

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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'*

### .... BUT THEIR EYES WERE PREVENTED FROM RECOGNISING HIM.

How does it happen, I wonder, that we are at times prevented from recognising Jesus in our midst? Even after many years of knowing Jesus well and spending time each day in prayer, we can find ourselves seemingly disconnected.

How fortunate were these two companions to have each other. They both had experienced the loss of Jesus and the loss of all the dreams they had of their future with him. But in their walking and talking together they were able to share their feelings and open themselves to a healing visit from an apparent stranger.

The Easter Gospel is a wonderful reminder to us of what happens when two or three people come together in Jesus' name: Jesus is present. Sharing with others is meant to support us and to strengthen us. It is meant to get us through those difficult times when we feel cut off from family, friends and even God.

It is in this sharing that we find the hope we need to help us once again recognise Jesus. This is for us an experience of resurrection and new life.

*'Have I experienced new life when in the company of other faith-filled companions? Do I help them experience new life as well?'*

(Intercom - March 2008 - Fr. Tom Cahill)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.  
Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr. Michael Maloney - Charlestown 085-1510383.  
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. 'Do This In Memory'  
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Aine Ni Chiarain  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Eileen O'Neill and Thomas Marren.  
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Margaret McGowan.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. 'Do This In Memory' Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Deirdre Gallagher.

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

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 8.00 p.m. Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde Kevin Rowley Conor Stephens  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford Ciar Hussey Siobhan Tully Hayden Harrold.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

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

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Sheil Family (Callow)

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

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who have already handed in their Trocaire Collection Boxes. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated. If you have not already handed in your collection box, you are encouraged to do so at your earliest convenience. **The amount collected to date is €2,555**

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated in the Parish this year on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at a time to be decided. The children of Fifth and Sixth Classes in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive the Sacrament.

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY'** is the programme of preparation for First Holy Communion for the Children of Second Class and their Parents and the Community generally. The next celebration of this programme will be during the vigil Mass at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Church next Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated this year on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be in Killasser Church on Monday next from 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

**INVITATION FROM BISHOP BRENDAN KELLY:** Being new to the Diocese, I very much wish to get to know its people and places. With that in mind, I would like to meet, speak with and listen to the young men and women of Achonry. I invite you to join me in the Community Centre, Curry on Friday next 11<sup>th</sup> April. For this gathering, I would like to meet those in the 18 - 35 age group. Our evening begins at 9.00 p.m. with some time for prayer and will be followed by an open discussion and some light refreshment. I believe this is a good place to start my journey and invite you to take these early steps with me.

**THE WEEKLY KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME** will be held in **Killasser Community Centre** on Monday night 7<sup>th</sup> April at the usual time of 9.00 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated for what is always a most enjoyable game.

**SWINFORD & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION** hope to organise a **Confined Draw** and to have a car as top prize. Any member wishing to be part of this draw should call in to the office to sign up. Usual terms and conditions apply. Application for the draw closes at the end of March.

**SWINFORD AND DISTRICT CREDIT UNION** is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May with a function in the Gateway Hotel. Numbers are limited; if you are a member and would like to attend, give your name into the Office. Names will be drawn on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The Members' Car Draw will also take place on the night. An open day will be held in the Office on 9<sup>th</sup> May and everyone is welcome.

**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.

**SOUVENIR DVD OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BRENDAN KELLY** is now available. It may be ordered through the parish or directly from the Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen. Please send a S.A.E. (DVD size) to "Acadh Chonaire", The Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon and include cheque/postal order for €20 payable to "Acadh Chonaire". See [www.achonrydiocese.org](http://www.achonrydiocese.org) for further details.

**'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL'** 11-day Pilgrimage & Cruise to Greece, Rhodes, Patmos, Ephessos. Sun. 29 June to Wed. 9 July. Celebration Travel with Aer Lingus ex Dublin costing €1,625 p.p.s, including. half-board & all taxes. Contact Marian Maloney 087-2112555 for brochure.

**NEWS - ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:** Cosgallen Adult Education Spring Classes will start shortly. If you are interested in taking part in Irish, Sketching, Sewing, Bridge or Computer classes please contact the office on 094-9255070. This is a sixteen hour course, two hours per night, one night a week for eight weeks. The Course Fee is €70. If you have any suggestions for classes you would like to attend please contact us.

