

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 OCTOBER 2006.

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'*

ONE OF US.

A current RTE programme is titled 'How long will you live?' Given that the death rate is still 100% despite our best efforts, it might be just as important to ask 'how will you live?' The content is more important than the length.

Will it be one that grasps and clings or rather one that celebrates the creative life of God wherever and in whomever it is found? A true sign of greatness is the ability to step back, hand on heart, and rejoice in another person succeeding you. But we're terrible at it. The advice to quit at the top is all very well, but we frequently let the moment pass.

Interestingly Eldad and Medad upon whom the Spirit came (First Reading) hadn't gone to the Tent of the Lord's presence with Moses and the other 70. We can be as fussy as Joshua and John (Gospel) unimpressed by someone who is 'not of us' doing the Lord's work.

Part of us is like the boss who wrote this memo to his personnel director: 'Search the company for an alert, talented young worker who can step into my shoes. When you find him - fire him!' If you feel constantly threatened by someone else's ability or success, you have a problem that needs facing. If you find yourself belittling another person, cutting them down to size.' - maybe it's yourself who is being diced up. God isn't choosy - we are.

(Fr. Tom Cox -

Intercom - October 2006)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Thursday, Friday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Monday, Wednesday 10a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Do This In Memory.

Eileen O'Neill and Paraic O'Hara.

Sunday 10 a.m. Micheal Murphy

Margaret McGowan

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan

Beatrice Goldrick.

MINISTERS OF

Saturday 8 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.

Sunday 11.30 a.m.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:
CALLOW**

Saturday 8 p.m. Do This In Memory Sunday 11.30 a.m. Sunday
10 a.m. Niamh O'Grady

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 7th October 8 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Keith Kavanagh
Steven Cunney Colin Cronnolly
Sunday 8th October 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford Ronan Carr Ciara Hussey
Stephen Fitzmauice.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Do This In Memory Sunday 10 a.m. The
Ruane/McNulty Family (Derreen)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Scully

Family (Dromada-Duke)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will resume in Killasser Church on
Monday 4 - 7 p.m.

ROSARY RALLY FOR PEACE takes place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on this Sunday
1st October. Lunch is from **1 - 2 p.m.** Continuous Rosary, Confessions and Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, commencing at **2.15 p.m.** in the Fr. Peyton Centre. Mass will be celebrated in the
Parish Church by Bishop Flynn. Everyone is welcome to attend. Anybody needing a lift for one person,
can contact Kathy on 086-8808991.

THE CLUSTER CHOIR will sing at this Mass. All members of the cluster choir are asked to
be in the Church in Attymass at **3.30 p.m.** for a short rehearsal before Mass. Hopefully some
members of the Callow and Killasser Choirs can attend.

HUNGRY FOR GOD: This weekend marks the beginning of the Mission Month of October. We
are asked to continue our great tradition of helping the missionary activity of the Church throughout the
world. As Pope John Paul stated, 'It is not right to give an incomplete picture of missionary activity as
if it principally consisted of helping the poor, contributing to the liberation of the oppressed, promoting
or defending human right. The primary task of the Church lies elsewhere: the poor are hungry for God,
not just for bread and freedom.'

'GO TO THE WHOLE WORLD' is the theme for October 2006, the Month of the Missions.
The number of those who do not know Christ is increasing, not decreasing. October, traditionally is
the month of mission, a time for the Christian Faithful to reflect on its response to the missionary
mandate of Christ - 'Go to the whole world.'

DAY FOR LIFE - SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER: The Day for life was initiated by the late Pope
John Paul II, to encourage the Catholic Church worldwide to celebrate the sanctity of life. What is
the Day for Life 2006 for? - **To celebrate the life and presence of people with disabilities in the
Church and in society today - To defend the lives of those with a disability often threatened
before birth or by being denied necessary medical treatment when ill or old - To promote a
more just and humane society in which all can reach their full potential.** The Church teaches that
all human lives, marked as they are in diverse ways by suffering as well as joy, are to be valued,
celebrated, cherished and respected. This is no less true if the person has a disability which causes him
or her some unavoidable and, perhaps, significant suffering. As people in this situation and their carers
often emphasise, suffering can and does coexist with a life that is profoundly valuable - both in itself
and in what that person can achieve. There is something tyrannical about a society which seeks to
remove suffering by denying life to the people who are perceived to suffer. Our society desperately
needs a new vision in which the gift of human life is always cherished and respected, those who suffer
are treated and cared for, and each person is enabled to play his or her unique part in our common life
together. Day for Life 2006 is an opportunity to renew our commitment to do everything we can in
our own parishes to create more inclusive and welcoming communities as an effective sign of what our
society can be.

