

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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'*

### DAY FOR LIFE

When I started using a Computer for the first time in 1990 I had to download some loony lingo into my brain. Acronyms were all the go. You had WYSIWYG: What You See Is What You Get, or, don't blame your computer for your silly mistakes. Another was GIGO: Garbage In, Garbage Out, or, don't blame your computer for spewing out your sow's ear instead of a silk purse.

Alive and well, the GIGO maxim applies not only to computers but also to life, especially today as we celebrate Ireland's 'Day for Life'. This celebration, an initiative of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales, is celebrated in Ireland, Britain and Scotland each year - in Ireland since 2001. It's a response to the proposal of the late Pope John Paul II that 'a day for life be celebrated each year in every country to foster the individual consciences, in families, in the Church, and in civil society, a recognition of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition' (Evangelium Vitae ^85).

Now, back to GIGO, or, what you put into life is what you get out of it. In today's second Reading, St. Paul tells us what to put in; truth, honour, justice, purity, excellence and whatever is pleasing, commendable or worthy of praise. We should focus on these, absorbing them, savouring them and allow them to do their work of bringing happiness, gratitude, and peace into the human heart.

Perhaps, GIGO needs an update: Goodness In, Goodness Out.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - September 2008)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

### 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 8.00 p.m. Marguerite Marren.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Joseph McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Eileen O'Neill

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Marty Noone.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Marguerite Marren.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Kevin Gallagher.

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

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 8.00 p.m. Chloe Meehan Melissa Cronnolly Paul Quinn Shane Cunney.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 11.30 a.m. Michelle O'Keeffe Eoin Gallagher Jonathan Burke Siobhan Tully

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10.00 a.m. Louise Mulligan Aoife Burke Sinead Timlin John McNulty.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8 p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromad-Duke)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The McNulty Family (Cullenaughton)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The McNulty Family (Carrownedan)

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will take place in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7.00 p.m.

#### THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> September amounted to €1,235.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome Senan Jakob Pracht, Fross into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We pray that he will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the good example of his Parents, Godparents, Family, Friends and Neighbours.

**A CAKE SALE IN AID OF BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA FUND** will be held after the 11.30 a.m Mass in Killasser on this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Noreen Shovlin is doing a fund-raising walk again this year for this cause and your support of this event will be very much appreciated. The Walk takes place in Vietnam in October. We wish Noreen every success and a safe trip.

**FR. JOHN PEYTON - DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** who was ordained in July this year in Birmingham and who celebrated Mass in Killasser for the first time on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September wishes to say a sincere thanks for the wonderful evening all the people of Killasser gave him on that night in the Church and afterwards in the Community Centre. He says he never expected anything like it, but he will always cherish the memory of it. He says thanks for the gifts which included a Newbridge Silver Clock inscribed for the occasion. He says it is very useful and means he will have less of an excuse to ever be late. Fr. John wishes to assure all of us that he will keep us in his prayers and we will keep him in ours. He will always be welcome to return - any month of the year!!!!

**ACCORD CHARLESTOWN** All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or by telephoning 094-9254944. Accord Counselling service for people experiencing difficulties within their marriage or relationship. Safe, professional and confidential. To make an appointment telephone 094-9254944.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM STUDIES COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS:** If you are interested in returning to Education, improving your employment prospects, why not enrol on the Information Technology and Tourism Study Course at the Further Education Centre, Swinford which is due to commence in September 2008. The Course is free. Eligible participants are paid an allowance equivalent to a full Social Welfare payment plus meal and travel allowances. Childcare support is also available. For further information contact Emer at Swinford on 094-9251928.

**GRANTS** of up to €2,000 per household are now available for groups of houses looking to improve their energy efficiency. Five houses or more are encouraged to come together as a cluster, with energy assessments of each home available for €100. Further information is available through SEI's website [www.sei.ie/hes](http://www.sei.ie/hes) or by calling 1850 927 000

**ACHONRY AND ITS CHURCHES:** This is a beautiful book containing photographs of every Church in our Diocese as well as other places of worship and pilgrimage. There is also a list of all the bishops of the Diocese and other useful information. These books are available after each Mass in Killasser and Callow and they cost just €20. The text is by Fr. Liam Swords. It is very readable and the photographs are very nice.

**NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME USERS:** Members are advised that tests carried out recently by the HSE have shown that the water supply is unsatisfactory at present and consumers are advised that the water should be boiled before human consumption. This boil notice will remain in effect until further notice. The water pipeline will be scoured/ flushed through in the near future. This could mean that some users of the water will have dirty water for a few days. The Committee apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**THE EXTERIOR DOORS IN KILLASSER CHURCH** will be painted in the very near future to protect them for the winter. They were sanded and undercoated back in May.

**FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE KILTIMAGH:** Finished School early? Are you interested in learning new skills or gaining a qualification? Are you aged 16 - 20? If so, why not join Youthreach, we provide skills in Woodwork, Hotel and Catering, Metal Work, Welding, Car Mechanics, English, Computers, Literacy/Numeracy, Maths, Art, Childcare, Hair and Beauty and Work Experience. All students receive a training allowance for attending the course and if required a childcare allowance may be provided. For more information contact Tracey or Conor on 094-9381338 or e-mail [youthkilty@eircom.net](mailto:youthkilty@eircom.net)

**ANGER ISSUES:** Everyone knows what Anger is, but how do you express it without hurting others or hurting yourself? Uncontrolled anger can cost you your marriage, your job, relationships, health and the respect of your loved ones. The **Irish Association for Anger Management** is running a residential training programme on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Knock House Hotel**. Places are limited, so booking is essential. For more information, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant at the Irish Association of Anger Management on 094-9037677 / 087-7989253 / [www.difficultemotions.com](http://www.difficultemotions.com)

**FOXFORD CHURCH OF IRELAND HARVEST FESTIVAL:** The Church of Ireland in Foxford are holding their Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service on this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Jim Carroll, Rector of Raheny and Coolock, Dublin. A Harvest Tea will be held in the Admiral Browne Memorial Hall following the service. A warm welcome is extended to all.

**A MEETING OF THE CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE** was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night 25<sup>th</sup> September. There was a very full agenda including the following: Plans for the celebration of the Centenary of the birth of Fr. Peyton during 2009; Course for Ministers of the Eucharist - new and those who have been for many years; Cluster Newsletter to be published at Easter 2009; New Marriage Book published which will be available to all couples preparing for Marriage; Cluster Mass Card etc etc. More detail on some of those items at a later time.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in Killasser Church on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. New members are needed to replace four of the existing members in keeping with our constitution.

**TWO NEW ROADSIGNS FOR KILLASSER:** Two very good roadsigns have been erected at Browne's corner which not only look very well but also are very informative. As well as the sign for Killasser there is also sign for the Church and School on the same signpost. This should eliminate the need to put up temporary signs for Weddings etc. Sincere thanks to Mayo County Council for providing these.

**LADIES' AND MEN' KEEP-FIT:** Keep-Fit Classes for men and women resume in Killasser Community Centre on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The Ladies' session will be from 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. and Mens' from 8.30 - 10.00 p.m. Further information from Martin Peyton on 087-9377644.

**FITNESS FOR YOU;** Fitness Classes based on circuit training will be conducted in the Community Centre in Killasser on Mondays at 8.30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m. starting on Monday next 29<sup>th</sup> September. The fee is € per class or 12 Classes for €80. Classes are available to men and women. Further details from Tommy on 087-2235337.

**FOXFORD SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE - PILATES CLASSES:** Foxford Sport and Leisure Centre are now running Pilates Classes between 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. and Spin Cycle Classes from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Cost is €60. Come along or phone 094-9257684 for more information. **Anyone interested in setting up a Volley Ball Team in Foxford should ring the above number.**

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY' - PARISH PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** A meeting of Parents of Children for these Sacraments during this school year took place on Wednesday evening 24<sup>th</sup> September. The decision was taken to participate in the Programme again this year. The first celebration will take place during the Vigil Mass on this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD/TOWNLAND/VILLAGE MASSES/PRAYER SERVICES** have been suggested in the response to the Parish Questionnaire that was distributed and collected during 2007. This idea probably comes from a time when Station Masses were the norm, a practice that has faded out in recent years for a variety of reasons. It is hoped to have two of these Masses/Services on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October, both Friday evenings at 8.00 p.m. each evening. One will be held in Callow Church and the other in Killasser Church. People of a particular townland(s) will be invited and following the Mass/Service there will be some light refreshments and a chance to meet socially as well as spiritually. As we continue to say, these two aspects of our lives are intertwined. Our lives are lived at such a fast pace nowadays that we need to slow down now and again. This is one opportunity to do so.

**THE SECOND PRAYER SERVICE FOR CARRAMORE-MOY/CRAIGBALLAGH/MILLTOWN/RUBBLE AND BLACKPATCH** will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Friday evening next 10<sup>th</sup> October, commencing at 8.00 p.m. Following the Service of Prayer there will be a cup of tea/coffee and light refreshments which will be supplied. No need to bring anything except yourself and we encourage all family members to attend to enjoy the spiritual and the social which are two sides of the one coin. The First of these Services was held on Friday evening last in Callow Church. It was very well attended and a most enjoyable celebration, spiritually and socially was had by all.

**COURSE FOR EXISTING MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST AND PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BECOME MINISTERS** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on the 3 Tuesdays of October, beginning on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. A number of people have already indicated their willingness to become Ministers of Eucharist and others may be asked. Do not be surprised if you are and you can also volunteer. You can contact Fr. O'Mahony or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Some of the existing members are anxious to step down after many years of service which they should be able to do with dignity. Ministries always need to be renewed by new Members. **Note the change from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October for the beginning.**

**NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** are also required at the present time for the year ahead. Each year four members have to step down and be replaced by four new members according to our constitution and the guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils. This means that the Pastoral Council will continue to be renewed and, hopefully, as representative as possible. Each year ten meetings are held with a break for July and August. Do think about it.

