

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'*

FLOATING MULBERRY TREES.

Were you to believe some of the Energy drink advertisements - toppling power comes in a can. So if you need to get through that exam, perform at work after a night out, tackle that big project - their product (Red Bull et alia) is your man. Producers will claim improved performance, increased concentration and reaction speed, vigilance, stimulated metabolism. It used to be Coffee for stimulant, and an adrenaline buzz. Now it seems people are happy to pay obscene prices for a dubious result.

So, when the disciples ask 'Increase our faith' - it sounds a bit like the 21st Century cry 'give us the energy boost'. Jesus' response is to give some advice. The answer isn't more faith or a souped-up type; it's simply embracing the faith you have - even if it's only a little bit. We all know that a mulberry tree does not plant, never mind grow well in the sea - and that's an understatement. A mustard seed is very small - like our faith. But without our faith, nothing happens. With our faith, all things become possible. The disciples wanted more faith, presumably because they had grandiose schemes in mind. Jesus told them that the world can be transformed one person at a time, one mustard seed at a time. There is a hope for the broken world.

'Fan into a flame the gift God gave you.....'

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - October 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 10.00 a.m. / Wednesday 8 a.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8.00 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. 'Do This In Memory'

Sunday 10 a.m. Claire Conroy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Anne Holleran.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. 'Do This In Memory' Sunday 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Helen Timilin.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 13th October 8.00 p.m. Kevin Rowley Pierce Rowley Paul Quinn Shane Cunney.

Sunday 14th October 11.30 a.m. Colin Hughes Ronan Carr Lorraine Kavanagh Erin Rochford.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The McHugh Family (Craigaballagh)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Conroy Family (Callow)

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

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

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' - PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSIONS/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will begin next Saturday 13th October for the School Year 2007 - 2008. The first celebration will take place during the 8.00 p.m. Mass. During this School Year six children will receive these Sacraments for the first time - two in Carramore and four in Killasser. To make a decision on the above, a Meeting of the Parents concerned will be held on Tuesday next 2nd October in Killasser Church at 8.30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY COLLECTION this year amounted to €806.50c. A further donation of €100 was received more recently. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this collection. This, along with the Offertory Collection of €870 on the evening of the Mass amounted to €1,676.50c. Your support is very much appreciated.

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 / €300 / €200 / €100 / €200 / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 / \$1,000 / €3,000 / \$500 / €2,000. These donations received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

SINCERE THANKS TO RORY CONROY for providing and installing the new furniture in Killasser Church Sacristy free of charge as he did earlier in Callow Church. This is a most generous gesture and we thank him on behalf of the whole parish. **This work is now complete except for a new mirror that has to be installed over the bench/worktop. It is hoped to engrave the name of the Church on this and possibly a photograph of the church. This will be done as soon as possible. You are more than welcome to come into the sacristy in Killasser and in Callow at any time to see the excellent work that has been done.**

A LOOSE CHANGE COIN COLLECTION for the Diocese of Meki in Ethiopia to which the Foxford Cluster of Parishes is twinned will be taken up at all Masses again this weekend 6th / 7th October. Sometimes we have a lot of one cent / two cent / five cent coins left around that seem of little value to us. When put together they can add up to quite an amount. Then when we realise that what we give to a Diocese in a Country like Ethiopia it will buy ten times what the same amount would buy in Ireland. Feel free to give how much or how little you decide. Your support will be very much appreciated. Sincere thanks to all who contributed last weekend.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI will take place from Friday 26th October to Friday 2nd November ex Dublin with JWT. €849 per person. There will be four nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi. The company is Celebration Travel. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Joe Caulfield, Carracastle. Price depends on number booking. A few places are still available to bring the number up to 50. A Bus may be arranged to and from Dublin. Further information from Marian Maloney on 087-2112555 or 094-9288229

THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR is still available from the Sacristy of each Church after Mass. Price €10. Again make sure you get your copy in good time. The Calendar can also be bought from Thomas Marren (094-9251327) Fr. O'Mahony (094-9251431), Maureen Murphy (094-9251525), Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox (094-9253603), Theresa Convey (094-9251364), Bridie Sheerin (094-9251062), Kevin Hughes and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL is progressing well. The General Purposes Building is well on the way to completion. It will be a very impressive building and will be of immense benefit to the pupils and teachers for the future. The two new classrooms at the back of the School have now been slated. Class is now being held in the new General Purposes Building. A huge amount of work has been carried out over the past few weeks.

