

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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EASTER SUNDAY

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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'*

RHYTHMS OF THE HEART.

Not a lot happens on Monday mornings in most cultures. For the Western World it is the start of the working week, with survival as the goal of grim-faced commuters. Dean Swift, in caustic vein, called Monday the Parson's holiday, but it certainly isn't a day of rest for the medical professions, with illnesses spiking on a Monday morning.

In the Jewish world our Sunday is the 'Monday', the first day of the week, the day after the Saturday Sabbath. Did this loving troupe risking an early visit to a borrowed grave in what was then the city rubbish dump expect much? We'll never know.

What we do know about Easter Sunday is put best by Pastor John MacLeod. 'Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves, at a crossroad so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in (three languages) ... at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, the thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that's where he died. And that's what he died about. And it is where Christians ought to be and that is what Christians should be about.' Keeping our Christianity confined to a church is like expecting that sitting in a garage will turn you into a car. Jesus died and rose again in the centre of the world. Shouldn't we at least try and live this faith in the heart of the world for Easter's sake?

Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - April 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 10 a.m. / Friday 8 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Tuesday 10 a.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Keane.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Theresa Hennigan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

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

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Mulligan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Deirdre Gallagher.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 14th April 8.00 p.m. Colin Hughes Brid Rogers Shane Cunney Ciara Hussey

Sunday 15th April 11.30 a.m. Caoimhe Warde Eoin Gallagher Lorraine Kavanagh Kevin Rowley.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The Cunney Family (Dromada-Gore) Sunday 10 a.m. The O'Hara Family (Coolegrane)

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will **Not** be in Killasser Church on Easter Monday

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome Lucy Jane Sheridan, Blackpatch into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated in Killasser Church on Palm Sunday last 1st April. We pray that she will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of her Parents, Godparents, Relatives and Neighbours.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY THIS YEAR will be on Sunday 6th May. The Children of Second Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive Holy Communion for the first time at the 11.30 a.m. Mass on that day.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER: was celebrated in Killasser Church on Tuesday evening last. Sincere thanks to everyone who availed of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of God's forgiveness.

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION: The amount handed in already has reached over €1,300. Sincere thanks, once again, for your tremendous generosity. If you haven't handed in your contribution already, you can do so at your convenience.

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. / €300 / €250 / €60 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, 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.

SINCERE THANKS to the 12 families who have contributed a €1,000 each toward the Callow Church seating. The total cost of the seating is just over €38,000, so further donations will be very gratefully accepted. **Two were received during the past week.** Your generosity and support is always very much appreciated.

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND ENVELOPES hopefully will have been distributed to every home in the parish over the next week. The Parish Finance Committee, as has been announced some time ago, is asking each family to contribute €500 towards the recent renovations on Callow Church, Killasser Parish House and further work that will always be necessary at both churches and the Parish House. This direct form of contribution is necessary even though we have particular fundraising events from time to time. Your weekly offertory contributions are necessary for and just cover the every day running expenses of the parish. The suggested method of payment of the €500 is as follows: A once-off contribution of €500, 3 yearly contributions of €180 or a monthly contribution of €15 for 36 Months. Your support will be very much appreciated. The first contribution was due this March, as soon as you receive your special envelopes. **Sincere thanks to those who have already returned their envelope and contribution**

THE JAMES KILBANE FUNDRAISING CONCERT is the next special event to raise funds for the renovation of Callow Church and Killasser Parish House. Also performing on the night as guests are Brenda Greealis and recent All-Ireland Readoiri winners Lasair. It will take place in Callow Church on Sunday 15th April. Tickets for the concert are now available from Maureen Murphy, Margaret McGowan, Theresa Convey, Jacinta Gallagher, Fr. O'Mahony and others. Admission is €15. Tickets are limited to 250. Your support will be very much appreciated.