**A NEW INTERIOR SIDE DOOR FOR CALLOW CHURCH:** A new Interior Side Door will be installed in the near future. It is being made at the moment. This will enable the outside doors to be open and still keep the inside of the Church warm. The new door will be divided in two like the outside ones.

**SWINFORD AGRICULTURAL SHOW DINNER DANCE:** The Swinford Agricultural Show will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Year with a Dinner Dance in Julian's of Midfield on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30 p.m.. Proceeds from the dance will go towards the future development of the show. Anyone who has ever enjoyed a day at the show whether as an exhibitor, a spectator, a steward or an organiser is asked to support the event. Music will be provided by Kelly's Heroes. Tickets are €30 and are available from Maureen Murphy - 094-9251525 - or any member of the show society. The draw for the Donkey Foal will take place at the dance.

**MAYO MEMORIAL PEACE PARK CASTLEBAR** will be officially opened on Tuesday next 7<sup>th</sup> October by President Mary McAleese. The Peace Park is situated in Castlebar beside Casey's Filling Station opposite Days Hotel. The Peace Park honours all the Mayo people who lost their lives in the World Wars. Everybody is invited. Opening Ceremony commences with speeches and Blessing at 2.00 p.m. President McAleese arrives at 3.00 p.m. and departs to a Piper's Lament at 3.45 p.m.

**A REMEMBRANCE CONCERT** will be held in the Royal Theatre, Castlebar on Monday Night 6<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are €15 and it promises to be an excellent night's entertainment from the programme advertised.

**SINCERE THANKS:** Margaret Hardesty (Nee Howley), Carrowleambeg and Castlebar wishes to thank everyone who supported the Fundraising Table Quiz that was held in Frank's Place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. €750 was raised at this very enjoyable social event. A Tea Dance will be held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 3.00 - 6.00 p.m. Entry fee is €5. This will be another opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours. Do come along and give your support to a very worthwhile charity. Margaret will be travelling to Tanzania later this month to work as a nurse with the poor of that country. We wish Margaret a safe journey.

**A LOOSE CHANGE COIN COLLECTION** will be taken up at each of the Masses in Killasser and Callow over the next two weekends for the Diocese of Meki in Ethiopia. Last year over €800 was raised in this way. We appeal for your support. Jars will be available at each Church for the purpose of this collection.

**THE AREA PRAYER SERVICE** which was held in Callow Church on Friday night last 3<sup>rd</sup> October was very well attended and most enjoyable. Sincere thanks to all who were present, all those who prepared the Church and the Service and all who participated in it. It was a very prayerful and enjoyable experience. It would be nice to hear more from those who attended on how you felt about it. This will be of benefit for future celebrations. We are in Killasser Church on this Friday night 10<sup>th</sup> October for Carramore-Moy, Blackpatch, Milltown, Rubble and CraigaBallagh. Hopefully we will see you all there.

**KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS:** At a Meeting of Parents of Children in Killasser School on Thursday Night last it was decided to go ahead with drainage, extra tarmac etc of the school grounds. Officers and a committee were elected on the night to proceed with the work as soon as possible. They will work in conjunction with the Board of Management. Next Meeting of the Parents' Committee is on Wednesday Night at 8.00 p.m. in the School.

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**PRAY FOR**     **Jim Mooney Graffy, Sunday 10 a.m.**  
                   **Willie and Eithne Thompson, Cullen, Sunday 10 a.m.**  
                   **People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.**  
                   **Michael McNulty, Carrowedan and His Second Cousin Patrick Buttkus, Chicago who died on 27<sup>th</sup>**  
                   **September in Chicago aged 28.**  
                   **Mary Rowley, Drumagh, who died on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Funeral Mass was celebrated on**  
                   **Sunday last 28<sup>th</sup> September in Killasser Church.**  
                   **Lizzie Fox (Nee Ginty), formerly of Carroweena who died in England over a week ago. Funeral Mass**  
                   **Was celebrated in Loughrea on Wednesday last.**  
                   **Jim Hall, Galway, Husband of Concepta Holleran, Dromada-Duke, who died on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
                   **September. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday last in Knocknacarra Church, Galway.**  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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**PRAYER SERVICE -****FRIENDSHIP.**

**OPENING HYMN/MUSIC.**

**WORDS OF WELCOME.**

**SETTING THE CONTEXT/SCENE.**

**OPENING PRAYER.**

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE.**

**PSALM - SING IF POSSIBLE.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/MUSIC-SONG.**

**REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**REFLECTION - BACKGROUND MUSIC.**

**CLOSING PRAYER.**

**BLESSING.**

**SOCIAL ASPECT OF GATHERING - STORYTELLING,  
SINGING, MUSIC, ETC + TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS ETC.**

**SINCERE THANKS FOR BEING HERE THIS EVENING.  
HOPE YOU GO AWAY WITH COURAGE AND GOOD  
MEMORIES AND MAYBE AN EXTRA FRIEND.**

**DAN O'MAHONY**

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