

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - VOCATIONS SUNDAY

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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'*

ALL ENFOLDING.

Today's Gospel reading has (John 10:11 – 18) has Jesus saying something rather intriguing: 'I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold; I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd; (v 16). Two things here are surprising.

First, Jesus claims ownership over other 'sheep' without saying who they are, or whether they know they are his. Are these Jews or Gentiles? Is this claim valid today? If it is, whom does it include: those of other religions, those of none?

Second, the sequence of events is surprising: 'I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice' (when I do so?) You would expect that they listen first, and then follow. But no! Jesus leads; the listening follows.

How should we view the Church's mission in the light of this understanding of what Jesus says? Well, it means that wherever mission goes God is there already. There is no such thing as a 'Godless' people, or a 'God-forsaken' place. We have to acknowledge that in God's sight, if not in ours, 'others' are in the fold. They may not know this, but we should. Consequently, basic to mission is the task of making people aware of Jesus bringing them into the fold.

Then follows mission's second task; enabling those in the fold, newcomers and those of long-standing alike, to listen to Jesus' voice through hearing his word. Consequently, familiarity with his word on the part of those on mission is essential. Otherwise, whose voice will they be listening to?

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - May 2009)

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, Thursday, Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Tuesday 9.00 a.m. / Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Hyland Family (Carramore-Moy) Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Conroy Family (Callow)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will NOT be in Killasser Church on Monday next 4th May.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 25th / 26th April amounted to €1,120

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Saturday next at 2.00 p.m. All who wish are welcome to attend.

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION; Sincere thanks for all your contributions to date. Already there is €2,614 handed in. Since the envelopes/boxes were late arriving you will be given some extra time to hand in your contributions. Envelopes are placed at the church doors this weekend for anybody who may not have got a Trocaire Box and wishes to make a contribution. They can be handed in at your earliest convenience. Hopefully we can have all money in by next weekend so that it can be forwarded to Trocaire in early May.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Peter Scully, Dromada-Duke and Fiona McHugh, Knockmore who were married in Knockmore Parish church on this Saturday 2nd May. We wish Peter and Fiona every blessing and happiness in their future married life together.

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION - ROCK ROSE HOUSE is looking for ladies to take part in the Flora Womens' Mini Marathon on Monday 1st June 2009. Registration, Transport, Sponsorship Cards and details - please phone 094-9038407. Your support for Mayo based charity would 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 was held in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening 22nd April. Lent, Holy Week and Easter was reviewed, Neighbourhood Masses/Services were discussed

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday evening last. Our parish representatives are Joe McNulty, Cullenoughton and Maureen Murphy, Carramore-Moy.

THE MAYO MALE VOICE CHOIR gave a most enjoyable concert in Foxford Parish Church on Thursday evening last. Among its members is Noel Filan. They were preceded by the Cluster Choir who gave a wonderful performance once again. Also on the night was a selection of Irish Traditional Music. All of this was in aid of the Foxford National School Building fund. The committee wish to thank everyone who supported the event.

COSGALLEN NEWS - JOBS CLUB: Cosgallen in conjunction with Meitheal Mhaigheo will hold a Jobs Club in May. The course will be held from Tuesday 5th May until Friday 22nd May. The course will be held every morning from 10 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown. A small out of pocket expenses will be paid. If you are currently out of work and interested in taking part in the course contact the Office at 094-9255070. / **LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH:** Are you currently unemployed: If so, the Local Employment Service will hold an **Outreach** in the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown on **Wednesday next 6th May from 10.00 a.m. - 12 Noon.** To book an appointment, phone the Swinford Local Employment Office on 094-9252657. / **BARNACOGUE/KILLATURLEY WALKING GROUP:** The next walk organised by the Barnacogue walking group will take place on Tuesday 5th May at 7.30 p.m. The meeting place is at Bushfield Church. All are welcome. / **CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an outreach on **Wednesday 13th May at the Cosgallen Office from 9.45 a.m. 11.30 a.m.** For more information contact 094-9255070.

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.