THE JAMES KILBANE CONCERT TICKETS are selling very fast. Over 250 have already been sold but it will be possible to fit in a number of extra chairs. As the number available is limited it is advisable to get your ticket(s) as soon as possible. **There will not be any tickets available on the night of the concert at the door. Get one now and do not be disappointed.**

A MEETING TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE JAMES KILBANE CONCERT in Callow Church on Sunday Night 15th April, will be held in the Church on next Friday evening 13th April at 8.30 p.m. Everyone who is willing to lend their support is invited to attend this meeting. In anticipation thanks for your support.

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 OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 31st March / 1st April amounted to €1,170.

DRIVER THEORY TEST: Cosgallen has acquired a Driver Theory Test CD and book which is available by appointment. To make an appointment or for more information contact 094-9255070. or call in to the office.

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.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE which has been drawn up by a sub-committee of the Parish Pastoral Council and finalised and agreed on by the full committee, is being distributed at present. They will be delivered to every home in the Parish. Every person of secondary school age and upwards is being asked to fill in a questionnaire. There will be a plentiful supply. You are asked to have them returned as soon as possible - they can be dropped in to special boxes that will be placed in each church or you can deliver them or post them to the Parochial House. The idea of the questionnaire is to get as broad a view as possible on some questions that the Pastoral Council feels are relevant at the present time. Your willingness to fill up the questionnaire will be very much appreciated and valued. You have the option of signing your name to the questionnaire or staying anonymous. The choice is yours. Some areas of the parish have not yet received them, but hopefully you will during the next week or so.

TROCAIRE NEWS: We have reached the end of Lent and now move with hope and joy into the Easter period. The story of Easter brings us out of the darkness of despair into the light and we believe that God works in situations that appear hopeless, to bring forth new life. The Easter story reminds us that Jesus is risen and that in our lives, even when it seems desperate, there is always hope of new life. As we move out of Holy Week and into the joy of Easter, it is an opportunity for us to bring our Trocaire boxes and contributions back to the church as a sign of our solidarity with the poor around the world

MOY DAVITTS G.A.A. CLUB is organising a Skill Course, commencing on Saturday 14th April from 10 a.m. - 12 Noon. It will run for 5 Saturdays. National School level Fee is €10 per child. The Venue is Moy Davitts G.A.A Pitch. **Training: Minor Training on Thursday at 7.00 p.m. and U-16 Training every Sunday at 12 Noon.** All new players welcome. Please come out and support your local G.A.A. Club.

MOY DAVITTS G.A.A. CLUB NEWS: All Moy Davitts Underage Teams are now back training. Times of training sessions may vary. Any queries - please contact the following: U-10 Michael Gaughan 087-2656754 / U-12 Paddy Langan 085-1227460 / U-14 Declan Prendergast 086-3724713 / U-16 Joe McNulty 087-2451028 / Minor Miko Sheridan 087-6548021.

MOY DAVITTS G.A.A. CLUB FIXTURES: U-14 Moy Davitts v Ballina at home on 10th April / U-16 Shrule-Glencorrib v Moy Davitts away on 12th April. All players are urged to train before these games. Good luck to both teams.

CONNACHT U-21 FOOTBALL FINAL: This game has taken place on this Saturday in Castlebar between Mayo and Roscommon. Mayo had a great win Michael McNulty (Cullonaughton) and a member of the Moy Davitts Club was the Goalkeeper for this final. Congratulations to Michael on winning his first Connacht U-21 Medal. Good luck in the semi-final.

THE SOUTH SLIGO SPRING WALKING FESTIVAL AT LOUGH TALT will be held on 21st / 22nd April 2007. For further information contact Breege Mullarkey on 071-9181313, Breda Monaghan on 071-9181291 or Therese Sheerin on 071-9181120.

