Sacred Heart Home, Castlebar on Friday last 30<sup>th</sup> March. Her Remains will leave Swinford Hospital Mortuary at 7 p.m. on this Sunday evening to arrive in Killasser Church at 7.30 p.m. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 11 a.m. Burial afterwards in Killasser Cemetery.  
 Martin Dunne, Cloonfinnish, who died on 24<sup>th</sup> March in Texas, U.S., in his 100<sup>th</sup> year, brother of the Late Margaret Maloney, Tiernanny and William Dunne, Cloonfinnish.  
 Anne Dunleavy, Killasser Estate whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday last..  
 John Timlin, Corley and Dublin, Brother of Rita Haran, Knocks, who died in Dublin on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Funeral Mass in Killasser Church on Wednesday. Burial afterwards in Killasser Cemetery.  
 Mary Clare Wickendon ( Nee Crowley ), Toorard and Romford, Essex, Funeral Mass on Thursday.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

---