

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'*

FOLLOWING HIS FOOTSTEPS.

It's interesting to not how many sons or daughters follow their parent's political allegiances in Ireland. Not to mention those who take up the same professions as their father or mother. Is it instinctive, genetic or just chance? It's funny how the same dynamic doesn't seem to apply in the case of faith. Some of our children will practice, others will not. There are many saints born of atheists and many atheists born of saints. Yes, you have better housing, almost full employment, lower taxes, SSIA lolly, a vastly wider variety of food, the rising tide of property having raised all boats.

Still, the problem is not that the world isn't spiritually hungry, it's that the church has a tremendous lack of sold-out, unselfish Christians, committed to being a disciple for others. While people can be very willing to help out in practical parish projects, if you really want to get the back up of parishioners, all a priest has to do is to suggest anything that involves sharing their faith. The response can be in marked contrast to the Gospels' 72, more on the lines of; who am I to tell my neighbour what to believe? Not so? Well, just think of this; what we are afraid to do is a clear indicator of the next thing you need to do. What do you need to act upon?

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - July 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Tuesday, Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson.
Sunday 10 a.m. Pat Gallagher.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Thomas Marren and Sr. Margaret.
Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Mulligan
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Claire Conroy.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 14th July 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Lorraine Kavanagh Shane Cunney Paul Quinn
Sunday 15th July 11.30 a.m. Caoimhe Warde Cormac Warde Ronan Carr Colin Hughes.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The Convey Family (Darnagh)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will not take place in Killasser Church during July and August. It will resume again in September.

BAPTISM: We welcome Aisling Julia Hyland, Carrowleamore, into the Christian community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday afternoon 7th July. We pray that Aisling Julia will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of her Parents, Godparents, Relatives and Neighbours.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:

30th June / 1st July amounted to €1,331

THE PETER'S PENCE (CENT) COLLECTION

taken up last weekend amounted to €884.20c. Sincere thanks for your contributions.

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 / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500. These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING was held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday night 30th April. It was suggested that since work at Callow Church had concluded for the present, that Killasser Church and grounds should be looked at again. It was suggested that an immediate priority would be to upgrade the tarmac around Killasser Church, which would include new tarmac, new kerbing and an extension of the tarmac area on the Estate side of the Church.

AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING was held at Killasser Church on Monday evening 14th May. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the Church building inside and out and the church grounds with a view to drawing up a list of items that may need to be attended to. Having identified them, the next step is to put them in order of priority. **The following is a list that is not necessarily exhaustive or in order of priority: Tarmac and Kerbing around the Church / A low wall between the Church and Killasser Estate / Toilet upgrade / Swamp area in the Lawn on Community Centre side of Church / Painting of all Church Doors / Main Entrance Porch - Tile Floor, Put in Timber Ceiling, remove sliding doors and use original doors again / Re-design Porches at side doors of Church / Improve the Sanctuary Area of Church / New Furniture/Ceiling/Floor for Sacristy / Wall around perimeter of lower lawns near the road between Church grounds and Community Centre Car Park.**

THE SACRISTY IN KILLASSER CHURCH will be completely refurbished over the next week to ten days. New furniture is being made for the sacristy by Rory Conroy, Callow who did a beautiful job of the sacristy in Callow. Killasser will have the same design. A new ceiling will also have to be put into the sacristy and the heating will be improved.

THE TARMAC AT KILLASSER CHURCH is in a poor state and needs to be newly done. The kerbing will also have to be replaced. The tarmac area will also be extended on the Estate side of the Church. A price for this work will be available shortly as it was measured up during the past week.

THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT KILLASSER CHURCH will not mean a new Fundraising initiative. It does mean asking you to continue to support the present fundraising campaign which is going very well and which is for both sides of the parish. Improvements always need to be carried out on grounds and buildings, especially buildings that are very old like churches. The improvements inside and outside of Killasser Church will be done on a phases basis.