FOXFORD BINGO continues every Friday night, commencing each night at 9.00 p.m. sharp. Up to €2,000 on offer each night. It takes place in the Sports and Leisure Centre. Your support will be very much appreciated.

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

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 do 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)**

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.

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. So far two extra person has volunteered to be involved in this ministry in Killasser Church. The Offertory Collection could also be brought to the Altar and presented in the same manner as the Bread and Wine. This would be a more dignified presentation than we have at present.

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.

BOTHAR FUNDRAISING TREK IN OCTOBER TO ASSISI: Join Bothar on a week long trek following the footsteps of Francis of Assisi this October. Bothar use livestock in development aid projects throughout the developing world. For further details contact Bothar on 071-20100 or by e-mail at events@bothar.ie

'FIBS FOR PHONES': Defibrillators, which can be used to help a patient who suffers a heart attack, are now available in many parishes. Each defibrillator costs €2,000. C and C Cellular have offered to supply a defibrillator free to any community that collects 500 used, unused or damaged mobile phones. It is felt that if everybody in the parish collects old phones from friends and family members, this community should reach that target. Boxes will be available for depositing the phones at each church over the next few weeks. Please make an effort ... it may save a life. **Sincere thanks to all who have left in old and used Mobile Phones over the past number of weeks.**

A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING in honour of Servant of God, Fr. Patrick Peyton, marking the centenary year of his birth took place last Sunday 26th April. Mass was celebrated in Attymass Parish Church at 3.00 p.m. and the Principal Celebrant was Cardinal Sean Brady. This was followed by the unveiling of a Statue of Fr. Peyton in the grounds of the centre. There were refreshments and entertainment afterwards. There was an overflow congregation at the Mass. It was a beautiful celebration made very special by the beautiful music and singing of the Cluster Choir.

MAYNOOTH SEMINARY - OPEN DAY INVITATION: All those discerning a vocation to the Catholic Priesthood are welcome. No booking is necessary. This this places on Vocation Sunday 3rd May 2009. It commences on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. and concludes with Mass at 5.00 p.m. More information available from: www.maynoothcollege.ie/seminary / seminary.openday@may.ie

BROADBAND is now available by contacting Westnet on **1850 930 305** This could be of great benefit to everyone who uses the internet on a regular basis. It can certainly speed up the process.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated this year at during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Sunday next 10th May. This year there are 11 Children receiving the Eucharist for the first time. There are the following: Alan Hughes (Carramore-Moy/Killasser School), Keisha Groarke (Killasser Estate/Killasser School), Jon Farren (Killasser School/Killasser Estate), Jack Igoe (Killasser Estate/Carramore School), Chloe Tuffy (Dunmaynor/Carramore School), Shane Cronnelly (Dunmaynor/Carramore School), Conor Meehan (Dunmaynor/Carramore School) Neven Grufferty (Carramore/Carramore School), Laura McNulty (Dunmaynor/Carramore School), Eoin Leonard (Aclare/Carramore School), Kevin O'Hara (Aclare/Carramore School). The childrens' teachers are Ms. Gibbons (Killasser) and Mrs. Sharkey (Carramore).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARTY: Killasser Community Care will host a party for the Children receiving their First Communion on Sunday next. This will take place in Killasser Community Centre immediately after the First Communion Mass. All the childrens' Parents and family members are also invited. Sincere thanks to the Community Care Group for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

THE ANNUAL ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place on Sunday 17th May.

THE MAYO/ROSCOMMON HOSPICE CHURCH- GATE COLLECTION taken up recently in Callow and Killasser amounted to Callow - €157.71 and Killasser - €215.24. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday 6th May at 9.00 p.m. It is important that as many as possible attend what is a very important meeting. It is also very important for everyone to realise what a wonderful facility we have and that it continues to serve the community in so many different ways.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE GRAND PRIZE: Every week for a year they are giving away one week's free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word pilgrim followed by your full name and county to **53030 in Ireland and 60777 in Northern Ireland and Britain** or phone and you can be entered into the draw for free. Texts cost 25 p or 30 c plus the standard rate. New apartments to rent from as little as €20 per person. Website: www.med-irishcentre.com
Northern Ireland and Britain - 028-82241888 / Ireland: 048-82241888

CONCERT FOR CALLOW CHURCH? An open Meeting will be held on Monday Night next 4th May at 8.00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of having another fund-raising Concert in Callow Church. This matter was discussed at the recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting. Everyone who is interested in being involved in promoting such a concert is invited to attend.