KILLASSER YOUTH GROUP EASTER EGG TREASURE HUNT: The Killasser Youth Group is holding an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt after 11.30 a.m. Mass in the grounds of Killasser Church and Killasser Community Centre on this Easter Sunday 8th April. Lots of Eggs to be won. Entrance Fee is €2 per Child.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES ON R.T.E. TELEVISION have been coming live from St. Muredach's Cathedral in Ballina this year. Fr. Martin Henry, Lisloughna, who is serving in Ballina parish, will be the chief celebrant of the the Easter Sunday morning Mass. We wish Fr. Martin and everyone involved well. It is a huge undertaking.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN is recruiting Marriage Care Facilitators for their Pre-Marriage Courses. They are looking for people who have been married for at least 5 years, who are warm and caring and relate easily to others. If you think you can help them, please join them for an information evening regarding training and working as a Facilitator for their Pre-Marriage Courses. This meeting will be in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday 17th April at 8.00 p.m. There you will meet Accord members and find out about the work they do. For further information please phone Patricia at 094-9254944. Office hours are Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Find out more about their work on their website www.accord.ie

CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL NOTICE: Class will finish at 12 Noon on Thursday 19th April and Parents are asked to take note of this. The reason for this is that an inter-school Basketball Tournament is taking place on that afternoon in Killasser Community Centre.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES PROMOTION WEEKEND: Fr. Denis Hartnett, of the Mill Hill Missionary Order will speak at all Masses in the Parish next weekend 14th / 15th April. He will be promoting their Mission Magazine, called St. Joseph's Advocate of Mill Hill Missionaries, by sharing his own mission experience of working and living in Sudan.

BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION amounted to €345.63c in total - Killasser €245.10c and Callow €100.53c. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and to all those who helped with the collection.

NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME CONSUMERS - WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS REPORT: The HSE has recently taken samples of Killasser Group Water Scheme water for analysis. The laboratory report of Analysis in respect of those samples indicates that the Bacteriological Results are satisfactory with **no Coliforms, no E.coli and no perfringens** detected. Chemical analysis of Killasser Group Water Scheme water has consistently shown that the chemical properties of the water are excellent for drinking water. A copy of the bacteriological test report on the Church Notice Boards.

KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME - PRECAUTIONARY BOIL NOTICE: Notwithstanding the above quality results, the management committee are required to advise users of untreated water i.e. Water which has no added disinfectant; that the water should be boiled prior to human consumption. This notice is to remain in effect until further notice.

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL FOXFORD LEAVING CERTIFICATE GRADUATION MASS was celebrated on Wednesday evening last in Foxford Parish Church. We congratulate all the students on reaching this stage of their journey and we wish them well in their Leaving Certificate and for the future.

VOLUNTEER TRIP TO KENYA COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE AFTER MASS IN CALLOW ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING: Maria McNulty from Cullenaughton is one of a group of 32 students travelling to Africa in June as part of their Gaisce programme. Their project is to renovate schools in Wagwer in Western Kenya. They will also work with children at the Ulamba Orphanage and in the Health Clinic there. Each student must raise €2,000 to help fund the project. You can help Maria by sponsoring a block for €2 or a slate for €5 Your support will be very much appreciated.

A VERY WARM WELCOME to all our Visitors to the Churches and to the Parish for Easter. Let us all travel safe

PRAY FOR Mary Kate Dunne, Cloonfinnish, Months Mind, Saturday 9 p.m.
 Hugh and Nora Carr, Craigaballagh, and Sons Hugh John and Joe, Saturday 9 p.m.
 John and Nora Goldrick, Carrowleamore, Mass later.
 Cormac Sheil, Callow and Son Cormac, Sunday 8th April 10 a.m.
 Tommy Kelly, Manchester and Carlow, boyfriend of Delia Groarke, Carroweena, who died recently, Sunday 8th April 11.30 a.m.
 Michael and Brigid Barry, Dromada-Gore, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John, Thomas and Michael Kelly, Carroweena, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tommy and May O'Hara, Coolegrane, Sunday 15th April 10 a.m.
 Vincent and Lucy Frain, Tooreen, Sunday 15th April 10 a.m.
 Eileen McNulty, Foxford and formerly Cullenaughton, Sunday 15th April 10 a.m.
 Ellen Howley, Cartron, whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday last in Killasser Church.
 Mary Hockey, Swinford and Cloonfinnish, who died on Thursday in St. Attracta's Nursing Home in Charlestown. Her remains are in Swinford Church. Funeral Mass on Sunday at 12 Noon, with burial afterwards in Kilconduff Cemetery.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