FURTHER REFURBISHMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL HOUSE IN KILLASSER is being carried out over the past few weeks and will soon be complete. What is being done is necessary to bring it into the 21st Century. The day of one single plug (round) in one room is now over as is a Parish House without an office - the garage was converted into an office last year. Allowing any building to deteriorate is of no service to anyone. If it comes to a situation in the future when there may not be a resident priest in this parish, the house will be more valuable either to sell or use for Parish business. Being realistic and with present numbers of priests and their age profile, there will not be a resident priest in every parish indefinitely. We have had no ordination for the past four years. We have one student in Maynooth at present. If he is to continue, he will not be ordained for another four years. That is a big change from the situation where up to 2003 there was one priest ordained almost every year and some years more than one. That situation is unlikely to return. Of course what needs to be discussed and debated is the whole nature of priesthood and indeed ministry in general within the church. Unfortunately the institutional church does not want to hear of this. No debate, no change is their motto. Unfortunately the world is passing them by. The voice of the people on the ground needs to be heard and listened to.

THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2007 - 2008 have been distributed over the past few day. If you haven't received a box yet, it will be delivered during the coming week. You will also receive a letter and a Statement of Accounts for 2006. Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed over the past year and in anticipation thanks for your continued support in the year ahead. The money from the Offertory Collection each week goes towards the general maintenance/running costs of Killasser and Callow Churches and the Parochial House.

COSGALLEN NEWS - PARENTING ALONE GROUP: Cosgallen is hoping to set up a parenting alone group in the Swinford and Charlestown area. Contact 094-9255070.

MAYO/ROSCOMMON HOSPICE: A sponsored walk will take place on Sunday 22nd July at 4.00 p.m. in aid of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice. The meeting place is at the Hospice Shop in Swinford, registration starts at 3.30 p.m. There is a charge of €10 for anyone registering without a sponsorship card. Sponsorship cards are available from the Hospice Shop in Swinford or the Mayo/Roscommon Hospice in Knock.

Mayo County Council Blue Flag Beach Photography Competition which has a Beach/Coast Theme to promote awareness of the Blue Flag Beach in Ireland and throughout Mayo. The categories under which entries should be submitted are Primary School Children, Secondary School Students and General Public. The closing date is Friday September 7th 2007.

COSGALLEN NEWS - CLASSES: Names are currently being taken from anyone interested in the following classes: Beginners Computers, follow on Computers and Sign Language Classes. These classes will start in September. For more information contact Cosgallen, Charlestown.

MAYO IN MOTION WALKING: After the success of the Mayo in Motion Walking month a meeting was held in Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown and it was decided to continue the walks for the next few months. The next walk will take place in Carracastle on Monday evening next 9th July at 7.30 p.m. The meeting place is at the school. All are welcome.

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.

PLASTIC COLLECTION: FRS Plastic Collection at the Swinford Community Centre (Brabazon Park) on Thursday 12th July from 9.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. (note; charges apply). For booking times contact Richard O'Dowd at FRS, Elphin Street, Boyle, Co. Roscommon on 086-2521699 or 071-9662781.

C.S.K.A. - COMMUNITY SPORTS KILLASSER AREA: C.S.K.A. Killasser Community Sports Club is hosting a multi-sports camp at Killasser Community Centre and Sportsfield on Monday next 9th July through to Friday 13th July inclusive, daily from 10 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. The Camp is for children aged 7 - 15.. The cost is €40 per child, €3 for two children from the same family and €80 for three or more children from the same family. Activities: **Monday - Gaelic Football / Tuesday - Soccer / Wednesday - Rugby / Thursday - Basketball / Friday - Athletics and Rounders.** Professional coaching everyday, with the above interspersed with fun and fitness games. All participants will receive a substantial 'Goodie Bag' and Certificate. Contact Martin Peyton for more information on 094-9251573 or 087-9377644.

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.

THE KILLALA/ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2007 takes place from 23rd - 28th August. The Pilgrimage will be jointly led by Bishop Fleming of Killala and Bishop Flynn of Achonry. It would be important to book in good time. Details on each of the Church Notice Boards.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON commenced on Tuesday 1st May with the One-Day Pilgrimages. The Three-Day Pilgrimages began on Monday 1st June and run until Monday 13th August. Phone No. 071-9861518. The One-Day Retreat costs €27 and a reservation should be booked in advance. The Three-Day Pilgrimage costs €45 and it is not necessary to book.