THE ANNUAL CANCER-ACTION MHAIGH-EO SPONSORED CYCLE has been deferred this year and will now take place at the end of October. The format of the cycle will differ this year in so far as Mayo County Council has kindly offered to make the new Charlestown By-Pass available to the organisation before it is opened. In other words, the stretch of road from Culmore, Swinford to Tully, Ballaghaderreen comprising of a distance of 16Km will be restricted to just cyclists and pedestrians for a one-day period. There is no limit to the amount of times this route can be travelled. This is a unique opportunity for both the novice and skilled cyclist to experience the novelty of being able to cycle freely on the county's main thoroughfare free from the worry of encountering motor vehicles. Refreshments etc. will be supplied along the route and as the distance to be covered is at the discretion of each cyclist, they are free to stop wherever and whenever they desire. All in all it is hoped that it will be an enjoyable day for all and that a carnival atmosphere will exist on the day. Further details regarding the exact date etc. will be forwarded and announced in due course. All support will be greatly appreciated

NEW ROOF FOR KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: The work of replacing the existing asbestos roof on Killasser Community Centre is now complete. This work and other renovations to the building will ensure that it is in good condition for many years to come.

RENOVATION ON KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: Please note that the Community Centre and surrounding area is off limits to all the public while it is under renovation. Killasser Community Centre Committee will accept no liability for the next two to three weeks while the work is in progress. The Killasser Community Centre Committee regret any inconvenience caused.

WEBCO IT TRAINING: Autumn ICT Training Courses starting 13th October. Total beginners Junior / Seniors - all welcome. Range of Courses + New Autumn Course - Microsoft know how - 'Tech Start' More info on 087-9723641

PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS? French language Courses for Primary and Post Primary Students are now available. The 15 Week Course is given by a highly qualified French Native Teacher with 20 years experience. The Course can tip the scales in your favour when exam times come around, getting the professional help you need now. For enrolment and full details please contact Jacqueline Duffy on 094-9861146.

CLIMATE CHANGE - TIME FOR US TO CHANGE? We now know that climate change affects us all. Do we see it as a crisis or an opportunity? 'It's easy to make a difference', 'the power of one', 'one small step' are some of the slogans used in order to make us more aware of how we can make small changes for the sake of future life on planet earth. A most interesting talk was given by Larry Edwards Ph.D., graduate of Harvard in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Monday last 1st October. This was followed by discussion and question and answer session as well as some nice tea and bunnies. It was promoted by Mayo E-Live. Further information from Mairin Ni Mhurchu on 094-9252639 and sincere thanks to Mairin for organising such an interesting evening. We all need to spread the message of what we heard.

WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA will leave Knock Airport on Thursday 11th October. 7 Nights Full Board in Hotel Avenida and Guided Tours will cost €819. The Spiritual Director is Fr. John Maloney, Collooney. For further details contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640 or 086-8185153.

AT THE RECENT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING it was decided to have the Loose Change Collection for the Diocese of Meki in Ethiopia over two weekends - 29th / 30th September and 6th / 7th October; it was decided to have a Rosary Service in Killasser Church on Sunday 7th October at 7.00 p.m., October being the month of the Rosary; this service may happen in alternate years in Killasser and Callow if people think it should; the Parish Questionnaire is to be analysed as soon as possible with a sub-committee to be set up to oversee this; ideas for November, Advent and Christmas were discussed very briefly; good wishes were to be sent to Fr. Tommy Towey on his departure to Ballisodare; Patricia and Adrian Tansey were congratulated on the birth of their baby girl, Aisling Marie - Patricia is a member of the Pastoral Council; the question regarding Adults reading the Prayer of the Faithful was discussed as a result of a query that came in and an explanation was given.

THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR 2007 - 2008 ARE Michael Fox / Collette Howley / Helen Thompson / Maureen Murphy / Anna Howley / Margaret McGowan / Mary Mulligan / Joe Kennedy / Joe McNulty / Bridie Sheerin / Marty Noone / Patricia Tansey

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2007 - 2008 ARE Colette Howley (Carrowleambeg) / Helen Thomson (Graffy) / Joe McNulty (Cullenaughton) and Joe Kennedy (Callow) **Sincere thanks to those who have decided to serve on the council for the first time and to those who have stepped aside for their great contribution over the past two years.** Four original members stepped aside and they are Theresa Convey (Darnagh) / James Howley (Carramore) / Pat Gallagher (Callow) and Ray Chuck (Cloonfinnish). Next September four more members will step aside and be replaced by four new members. This is part of the constitution of the Council so that it doesn't become a static committee. In an ideal world it would be a good method for all committees.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Callow Church on Wednesday night next 10th October at 8.30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING was held last Saturday night in the Parochial Office. The most immediate work that was discussed is the renovation/improvement of the Church Porches in Killasser. It may be possible to incorporate a meeting area and toilets in them when they are restructured. We do not need all the seating area we have for even the largest congregation so it should not be necessary to deprive ourselves of an area to conduct meetings etc. and use the Church to its full potential. We have to be always open to change and the need for change in an ever changing church and society. I encourage you to think about it and discuss. We will be taking advice on what is the best way to proceed.