COSGALLEN NEWS - IS YOUR FAMILY EARNING A LOW INCOME? A large number of families who are experiencing financial strain may well be entitled to a weekly top up payment which is called Family Income Supplement. Working families on low incomes may be entitled to welfare top-up supports of between €20 and €400 per week, depending on their income and the size of their family. To find out if your family is eligible contact your local social welfare office or citizens' information centre. If you live in the Charlestown/Swinford area call in and collect a FIS information booklet from the Cosgallen Community Development Project or call on 094-9255070. They will be delighted to help you.

COSGALLEN NEWS - EVENING CLASSES: Cosgallen CDP hopes to run the following evening Classes this Autumn subject to interest - Creative Writing, Digital Camera for beginners and also a follow-on class for those that have already participated in a beginner's class. If you are interested in taking part in these classes or if you have a particular class that you would like us to run please contact Cosgallen CDP on 094-9255070.

COSGALLEN NEWS - GRANTS FOR LOCALLY-BASED COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2006: The Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs has announced the above programme. It offers three schemes for once-off grants to local voluntary and community groups. They are: The Scheme of Refurbishment Grants, The Scheme of Equipment Grants and the Scheme of Training Education and Research Grants. If your group requires an application form, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070 or call into the office in Charlestown.

COSGALLEN NEWS - BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE: The Back to Education Initiative will run courses in the following subject to interest: E. Business, Art, Drama, Math's, Communications, Beginners Computers, English for Foreign Nationals and Youth Work in the Adult Education Centre, Swinford. They will also have Irish Classes in Charlestown. These courses are free in you are a medical card holder or if you are in receipt of a Social Welfare payment. For more information or to book your place contact Cosgallen CDP Charlestown.

COSGALLEN NEWS - LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH: Are you currently unemployed? If so, the Local Employment Outreach will hold an outreach in Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown on Wednesday next 4th October from 10.00 a.m. - 12 p.m. This is a free and confidential information and support service to unemployed people seeking training and employment. For more information contact Cosgallen at 094-9255070.

COSGALLEN NEWS - BEGINNERS IRISH COURSE: Cosgallen is organising a beginners Irish Course which it is hoped will start in October. If you are interested in learning Irish, call to or phone Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

COSGALLEN NEWS - CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUP: A limited number of places are available at Charlestown Playgroup for children aged from 2 years and ten months up, who are toilet trained. For more information contact Sonia on 086-0822809.

COSGALLEN NEWS - GO FOR LIFE GRANT: The Go For Life National Grants Scheme aims to help local clubs and organisations to enhance existing opportunities for their older members to actively participate in recreational sport and a range of physical activities. The grant scheme also encourages clubs and organisations to introduce new initiatives geared at involving older people in recreational sport and physical activity. Applications forms available from Cosgallen in Charlestown. Closing date for application is Wednesday 18th October.

BROADBAND FOR KILLASSER/CALLOW is possible if there is sufficient interest. It can be viable if there are at least twenty interested subscribers. If you are interested, you can contact Gerry Cronnolly on 086-2546579.

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

DONATIONS TOWARDS RENOVATION AT CALLOW CHURCH: Sincere thanks for the following donations towards the renovation at Callow Church and Killasser Parochial House - €5,000

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donation were received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

FEAST DAYS: Monday - The Guardian Angels. Friday - St. Bruno.
Wednesday - St. Francis of Assisi Saturday - Our Lady of the Rosary.

KILLASSER PARISH DIRECTORY: Some copies will be left at the Church doors. If they are not there and you wish to have a copy, call to the sacristy or contact any member of the Parish Pastoral Council

WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA under the patronage of Bishop Flynn and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Maloney, from 10th - 17th October 2006, including the Ceremonies marking the 89th Anniversary of the 6th. Apparition. Seven Nights full board in the Avenida Hotel, price €834, departs from Ireland West Airport, Knock. For further details contact Nancy Surlis 086-8185153.

GOSPEL AND COUNTRY CONCERT WITH JAMES KILBANE AND LOCAL TENOR KIERAN LUNDY in St. Brigid's Hall, Tubbercurry on Wednesday 4th October at 8.00 p.m. This Concert is in aid of Curry Church Renovation Fund. Tickets are only €10 from Durkin's and Howley's, Curry, Surlis's Supervalu, Barry's Pharmacy, Gillespie's Menswear, Tubbercurry and Veritas, Sligo.

THE SLIGO FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE invites Birth Parents who have placed children for adoption to attend a support Meeting. The aim of the meeting is to provide a place of safety where issues can be discussed in confidence. Further information from - Elizabeth King, Sligo Family Resource Centre on 071-9146315. or Sheila Gallagher, Social Worker on 071-9143058 or Aisling Ryan, Mayo Social Worker on 094-9042511.

FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE KILTIMAGH: Finished School early? Are you interested in learning new skills or gaining a qualification? Aged 15 - 20? Why not join Youthreach? Skills include - Carpentry, Hotel and Catering, Spanish, Metal Work, Welding, Car Mechanics, English, IT, Literacy/Numeracy, Maths, Art, Childcare, Work Experience, Hair and Beauty. All trainees will receive a training allowance for attending the course. A childcare allowance is also provided. For further information contact Amanda or Conor on 094-9381338.

