

# 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'*

### A HIGHER POWER.

Strange where God reveals himself. From the holiest part of the Temple (First Reading) to a borrowed boat on the Sea of Galilee. We tend, if truth be told, to prefer the former. A God in a predictable place, accessible and controllable. This idea of an unleashed God cropping up in the most unexpected of places is just too much.

Not that King Uzziah of the First Reading thought he needed God. He had defeated every enemy, built an army of 300,000 elite troops; perfected state-of-the-art warfare and developed Israel's economy, making it the envy of the world. As long as he sought the Lord, things prospered - but things changed when his heart looked to his own strength, rather than relying on the hand of God.

We've done it as well. We may feel we don't need Him as much; we're too busy building careers, bringing up families and buying things. Along comes a Peter moment. He was presumably a master fisherman who 'worked hard all night long and caught nothing.' Despite all our skills and experience, some problems can't be solved by planning, budgeting or trying to figure things out.

By a word God achieves what no human could. Peter was a 'nowhere man' up to that point. He was netted in his nets, means had become ends. He had lost his way, but in that moment of break down, God broke through. It's as true for you, especially when you're out of your depth in 'deep water.' Trust changes everything.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - February 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Mary Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Frank Cregg.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Francis Hegarty.

Sunday 10 a.m. Angela Conlon.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8 p.m. Claire Stenson      Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Deirdre Gallagher.

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

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 8 p.m.      Niall Armstrong      Kevin Rowley      Caoimhe Warde      Shane Cunney.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 11.30 a.m.      Ronan Carr      Erin Rochford      Conor Stephens      Ciara Hussey.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Howley Family (Carramore-Moy)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Monaghan Family (Bokeen)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7.00 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY THIS YEAR will be 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 11.30 a.m. Mass on that day.

FIRST CONFESSIONS/PENANCE will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. Hopefully this date will be suitable for all concerned.

**WEDDING:** We congratulate Michelle Hyland, Carramore-Moy and David Kelleher, Cork, who were married in Killasser Church on Friday last 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

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

**THE NEW SEATING FOR CALLOW CHURCH** was delivered on Monday last 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 - four in number 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 €38,835.2c. 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.

**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 MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL 2007 CALENDAR** contains photographs of Stained Glass Windows from Churches in Mayo that came from the Harry Clarke Studios. We are very interested because the window over the Gallery in Callow Church, of St. Patrick, is one of those windows. It is included in this 2007 Calendar which is a beautiful production.

**THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTMAS 2006** has been published again this year and is a bumper edition of sixteen pages. It contains news, articles and photographs from all five parishes in the cluster. There is a copy for every family in the Parish and. You may also wish to send a copy to your relatives in other parts of the country or world. **Please take one.**

**PILATES CLASSES** continues in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday next, 7<sup>th</sup> February, from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. Anyone interested in losing a couple of inches from the waistline is more than welcome.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:** 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> January amounted to €1,325.

**YOUTH SPORTS GRANTS:** The Mayo Sports Partnership is offering grants to increase participation in sports activities by disadvantaged youth. The closing date is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Application forms can be obtained on the website [www.mayocdb.ie](http://www.mayocdb.ie) or by contacting Mayo Sports Partnership at Mayo Co. Council or from Cosgallen.

**A BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING OF CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL** will be held in the School on Tuesday Night next 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

**PLANS FOR THE NEW BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL** have gone out to tender recently. A decision will be made shortly on who the contractor will be and work is due to begin in a matter of weeks. Two new classrooms and a general purposes room will be built at the school. This will cater much better for the increasing number of pupils at the school, which is now a three teacher school

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in Killasser Community Centre on this Saturday Night 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9.00 p.m.

**A WORKSHOP/INFORMATION NIGHT** for all members of the Parish Pastoral Councils in the five parishes in the Cluster will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday Night 15<sup>th</sup> February from 8 - 10 p.m. All members are strongly encouraged to attend. If there are any prospective new members, they too are very welcome to attend.

**A THREE NIGHT COURSE - PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES** will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday Nights - 1<sup>st</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> March from 8 - 10 p.m. Each Parish will have a maximum of eight places on the Course. If you are interested, contact Fr. O'Mahony or the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. The cost has not yet been worked out - probably about €30. A minimum of fifteen people is needed to make the course viable.

**A SERIES OF THREE TALKS ON THE EUCHARIST** is taking place in the McWilliam Court Hotel, Claremorris on Tuesday Night from 8 - 9.30 p.m. The third in the series will be on next Tuesday Night and is entitled 'Is God Present in the Eucharist'? Last Tuesday Night's talk was entitled 'The Mass of Life' and was an excellent presentation.

**THE ANNUAL ALL HALLOWS SEMINAR ON DEVELOPING PARISH 2007** will take place on Monday, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> February. The title of the Seminar this year is '**Adult Faith Development in a Parish Context.**' Cost, including Lectures, lunch, tea/coffee is €150. If somebody from the Parish is interested in attending, they can be sponsored. It is for unordained as well as the ordained. In fact, the majority of people will be laypeople from parishes all around Ireland. Key speakers include, Martin Kennedy and Dr. Eamonn Conway. It will be a very interesting two days and all information can be got from Fr. O'Mahony. Do think about it.