EQUAL SKILLS PROGRAMME is hoping to hold a two day training programme in Swinford Library in October - 18th and 29th October 9.00 - 4.00 p.m. each day. This programme is free to anyone wishing to take part. There are ten places available for this programme which is to include Basic Computer, Introduction to the World Wide Web and e-mail. Free meals will be provided. There will not be an examination at the end of the training but a training certificate will be awarded to each participant. Anyone wishing to avail of this free service is asked to contact Michael Howley on 087-9144910.

A CHURCH OF IRELAND HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held in Foxford Church of Ireland on this Sunday evening 7th October, commencing at 5.00 p.m. The address will be given by Mr. Denis Johnston of the South American Mission Society. A Harvest Anthem will be sung by Mr. David Eager (tenor) who will be accompanied by Mrs. Anita Henerson on harmonium. All are very welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.

BUS TO TEA DANCE: Would you like a Rural Transport Service from your area to the Tea Dance in Midfield, Swinford on Sunday afternoons? If you would like to use this service, please contact Anne-Marie Carroll on 094-9381494 as soon as possible. This pilot service will only run if there is a need and passengers using the route.

A ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE will be held in Killasser Church on this Sunday evening 7th October at 7 p.m. October is the month of the Rosary and Sunday 7th is the Feast of the Rosary. Everyone will be welcome.

DUMPING OF RUBBISH - DISAPPOINTING - SAD - UNACCEPTABLE - DEPLORABLE - DESPICABLE is a description of what has been happening these past few weeks at the Bottle and Clothes Recycling Point at Killasser Community Centre. Those responsible for this irresponsible and appalling conduct should feel so ashamed of their behaviour that would feel really small in terms of responsibility for our beautiful environment. When it becomes known who they are, they will be reported to the relevant authorities and be made account for their sick behaviour. It is not rocket science to know that all that is acceptable

at this recycling point are the following - glass bottles and jars - aluminium cans – **NOT METAL CANS** - and clothes. At the moment there are Metal Cans, Plastic Bottles, Cardboard and General Domestic Waste. Presumably it is just a fraction of a per cent of people of the Parish who act so selfishly, lazily and thoughtlessly - it is doubtful if anybody travels a great distance to do this, and if they do their activity is even more despicable. If you are responsible for this mess of garbage, if you would consider keeping our village from being a rubbish tip, then pick up some courage and take it back. If you do not, you are simply highlighting your cowardice.

FR. PEYTON - YOU CAN PLAY A LEADERSHIP ROLE TO HONOUR THIS SPECIAL PRIEST: Across the country and around the world, Chapters of The Fr. Peyton Guild have been springing up. The faithful are gathering to honour this beloved priest, for his efforts to help families through prayer, especially the Rosary. Such support is crucial for the progress of Fr. Peyton's Cause. Unless there is evidence of strong and widespread devotion to any candidate for canonisation, the Vatican will not let a cause advance. Saints have been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history. The Church canonises those persons who by their heroic practice of virtue inspire others to holiness. The Cause of Canonisation of Servant of God Fr. Patrick Peyton was officially opened on 1st June 2001. The time has come for Fr. Peyton's friends to form additional Guild Chapters dedicated to the promotion of his Cause by the prayers they offer and the programmes they devise to make him known to others. Families today still need to pray together and be spiritually uplifted by coming together around the Rosary Guild Chapters, supporting the continuation of Fr. Peyton's ministry. Consider becoming a part of the Cause by starting a local Chapter of the Fr. Peyton Guild. Your prayer and participation are critically important in the process of remembering and honouring Servant of God, Fr. Patrick Peyton. It is something we might consider in the parish, especially since Fr. Peyton is a native of Attymass, one of the Parishes in our Cluster and the centre where we have all cluster meetings. More later.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will be held in Callow Church on Wednesday 10th October at 8.30 p.m. Any item you wish to have discussed, you should contact any member of the Pastoral Council and it certainly will be discussed.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre Attymass on Thursday 27th September. The possibility of having a group of people to work with the priests in the cluster in preparing Parents and Godparents better for the Baptism of their children was discussed at length. It is hoped to have the names of two people from each parish for the next meeting on 25th October. Following that there will be a preparation course for these people before they become involved in this ministry. Already we have one volunteer from this Parish.