FOSTER HOME NEEDED for an 11 year old boy who is at present on a special programme dealing with difficulties from his early childhood. A high level of support and training is available to the prospective foster parents. Contact Fidelma Ruddy, 'Foster Resource worker' on 094-9042283.

THE FOXFORD CHURCH OF IRELAND HARVEST SERVICE will take place on this Sunday 1st October at 7 p.m. The Preacher will be Canon Robert Howanrd, Hillsboro, Co. Down. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MARKETING CAN BUILD YOUR BUSINESS: Practical exercises to help you discover how effective marketing can help you grow your business. Workshop to be held on October 9th 2006. To register your interest and reserve your place on the course, contact Anne Marie Carroll or Brendan O'Shea on 094-9381494. Participants should be currently running a business. The project is being supported by your East Mayo LDP and Leader+ Programmes.

A HARVEST FAIR IN AID OF THE LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH FUND will be held in Killasser Community Centre on this Sunday 1st October after 11.30 a.m. Mass. Donations of all home and garden produce will be welcome. Items that are welcome include Vegetables, Potatoes, Eggs, Jams, Cakes, Shrubs, Plants etc. etc. You can leave items at the Community Centre before 11.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. For more information, contact Noreen Shovlin on 094-9252237.

PARISH RENEWAL AND DEVELOPMENT: Well-known writer and lecturer Martin Kennedy, will speak in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday next 5th October at 8.00 p.m. The title of his talk is 'Parish Renewal and Development' This talk will be of general interest to all parishioners and of special interest to members of Parish Pastoral Councils. Do consider participating.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR
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23rd / 24th September amounted to €1,

A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING takes place on Wednesday Night next 4th October at 9 p.m. in the Centre. All members are encouraged to attend.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' is the programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Communion, for the children in Second Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools, for their Parents and Family Members and for the Community generally. It was very successful last year and we hope it can be as successful and enjoyable this year. There will be a meeting of all parents of children in Second Class on **Wednesday 4th October in Killasser Community Centre at 8.00 p.m.** This will be an opportunity to discuss the programme and get some information.

VISIT TO THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR: The Children from 3rd Class upwards in Carramore and Killasser National Schools, their Teachers and a number of Adults were invited by Mr. James Kenny, American Ambassador to Ireland, to visit his residence in the Phoenix Park, Dublin on Tuesday last 26th September. It was a most pleasant experience and everyone was made so welcome by the Ambassador. Refreshments were served to everyone, many photographs were taken and we were given a tour of the house and grounds by the Ambassador. He is an excellent communicator with young people as we also experienced last year in Killasser. The Children from each school made a presentation to him. Tom Hennigan presented him with a framed photograph, that was taken of him picking potatoes at the Hennigan Heritage Centre last year. We thank him for his welcome and hospitality. Mr. Kenny visited Killasser last September, where his Grandfather emigrated from in 1907. His term of office comes to an end next Friday. Sincere thanks in particular to Tom Hennigan who was very much at the centre of the organisation of this visit. The group also visited the Dail, where they were met by Mr. Michael Ring, T.D. They also met Mr. Bernard Durkin, T.D. for Kildare, who is from Treenreevagh and was a pupil in Carramore School. He also spoke to the group. A great day was enjoyed by all.

THE SICK AND HOUSBOUND will be visited on Wednesday next 4th October at the usual time. If there is anybody not on the list who would like to have a visit, please contact Fr. O'Mahony.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF MEKI ETHIOPIA will be in Ireland during the coming week. It is possible and probable that he will visit our Cluster and speak at some Masses next weekend. This is the diocese from which Fr. Desalyn, who visited us last year and preached at some of the weekend Masses, came from. It is hoped that our cluster and this Diocese can become closely linked for the future.

TWO LARGE SETEES FOR SALE: For further information contact Valerie Day on 087-7874234.

PRAY FOR Eamonn Doyle, Treenreevagh and Deceased Members of Doyle and Mulroy Families, Saturday 8 p.m.

Catherine and Michael Stenson, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.

Joe and Kevin Barry, Carramore and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.

Mary and John Kerrane, Aclare, Saturday 8 p.m.

Mark Hanley, Dunmaynor and Deceased Members of Hanly and McNulty Families, Saturday 8 p.m.

John Fox, Coolegrane, Sunday 1st October 10 a.m.

Jim Mooney, Graffy and deceased family members, Sunday 1st October 10 a.m.

People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.

Martin, Mary, Philomena and Tommy Loftus, Derreen, Monday 10 a.m.

Martin and Geraldine McNulty, Listernan, and Deceased McNulty and Kerrane Family Members,

Saturday 8 p.m.

Patrick and Catherine Meehan, Sunday 8th October 10 a.m.

Michael McLoughlin, Kiltimagh, Brother of Sean McLoughlin, Callow, who died in Manchester recently.

His funeral took place in Manchester during the past week.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.