CHANGING TIMES IN PARISH LIFE: An article in Friday 17th April edition of the Irish Independent concerning our neighbouring Diocese of Tuam made interesting reading. In a few years time most parishes in the diocese will have only one priest, the exceptions being the larger town like Castlebar, Tuam and Westport who will have more than one resident priest but less than they have at the moment. To maintain services, as a diocese they are clustering parishes like we are doing in Achonry. The Bishop also speaks about ordaining Male Deacons. This is still a very male dominated and clerical type of church. Obviously the involvement of women at this level needs to be looked at as well. Equally important is the willingness of so many unordained people, male and female, to be involved in the life of the church if it is to continue to be at the centre of parish and family life. At present Tuam Diocese has 100 priests in active ministry, 40 years ago they had 170 priests and in 4 years time they will have only 70 priests in active ministry. **That is the picture in Tuam but something similar is happening in our own Diocese and we are probably more advanced in some aspects. Clustering has been happening for longer in Achonry. Also, over half of the Parishes in Achonry have only one resident priest and more will probably follow in the not too distant future. It is now six years since the last ordination in the Diocese, there is just one student studying for the diocese. If he continues it will be another couple of years before he is ordained, which means there will have been a gap of almost ten years. This has to have implications, along with retirement of priests and possible illness. All this means everything cannot stay as it was ten, twenty or thirty years ago. We do not like to hear this, we resist any form of change but we cannot ignore reality indefinitely. We have to use our personnel - Priests and all involved in the various ministries within parishes - to the best advantage. We also have to think more of gathering people together in terms of Masses celebrated and all the other Liturgical Celebrations/Paraliturgies. Half empty churches or less than that are not conducive to good celebration. It can be soul-destroying. It is important to understand that you can have an excellent celebration with 10 people and a lifeless celebration with 100 people. So much depends on how and where people gather or scatter. All this will continue to be discussed at Pastoral Council and Cluster level. All this may be a scenario we prefer not to hear about but one we cannot avoid unless we bury our heads in the sand! Comments are always very much appreciated.**

TEAMPALL MAOL CEMETERY 10 KILOMETER WALK in aid of the up-keep of this historic Cemetery situated near Coolegrane. It is one of the oldest Cemeteries in Co. Mayo. The Walk takes place on Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday - commencing at 1.00 p.m. The Walk begins and ends at Teampall Maol Cemetery via Coolegrane, Cullen, Prebane, Askilawn, Attymachugh, Corley, Leckee, Larganmore, Muckroe and Churchpark. The committee would appreciate your support. Voluntary donations will be accepted on the day. Do tell your friends to come along. Tea and Refreshments will be served after the walk. For any further information contact Kevin Hughes on 086-8583380.

A VERY WARM WELCOME to Fr. Con Cronin of the Kiltegan Fathers who is visiting the Parish this weekend and who speak at all the Masses. He will also visit the schools on Tuesday next.

PRAY FOR Martin McDonnell, Tierenanny and Deceased Family Members and John and Marjorie Durkin and Deceased Family Members late of Magheraboy and Huddersfield, Saturday 2nd May 8.00 p.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Tom and May Tuffy, Dunmaynor, Grand-daughter Jennifer and Andrea Tuffy, Saturday 9th May 8 p.m.
Paddy Hyland, Carramore-Moy and his Parents Pat and May, Saturday 9th May 8 p.m.
John McDonnell, Florida, Chicago and Cullenaughton, who died recently (April) in Floriday, brother of The late Fr. Ignatius McDonnell and Mary Laffey of Sligo.
Henry Groarke, Manchester and formerly of Carroweena, who died on Friday 1st May in Manchester. He is son of Mary Kate Groarke and brother of Francie Groarke, Carroweena. Funeral late in Manchester.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