NEW ARTS OFFICER FOR IRD KILTIMAGH: IRD Kiltimagh Ltd. has recently appointed Anne Marie McGing as the new Arts Officer. Anne Marie hails from Killawalla and has been working in the arts previously in Galway and Mayo. She will be working throughout the year on developing a programme of arts activities in the Town Hall Theatre and other venues. You can contact Anne Marie at the IRD Kiltimagh by calling 094-9381494 or emailing annemariemcging@ird-kiltimagh.ie

WRITERS' GROUP IN KILTIMAGH: IRD Kiltimagh Arts Office is in the process of researching the possibility of establishing a writers' group in the town. If you are interested in creative writing, you may be interested in coming along to the group's first meeting. This will be held in the Old School House on Monday 22nd. October at 7 p.m. For more details and to register your interest contact Anne Marie McGing on 094-9381494 or by e-mail as above.

KILTIMAGH ARTS MAILING LIST: IRD Kiltimagh Arts Office is in the process of updating its arts interest mailing list. If you are interested in receiving information about up-coming events in the East Mayo Area please contact the IRD Kiltimagh Arts Officer, Anne Marie McGing with your contact details. You can e-mail the information to the above address or you can contact IRD on 094-9331494. Please include a contact name, address and e-mail address in e-mails.

SCOIL MUIRE AGUS PADRAIG PARENTS' COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place on Tuesday next 9th October at 8.00 p.m. in the School. It is important that one parent from each family attends in the interest of their children.

SWINFORD VARIETY GROUP will hold a Meeting in the Vocational School, Swinford on Thursday night 11th October at 8.00 p.m. Anybody who is interested in acting or helping out in any way with this season's production, details of which will be revealed on the night, is asked to attend this meeting. New members are most welcome.

TROCAIRE - SOUTH ASIA AND PERU EARTHQUAKES: Recently Trocaire, the Catholic Development Agency, has responded to a number of serious floods in parts of South Asia and the recent earthquakes in Peru. Hundreds of people have died and millions have been affected by the severe flooding that struck India, Pakistan and Bangladesh recently as well. Trocaire is providing assistance through its local Church partners on the ground and has pledged €230,000 to help supply food, hygiene kits, kitchen utensils, clothes and bedding to thousands of families. They will later receive seeds of livestock to help them recover their earnings. In Peru, two earthquakes killed over 500 people and injured more than 1,500. More than 100,000 people were left homeless by the disaster, as more than 34,000 homes were destroyed. Survivors are facing a lack of food and health and sanitation problems. Trocaire is working with CEAS, the Catholic Bishops Conference in Peru, and Caritas Peru, to coordinate a humanitarian response. Caritas International is the international federation of Catholic development agencies. If you would like to support this work please call 1850 408 408 or log on to www.trocaire.org.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Fiona Mee, Cnoc an Oir, Ragoon, Galway and Paul McDermott, Kildrum, Dromore, Co. Tyrone who were married in Callow Church on this Saturday afternoon 6th October. We wish them every blessing and happiness for their future married life.

HARVEST COLLECTION: Sincere thanks for all your contributions towards this collection taken up over the past few weekends. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION for September amounted to €955. Sincere thanks for your response to this fund-raising effort.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND FOR WOMEN will be conducted by the Redemptorist Sisters in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus Road, Dublin 9 from Friday 19th October - Sunday 21st October 2007. Single women interested in finding out more about monastic vocation are invited to join in their life of prayer, liturgy and work for the weekend. Preferred age 25 - 45 years. Places limited. Details from Sr. Gabrielle O.Ss. R., Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus Road, Dublin 9. Phone 01-8305723 or www.rednuns.faithweb.com or e-mail Gabrielle.fox@redemptorists.ie.

PRAY FOR Mark Hanley, Dunmaynor, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Patrick Meehan, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Delma Monaghan, Carramore, Toorard, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John McHugh, Craigaballagh, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Nellie Doonan, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Kathleen O'Grady, Carramore-Moy, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John Browne, Boleboy and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
 James O'Grady, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Nora Timlin, Cullen, Sunday 14th October 10 a.m.
 Michael McNulty, Carrownedan, Sunday 14th October 11.30 a.m.
 Marie Mulligan, Charlestown, Sister of Helen Halligan, Cullenaughton, who died during the past week.
 Funeral Mass in Charlestown on this Saturday afternoon 6th October.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