**NEWS - HOME CARERS:** Cosgallen CDP are interested in hearing from people who live in the Swinford or Charlestown area who are providing care on a voluntary basis to a person who is in need of care (of any age) due to illness or disability. Cosgallen CDP are at present investigating the necessity of providing supports to assist home carers under the Dormant Accounts Fund 2007/2008 in the area of training programme..

**CSKA KILLASSER** started its ladies' keep fit classes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February in Killasser Community Centre. It commences at 7.00 p.m. each Wednesday night and costs €5 per night. You are encouraged to come and try out the new Gym. There is a complete range of equipment available for use, with expert advice and supervision. With spring and summer just around the corner, now is the time for getting in shape for our splendid new tennis court. For more information contact Martin Peyton or Michael Howley.

**THE SOUTH SLIGO SPRING WALKING FESTIVAL** will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> April 2008. There will be three walks on each day. Further information can be got by contacting Breege Mullarkey on 087-1381770 or Breda Monaghan on 071-9181291 or e-mail [tshe1963@hotmail.com](mailto:tshe1963@hotmail.com) The Walking Festival is organised by the Ox Mountain Development Co. Ltd. with funding assistance from Sligo Co. Council Led. Peace 11 Task Force.

**THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER** is now printed and is available after all Masses this weekend. It is a sixteen page edition of very interesting articles and pictures from each of the five parishes. It was due to be published before Christmas but the material was not ready in time. There will be a copy free of charge for every household in the Parish and for anyone who wishes to have a copy or send one to a relative elsewhere.

**COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR CALLOW CHURCH** took place during the 10.00 a.m. Mass in Callow Church on Sunday last 30<sup>th</sup> March. Six children were commissioned. They are: **Louise Mulligan / Shauna Burke / John McNulty / Aoife Burke / Saoirse O'Gradaigh / Cian O'Gradaigh**. We welcome them to be involved in this ministry in the life of the church in Callow. We thank and congratulate them and wish them every blessing and happiness during their time of service. Thanks to their parents for encouraging them to be involved.

**DANA IN CONCERT:** Former Eurovision Song Contest Winner Dana will sing in Concert in Killasser Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets for the Concert will be €20 and they are on sale from this weekend. Proceeds from the Concert will go towards the Killasser/Callow Parish Renovation Fund. It promises to be a very special occasion. Your support will be very much appreciated

**KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT:** Enrolments will be taken form after Easter in Killasser National School for September 2008. You are asked to phone the School on 094-9251489. An Open Day for all new Junior Infants will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER:** Patient , Understanding and Considerate individual with mature attitude **WANTED** in small town in East Mayo to assist young children with basic reading, writing and arithmetic. If you feel that you could commit to one or two hours each week to this worthwhile project then contact Teresa or Breda at 094-9381494 or call in person to Volunteer point at INFO WEB Aiden Street, Kiltimagh for more information.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR** 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> March amounted to €1,141.

**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND ENVELOPES** for the year ahead - March 2008 to February 2009 will all have been distributed very shortly. Your continued support is very much appreciated. If you have already paid the full amount, you will still receive your Envelopes. This is done so that nobody is aware who has or has not paid. For those of you who do not need them anymore, just destroy them.

**FOUND OUTSIDE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE:** Ladies Watch found outside the Community Centre. It is available for collection in the Sacristy of Killasser Church.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next meeting for those involved in the preparation of Parents and Godparents of children for Baptism, from each of the Parishes in our Cluster will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April.. **Siobhan Warde, Doontas and Helen Thompson, Graffy are involved in this new ministry in the parish.** Sincere thanks to both of them for their willingness to take on this ministry, which I am confident is very worthwhile, beneficial now and for the future. The objective is to work along with the priest(s) in each Parish of the cluster in helping Parents and Godparents to prepare better for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism of their child. A meeting is held sometime before the date of Baptism with the Parents of the child and if possible it is very desirable that the Godparents would also attend this meeting.