**CHOI KWANG DO CLASSES:** The Classes are as follows: 6 - 14 Year Olds 7 - 8 p.m.  
14 - 60 Year Olds 8 - 9 p.m.

There are spaces available at both sessions.

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

**TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS! 2007 CONTEST:** Pupils in our National Schools are invited to enter a competition entitled 'Try Prayer! It Works! The competition is divided into two age groups - under nine years and under twelve years. The theme of the contest this year is '*There is a Knock at the Door - It's Jesus*' Entries can be made in the form of art, prose or poetry illustrating the pupil's interpretation of the theme. Entries will be judged on content, ability to capture and interpret the theme under the headings:

**Jesus wants you to serve Him!**  
**Have you thought about your vocation in life?**  
**How do you think you would answer this call from Jesus?**

Three prizes will be awarded to both age groups within the three categories. **First prize €50, Second prize €30 and Third prize €20. A Prize of €200 will be awarded to the school whose pupils win First Prize in any of the categories.** Closing date for receipt of entries is 10<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

**THE FEAST OF ST BLAISE** on which our throats are traditionally blessed is on next Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. A general blessing of throats will be given during all Masses this weekend.

**THE CONNACHT FINAL OF READOIRI** took place in Roscommon on last Saturday evening. Killasser was represented in the Group Singing by Sarah Scully, Linda McNulty, Darina and Eimear Burke. They were successful once again and will take part in the All-Ireland Finals at the end of February. Congratulations on winning the Connacht title and every success in the All-Ireland. This year's All-Ireland takes place in the Royal Theatre in Castlebar at the end of February.

**THE OLD SEATS IN CALLOW CHURCH** have been removed from the church to make space for the new seating which arrived last Monday. Anybody who wishes to take a seat is welcome to take one.

**A NEW AMBO** from which the Word of God is proclaimed has been installed as well as some new stools for the altar servers. Some of the original stools, and the presider's chair have been covered with new material. All this will enhance the building.

**TWO NEW NOTICE BOARDS** are now being made for Callow Church and they will be placed on the walls in the Porch.

**NEW TARMAC** will be laid on the church grounds in Callow and on the driveways when everything else is complete inside and outside. This will be done before the two weddings that are being held in the Church in March.

**KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - NEW MEMBERS WANTED:** As the Pastoral Council is now two years in existence, according to its constitution, one third of the council will be requested to step aside. This is to make sure that it never become an elite or select group that never changes. You are welcome to nominate somebody, provided you have consulted that person and they are willing to serve or you can also volunteer yourself for service. Never feel that taking responsibility for the parish is up to someone else to step forward. Why not you this time? If everybody left it to someone else, then nothing would happen and our parish/community would collapse and cease to function. Everything we have and everything that is organised should never be taken for granted. Somebody has to make it happen. Why not you. If you are contacted about this matter, do not be surprised.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in Killasser Church on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February in Killasser Church at 8.30 p.m.

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 for 7 Nights. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Tommy Mulligan, Attymass. Cost is €639 - Half-Board accommodation in a Private House. Day Flights ex Knock Airport. For information contact Sr. Sheila Molloy, 086-3821810.

**MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL** has now erected a sign warning anybody caught dumping at the recycling bins at Killasser Community Centre Car Park that the minimum fine is €3,000. Anybody seen dumping here will be reported to the County Council and security cameras are now in operation in this area. There is no excuse for this type of behaviour, showing no appreciation for appearance or the wellbeing of the environment. It is simply unacceptable. What has been dumped there already will be checked and if there is any indication of who dumped it in the bags, they will be reported immediately. Do not say that you were not warned.

**A POLISH IMMIGRANT** went to the County Council to apply for a driver's licence. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters: 'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z' 'Can you read this?' the optician asked. 'Read it?' the Polish guy replied, 'I know the guy.'

**FEAST DAYS:** Tuesday - St. Paul Miki and Companions. Wednesday - St. Mel, Patron of Ardagh.

**PRAY FOR** Maureen Gallagher, Craigaballagh and Deceased members of the Walsh and McGeever Families, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Deceased Members of the Carr Family, Clooncleeveragh, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Michael Hegarty, Creggane, and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 John McNulty and Joe Joyce, Derreen, Sunday 10 a.m.  
 Jimmy Durkin, Cullenaughton, at request of Tommy Hughes, Askilaune, Sunday 10 a.m.  
 Tom Conlon, Cullen, who died on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in Swinford Hospital. Funeral Mass on Sunday At 10 a.m. Burial afterwards in Craggagh Cemetery, Foxford.  
 Bernie Durkin, Doontas, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Annie Howley, Milltown, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Pat and Mary McAndrew, Carramore and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 John and Margaret Maloney, Tiernanny, Betty Casserly and Michael Maloney, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Mary Rowley, Carrabeg, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Antony Monaghan, Bokeen and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 10a.m.  
 Mary Igoe, Corley, who died this Saturday morning 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Her remains leave Clarke's Funeral Home on Monday at 7 p.m. and arrive in Callow Church at 7.30 p.m.. Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Burial afterwards in Craggagh Cemetery.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**