

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'*

PRECIOUS MOMENTS.

When we hear the account of the Transfiguration, we may think simplistically that something special happened to Jesus, and the disciples saw it. Easy for them. But we are here, now, and we have never seen it! How can we believe it?

Indeed, what event made a big difference to yourself and the people you live and work with? A silence descends on us - most of us live our lives in the mundane, not the miraculous.

But something must give hope, meaning and focus. Or why else would people live such heroic lives, doing ordinary things extraordinarily well. Be they the stay-at-home parent, the shift worker who only sees their children when they're asleep, the lonely long distance commuter who sees not Moses and Elijah, but the red tail-lights of a traffic jam with the accompanying swish of wipers or a jammed carriage filled with the tinny sounds of not so personal entertainment devices.

What keeps us going - because something certainly does and prevents us from what early Christians called 'acedia', 'the noonday devil', namely, a sadness that can take you over for no apparent reason.

Look carefully this 70th day after Christmas, or the Glory of God may pass us by and we miss it. As you search for something... someone to make you happy, we just may miss what God has sent as our Transfiguration moment. The beauty of a dependent child, hand trustingly in yours, a familiar landscape shot through by a shaft of light to surreal beauty, or what we do for others. We need to be mystics of the mundane.

Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - March 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 10 a.m. / Wednesday 7.30 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. 'Do This In Memory'

Sunday 10 a.m. Pat Gallagher.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Thomas Marren and Eileen O'Neill

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Mulligan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8 p.m. 'Do This In Memory' Sunday 11.30 a.m. Amy Hussey.

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Tommy Gallagher.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 10th March 8 p.m. David Cronnolly Pierce Rowley Cormac Warde Lorraine Kavanagh.

Sunday 11th March 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford Keith Kavanagh Ciara Hussey Niall Armstrong.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. 'Do This In Memory'

Sunday 10 a.m. The McNulty Family (Cullen)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Judge Family (Magheraboy)

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 6th 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 celebration was planned for Killasser Church on Thursday 29th March at 7.00 p.m. This needs to be changed on account of Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass planned for that date. Five families are involved. The new date is Wednesday 28th March at the same time. Hopefully this is suitable for all concerned.

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. / ~~€50~~ These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

THE NEW SEATING FOR CALLOW CHURCH was delivered on Monday 29th 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 - five 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 €38,483.52c. 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.

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.

PILATES CLASSES continues in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday next, 28th 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: 24th / 25th February amounted to €1,479.

BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE: There are a few places remaining in the Office Procedures Course if you are interested in learning basic office procedures, please contact Cosgallen CDP in Charlestown. This course is run under the Back to Education Initiative and is free to medical card holders or people getting a social welfare payment.

EVENING CLASSES: Cosgallen CDP is organising Digital Camera classes. If you are interested in participating please contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070. The cost of this course is €60.

CLASSES: If you are interested in attending beginners or follow-up Computer classes or beginners or follow-on Irish classes, please contact Cosgallen by phoning 094-9255070 or calling in to the office at the Enterprise Centre, Charlestown.

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF IRELAND: The Community Foundation of Ireland is currently inviting applications to their Small Grant Scheme for Community and Voluntary Groups 2007. Applications must be from Community and Voluntary Groups that possess charitable aims and are not for profit. They will favour projects leading to the social inclusion of communities who are excluded by reason of geography, age, disability, poverty, gender or race. The next closing date is Friday 30th March.

ONE PARENT FAMILIES: If you are parenting alone and interested in joining a Parenting Alone Group please contact Cosgallen in Charlestown on 094-9255070.

NEWS: Cosgallen is hoping to hold an eight week course in organic gardening. This course would be held one night per week for two hours. If you are interested in taking part please contact Cosgallen on 094-55070

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH: Are you currently unemployed? If so, the Local Employment Service will hold an outreach in Cosgallen C.D.P. , Charlestown on Wednesday 14th March from 10.45 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. This is a free and confidential information and support service to unemployed people seeking training and employment. For more information, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

MIGRAINE SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP: The Migraine Association of Ireland will hold a seminar and workshop in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar on Sunday 11th March at 2 p.m. The speakers will be Dr. Edward O'Sullivan and Esther Tomkins,

Migraine Clinical Nurse Specialist. For more information or to reserve your place call 1850 200 378. The cost of the seminar is €10 for non-members, children and partners free. Light refreshments will be served.

