

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 25th / 26th August amounted to €1,400.

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 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200 / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 / \$1,000 / €3,000 These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

SINCERE THANKS TO RORY CONROY for providing and installing the new furniture in Killasser Church Sacristy free of charge as he did earlier in Callow Church. This is a most generous gesture and we thank him on behalf of the whole parish.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON The Three-Day Pilgrimages began on Monday 1st June and run until Monday 13th August. Phone No. 071-9861518. The One-Day Pilgrimages will continue the end of September. The One-Day Retreat costs €27 and a reservation should be booked in advance.

MAYO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION CHURCH GATE COLLECTION will take place next weekend on 8th / 9th September. Your support and generosity will be very much appreciated.

A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG will take place on Monday 10th September. You are asked to give your names to Fr. O'Mahony as soon as possible. Even if you have already indicated your interest you might confirm that. This year, like last year, the cost will cover Travel and Lough Derg Fees. The cost will be €50 per person - €27 for Lough Derg and €23 for transport. In Lough Derg, tea and scones will be provided on arrival in the morning and a light lunch in the middle of the day. For any food early in the morning or after we leave Lough Derg, it will be up to each person to decide what they wish to have. This will not be included in the price and is not pre-arranged. This can be decided on the day.

LOUGH DERG ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE: Twenty four people have now booked to travel to Lough Derg on 10th September. There are still about ten places available. If you wish to travel contact Fr. O'Mahony as soon as possible. The bus will leave Swinford at 6.30 a.m. / Callow Church at 6.45 a.m. and Killasser Church at 7.00 p.m.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI will take place from Friday 26th October to Friday 2nd November ex Dublin with JWT. €849 per person. There will be four nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi. The company is Celebration Travel. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Joe Caulfield, Carracastle. Price depends on number booking. Further information from Marian Maloney on 087-2112555 or 094-9288229

THE WEEKLY COMAHALTAS MUSIC SEISIUNS in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass concluded on Thursday night last. There were nine sessions this year and there was a full house each night.

THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR is still available from the Sacristy of each Church after Mass. Price €10. Again make sure you get your copy in good time. The Calendar can also be bought from Thomas Marren, Fr. O'Mahony, Maureen Murphy, Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox, Theresa Convey, Kevin Hughes, Louismcnulty@gmail.com and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

KILLASSER CHOI KWANG DO: It has been a very busy year for Killasser CKD. Three gradings have been held. Two of these gradings involved a visit from Mrs. V. Mackie 111 Dan and Mr. K. Mackie 111 Dan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mackie were very pleased with the standard of the students. The last grading was in June and the following people were graded: Pierce Rowley White Snr., Breege Rogers Yellow Snr., Fergus Ward Orange Snr., Oisín Broe White Snr., Caoimhe Ward Gold, Soncha Broe White Snr., Cormac Ward Orange, Emer Loftus Yellow, Siobhan Ward 11 Dan Gold. Congratulations to all the students and they are encouraged to keep up the good work. Classes took a two week break and are now back in the Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.00 p.m. All ages from five years are welcome.

COMPUTER-BASED BUSINESS/TOURISM STUDIES COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS: If you are interested in returning to education, improving your employment prospects, why not enrol on the Computer-based Business/Tourism Studies Course at the Further Education Centre, Swinford which is due to commence in September 2007. The Course is free. Eligible participants are paid an allowance equivalent to a full Social Welfare payment plus meal and travel allowances. Childcare support may be available. A training bonus of €31.80 is also payable to adults in receipt of social welfare payments for over a year. For further information contact Amanda or Emer at Further Education Centre, Swinford 094-9251928 or vtosswinford@eircom.net

A CAKE SALE AND BRING AND BUY was held in Killasser Community Centre after Mass on Sunday 12th August in aid of Bone Marrow For Leukaemia. Noreen Shovlin would like to sincerely thank all who organised and supported this event. Thanks to all who baked cakes, helped on the day and gave donations. The total raised was

€572.30c. which will go towards her Fundraising Walk in Brazil in October. She hopes to raise €5,000 in total. All your support will be very much appreciated.

TEACHER LEAVES KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL: Ms. Niamh Ruttledge, who has taught in Killasser National School for the past nine years will take up a new appointment for the school year 2006 – 2007. She has been appointed to Killala National School. On behalf of the Board of Management, The Parents and Children of the School, Past Pupils and the Parish Community, we say a sincere thanks for all her hard work, dedication, commitment and good example over the past nine years. We all regret losing such an excellent teacher but we wish her every success and blessing for the future.

NEW TEACHER APPOINTED TO KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL: Ms. Aine Gibbons, Castlebar, has been appointed to the vacant permanent teaching position in Killasser National, due to Ms. Ruttledge moving on. We welcome her to the School and to the Parish and wish her every success and blessing for the future.

BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL is progressing well. The General Purposes Building is well on the way to completion. It will be a very impressive building and will be of immense benefit to the pupils and teachers for the future. The two new classrooms at the back of the School have now been slated. A huge amount of work has been carried out over the past week.

CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN on Monday next 3rd September. We welcome back pupils and Teachers and wish them every success and blessing for the School Year 2007 - 2008.

THE ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS' OUTING took place on Monday last 27th August.. We travelled to Sligo and Bundoran. On the way we visited Lissadel House, the home of Countess Markzevich which was very interesting. Waterworld and the Fun Fair was the focus of interest in Bundoran. Shopping to precedence in Sligo. 20 Young People travelled and were accompanied by four adults. The children were very well behaved and we hope they enjoyed the outing. Sincere thanks to the adults who travelled to supervise.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on this Saturday night in Killasser Community Centre at 9.00 p.m.

BENADA HERITAGE CENTRE: You will be most welcome to Benada Heritage Day on Sunday next 9th September. It commences at 3.00 p.m. There will also be a Fun Walk from Cully Alley to Benada, commencing at 2.15 p.m. on the same day. It is in aid of Hospice and Womens' Support Group. Registration at Cully Ball Alley at 2.00 p.m.

A MASS FOR HEALING will be celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Foxford on Friday next 7th September commencing at 8.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 7.30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Thady Doyle, Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow who is editor of the very popular 'Curates Diary Magazine'. Blessing of the Sick will be held at 9.00 p.m. and all are welcome.

ACHONRY DIOCESAN CHANGES 2007:

Fr. Tommy Towey P.P. Bonniconlon to be P. P. Ballisodare, Co. Sligo.

Fr. Michael Cawley Adm. Ballisodare to be Adm. Bonniconlon.

Fr. Adrian McHugh C. C. Swinford to New York.

Fr. Derek Gormally C. C. Boyle, Co. Roscommon to be C. C. Swinford.

We wish all those who are moving to new pastures every success, happiness and blessing in their new assignments.

PRAY FOR: Tommy Rowley, Cloonfinnish, Parents Tom and Mary Rowley and Michael and Ellen McLoughlin, Doontas, Saturday 8 p.m.
Tom Browne, Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Martin Joe Hegarty, Carrowleambeg and his Parents Margaret and Frank, Saturday 8 p.m.
P. J. Nash, Carrowleambeg and Swinford, Sunday 9th September 11.30 a.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

TEACHINGS OF JESUS OFFER RADICAL SOCIAL ALTERNATIVE.

'If the message of Christianity was implemented in Ireland, it would in all probability be bad for the economy' suggests Tony Flannery. 'Greed is good; it keeps the economy stable.' These are the words of a wealthy Dublin woman, explaining why she was going to vote a certain way in the recent General Election. From a commonly-accepted point of view, she is, of course, correct. The more greedy people are, the more they will purchase and consume, the more will be manufactured, and the more jobs there will be. Commentators tell us it was the economy that determined the way people voted - not that there was any significant difference between the two blocks. Both advocated cutting taxes and boosting spending on services. Any party which

campaigns on the basis of raising taxes so that real opportunities could be afforded to the less privileged would have had little chance of getting elected. As a priest and preacher, this election highlighted for me the real task facing anyone trying to present the Christian message in Ireland. When Jesus preached the Kingdom of God, he was presenting a radically different view of society. He told people that love made more sense than hate, that living in peace would be a far happier state than conflict and that there was sufficient for everyone to live a decent life, if only we learned to share what we have rather than accumulate more than we need. In modern terminology, it would be fair to say that Jesus advocated higher taxation, fairer taxation and redistribution. This was both simple and radical. He stirred up such fear in the authorities that he was put to death. His principles were clear; love and generosity are good; selfishness and greed are bad. But if he tried to spread that message in Ireland now, his fate would be at least as bad. His annihilation would be more subtle, but not any less barbaric. The unfortunate reality for the Christian preacher is that while greed does keep the economy stable, the values of the Kingdom of God would in all probability be bad for a modern economy. If people began to be satisfied with what they had, and controlled their desire for possessions, then manufacturing would decline and there would be fewer jobs. If they learned to live simply, the building industry would suffer a downturn. If people began to share what they had, the big shopping centres would experience a serious reduction in turnover. If they found something better to do on a Sunday, like going to church or walking the hills, then the dead-eyed queues in department stores would shorten. None of this, of course, will happen. We in the Church have tamed the message of Jesus. We have edited it, overemphasising personal and sexual relationships, which Jesus only marginally touched on, and largely ignoring the social gospel, where he was by far the most radical. We recognised that this was the topic that got him into the most trouble, and sensibly toned it down. The other aspect of his teaching that ensures it will not challenge the prevailing policy of modern Ireland is his insistence that his message was best preached by practice. Which of us is up to that?

(Fr. Tony Flannery - The Irish Times - Saturday 26th June 2007)