A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG will take place in September if there is sufficient interest. For those who may wish to make more long-term arrangements, can I suggest Monday 10th September as suitable date. Speaking to some people, this date is suitable for them, so you can take it that this will now be the date for the pilgrimage. More details later.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI will take place from Thursday 25th October to Thursday 4th November. 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. Further information from Marian Maloney on 087-2112555 or 094-9288229

PHOTOGRAPHS: The recent appeal for photographs by the Foxford Community Book Committee has been most successful with over 300 submitted to date. All have been scanned, placed on disc and returned. If you are from Callow area and have photographs suitable for publication, please contact Anne Deacy or any member of the committee.

ANGEL CITY CHORALE COMES TO SWINFORD: The Angel City Chorale Gospel Choir from Los Angeles will perform in Swinford as part of a unique tour of Ireland. The choir, conducted by Sue Fink, will present their concert in Swinford Parish Church on Friday 13th July at 8 p.m. Proceeds of the event, which is in association with Music Hibernia, will go to Cancer Action Mhaigh-Eo. Tickets are €10 and are available from the committee (Phone 087-7809792) or at the door on the night. Come along and enjoy what is sure to be a remarkable night of entertainment.

RICHARD KING REMEMBERED: The 12 Noon Mass in Swinford Church on Sunday 8th July will recognise the centenary of the birth of the liturgical artist, Richard King. Swinford is the only Church where his art is displayed under two media - oil and glass - in the colourful stained glass windows and the stations of the cross. During the Mass the story of the local benefactors and Canon Stenson's commission will be remembered. Refreshments to follow. All welcome. On Friday 3rd August a talk on Richard King will be given by Ruth Sheehy, TCD. More information to follow.

THE WEEKLY SEISIUNS will be held again this year in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on each Thursday night at 9 p.m. during July and August. Second session on next Thursday Night 12th July. Admission €10. Refreshments served. There was a wonderful night's entertainment on last Thursday night and a huge crowd in spite of the inclement weather. Well worth a visit. The tea/coffee and buneens were beautiful.

THE BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER MENTORING PROGRAMME which is operated by Foroige needs volunteers, both male and female, from the Swinford area. Volunteers are asked to share their time, interests and hobbies with a young person for about one hour each week. Volunteers receive training and are fully supported by a professional youth worker. For brochures and application forms contact Big Brother Big Sister Office, The Mall, Castlebar. Phone 094-9060417.

THE PARISH CALENDAR which has been in a state of preparation over the past few weeks has now gone to the printers for production. It promises to be a beautiful production which will be a collector's item for the future. It will have relevance for every townland in the parish, with the name of each townland included as a picture as well as twelve beautiful photographs. It should be ready for launching in early August. When it is on sale make sure you get your copy early as it is a once-off production. It will have a special appeal for from the parish living in other parts of the country and world.

AN OPEN/GENERAL MEETING will be held in Callow Church on Monday evening next at 8.00 p.m. to discuss plans for the launching of the Parish Calendar and the sale of same. Everyone will to lend a helping hand or share a suggestion or opinion is encourage and invited to come along. Your effort and contribution will be most valuable. The proceeds from the calendar will go towards the Parish Renovation Fund. The suggested price for the Calendar is €10. Sincere thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to bring the calendar as far as the printers. Your time and talent is very much appreciated.

LECH WALENSKA the former President of Poland has been in Ireland this week. He visited the Hennigan Heritage Centre on this Saturday afternoon. His stay was very brief as he was behind schedule. He attends a special function in Breaffy House tonight, Saturday for Rehab. He was instrumental in the overthrow of Communism in Poland in late 70s and early 80s.

PRAY FOR: Michael Dunleavy, Killasser Estate and Carabeg, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Kevin Barry and Frank Crowley, Toorard, Saturday 8 p.m.
 James and Mary Convey, Cloonacanna, Pat and Kathleen Convey, Darnagh and Deceased Family,
 Saturday 8 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