A THREE NIGHT COURSE - PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES began in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday Night last and will continue on the next two Thursday Nights from 8 - 10 p.m. 40 People from the five parishes in the Cluster are participating. Sincere thanks to the seven people from Killasser and Callow who are attending.

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.

THE PILLARS, GATES AND LOW WALLS at the entrance to Callow Church on the Swinford side will be painted during the coming week, weather permitting. 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, weather permitting. It is now five years since they were last done

A MEETING OF KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will take place in Callow Church on Wednesday Night next 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.

ACHONRY PIONEER DINNER DANCE will be held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Friday 9th March at 8.00 p.m. sharp. Tickets at €25 each are available from Thomas Marren or Margaret McGowan.

KILLASSER - ALL-IRELAND READOIRI GROUP SINGING CHAMPIONS: Congratulations to Darina Burke, Sarah Scully, Linda McNulty and Eimear who were victorious in the All-Ireland Group Singing Competition in Readoiri in Castlebar on Saturday last 24th February. Congratulations also to their Parents and Families and all who helped and encouraged them along the way to this success. A special word of thanks to Killasser Pioneer Centre Committee for all their commitment in making this happen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church on this Sunday 4th March at 12.30 p.m.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS: On Sunday 11th March there will be a special gathering and Mass for parents who have experienced the death of a child, at any age or in any circumstances. The venue will be St. John's Rest and Care Centre, Knock Shrine and the celebrant will Mgr. Joe Quinn, Knock Shrine. It will start at 3 p.m. and all bereaved parents are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Children of Carramore National School who won two awards at the recent Irish Drama Competition in the Hawkswell Theatre, Sligo. Sincere thanks to Mrs. Fallon for all her work in preparing the children for this competition which they enjoyed so much. Again it is a wonderful opportunity for them to express their talents.

A KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING will be held in the School on Monday evening 12th March at 8.00 p.m.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Saturday Night 10th March at 9 p.m.

PRAY FOR John and Bridie Howley, Dunmaynor, Saturday 8 p.m.
Jim Hughes, Corley and Luke O'Hara, Saturday 8 p.m.
Elizabeth Tansey, Park View, Charlestown, Saturday 8 p.m.
Tom Conlon, Cullen, Months Mind, Sunday 10 a.m.
Mary Igoe, Corley, Months Mind, Sunday 10 a.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Patrick and Brigid Cunney, Carrowliamore, Son Vincent, Daughter Vera, Grandson Martin, Saturday 8
Ada McNulty, Cullen, Sunday 11th March 10 a.m.
Catherine Meehan, Mother of Maureen Ruane, Cortoonduff, Sunday 11th March 10 a.m.
Patrick Thompson, Cullenaughton and Deceased Members of Thompson and Monaghan Families,
Sunday 11th March 10 a.m.
Michael Kneafsey, Culdalee, Aclare, Brother of Sarah McLoughlin, Derreen and Anne O'Neill,

Creggane, who died suddenly in Philadelphia on last weekend. Funeral Mass was celebrated Philadelphia on Friday last. Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday next at 7 p.m. in Kilmactigue Church. Barbara Deegan, Cullenaughton, who died on Monday last 26th February. A Service to celebrate her life Will be celebrate in the Church of Ireland, Foxford on Sunday 11th March at 3 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**KILLASSER
ALL-IRELAND READOIRI
CHAMPIONS
CONGRATULATIONS
TO
DARINA BURKE
EIMEAR BURKE
LINDA McNULTY
SARAH SCULLY
ON THEIR WONDERFUL WIN IN
THE GROUP SINGING
COMPETITION IN CASTLEBAR LAST
SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY
WELL DONE EVERYBODY
A
WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT**

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND will be visited on Thursday next 8th March at the usual time. If there is anybody not on the list who would like to be visited, please contact Fr. O'Mahony.