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**THE ARAS ATTRACTA ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE** will take place this year on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May. This year the organisers have very generously offered to run it for the Killasser/Callow Church Renovation Fund. What is especially needed is the support of Killasser to provide Marshals and Bucket Collectors. All people involved in the organisation will appreciate all the help and support that can be given from Killasser. Sponsorship Cards will be available very shortly. **The 100 K. Cycle will begin and finish at Killasser Community Centre.** For those unable to cycle the full distance, it is possible to cycle part of the route. Later that night there will be a Dance/Function in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. Tickets for this function will be €10 each. **Sponsorship Cards are now available from Bridie Sheerin 094-9251062 / Pat Thompson / Fr. O'Mahony.**

**ALTAR SOCIETY FOR KILLASSER CHURCH:** It has been suggested that an Altar Society should be put in place for Killasser Church. This matter was discussed at the recent Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. It is hoped that this might be put in place over the coming weeks/months. The general idea is that two people would take responsibility for the decoration of the Church for each month of the year. Obviously if extra help was needed for special times and occasions - Christmas, Easter, First Communion, Confirmation - that could be arranged. If you are willing to give of your time and talent you might give your name to any member of the Pastoral Council. **One person has already responded positively and hopefully that will encourage others. Sincere thanks for a willingness to be involved.**

**THE ANALYSIS OF THE RECENT PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES** suggested the possibility of a Youth Mass/Youth Service to be celebrated occasionally at particular times of the year. This suggestion was discussed at the Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday night last. After some consultation with young people there was a feeling that near exam time might be a first opportunity to organise something. It is hoped that a meeting with a representative number of young people and some members of the Pastoral Council can be held in a few weeks time to discuss this possibility. All suggestions and ideas will be very welcome and will be considered.

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST FOR CALLOW CHURCH:** A number of Ministers of Eucharist in Callow Church, who have been in ministry for a good number of years, wish to step aside at this stage. This is very understandable and acceptable as the commitment is only meant to be for three years and not for an indefinite period. As well it is important that new people

would join every ministry on a regular basis to keep it renewed. If you are asked to be involved you might consider it or if you would like to volunteer, you might let a member of the Pastoral Council or Fr. O'Mahony know. It does take a little bit of courage, but never underestimate your ability. **One person has volunteered and a number of others are considering it. Sincere thanks for that generosity.**

**TROCAIRE** would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support and generosity during its Lenten Campaign and throughout the year. The contributions received make a huge difference in Trocaire's work building long-term solutions to poverty overseas.

**A MEETING TO MAKE FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DANA CONCERT** will be held in Killasser Church on Monday Night next at 9.00 p.m.. Hopefully as many people as possible will attend so that the workload of all that has to be done in advance can be shared. Sincere thanks to all who attended last Monday Night's Meeting and maybe you can bring somebody else along with you this week.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome Aisling Burke-Walsh, Shanwar, Foxford into the Christian Community of Callow through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated in Callow Church on Sunday last 30<sup>th</sup> March. We pray that she will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of her Parents, Godparent, Family, Neighbours and Friends.

**VOCATION(S):** Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April is Vocations Sunday. It is a time to focus on and pray about vocation to priesthood and religious life. In addition, the next year, beginning on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April and continuing until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009 is a time set aside to pray about and reflect on Vocation in the broadest sense. More about this as the year passes by.

**PAINTING OF CHURCH DOORS:** All external doors in Killasser Church are being painted at present. Some of them have been in great need paint for some time. It is important that they are looking well for the summer ahead and all that will be happening..

**PRAY FOR** Brigid and Michael Barry, Dromada-Gore, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Dan Conlon, Boleboy, and Deceased Members of Conlon and McManus Families.  
 Special Intention, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Vincent and Lucy Freyne, Tooreen, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 10 a.m.  
 Kieran Murphy, Ballinrobe, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 John and Bridie Howley, Dunmaynor, Saturday 8p.m.  
 Cormac Sheil, Callow and Son Cormac, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 10 a.m.  
 Maureen Barry, Carramore, who died on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April in Castlebar. Her remains are in the Church  
 This Saturday evening. Her Funeral Mass will be at 11.30 a.m. on this Sunday, followed by her burial  
 Afterwards in Killasser Cemetery  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

# DANA IN CONCERT KILLASSER CHURCH SUNDAY 11 MAY 8 P.M.

**TICKETS €20 FOR TICKETS BOOK EARLY**

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