

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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'*

'UNTIE HIM AND LET HIM GO'

Why didn't Jesus loosen Lazarus' funeral wrappings himself? Because that's our job. The Christian Community is charged with the task of freeing fellow believers to live the life Jesus has given us.

When Jesus tells Martha he is the resurrection and the life, he is saying we don't have to wait for resurrection at the end of life on earth (heaven as normally perceived). We already have life through Baptism and Faith. Notice Jesus says, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life.' It is his job to give us new life now, but it is our job to help free one another to live it. Lazarus was alive, but he couldn't move properly until someone unwrapped him. We're alive in Christ, too, but are not always free because of fears, doubts, depression or loss. We need a loving hand to untie us and help us to move freely about in the risen life of Christ. Jesus wants us to have 'Life to the full' and bestows it freely, but our personal issues often keep us from experiencing this gift. When we love one another as Jesus has loved us, the wrappings of death loosen and fall and, like Lazarus, we are free.

WHO AM I BEING CALLED TO UNTIE?

(Gospel Reflection 2008 - Little Rock Scripture Study)

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, Saturday, 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. Patrick McNulty
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Sean McLoughlin.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sr. Margaret and Anne Holleran.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Ann Deacy.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell Sunday 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Deirdre Gallagher

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 15th March 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Siobhan Tully Conor Stephens Shane Cunney
Sunday 16th March 11.30 a.m. Pierce Rowley Jonathan Burke Eoin Gallagher Brid Rodgers.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Cunney Family (Dromada-Gore) Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Thompson Family (Cullenaughton)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Judge Family (Magheraboy)

DANA IN CONCERT: Former Eurovision Song Contest Winner Dana will sing in Concert in Killasser Church on Sunday 11th May. Tickets for the Concert will be €20 and will be on sale in the not too distant future. Proceeds from the Concert will go towards the Killasser/Callow Parish Renovation Fund. It promises to be a wonderful occasion. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

FIRST CONFESSIONS:

Six Children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation for the first time on next Thursday at 7.00 p.m. in Killasser Church.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE will be celebrated in all Parishes in the Cluster for Easter on the following evenings:

FOXFORD	TUESDAY	11 MARCH	7.30 P.M.
BONNICONLON	TUESDAY	11 MARCH	8.30 P.M.
ATTYMASS	FRIDAY	14 MARCH	8.00 P.M.
KILLASSER	FRIDAY	14 MARCH	9.00 P.M.
STRAIDE	WEDNESDAY	19 MARCH	8.00 P.M.

Hopefully as many of you as possible will avail of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament. If you are unable to attend in Killasser, do feel most welcome in any of the other parishes if the time suits you better. The priests of the cluster will be present in each Church.

ST PATRICK'S DAY 2008: As 17th March falls on Monday of Holy Week this year, the Church/Bishops Conference has asked that the Feast be celebrated on Saturday next 15th March. However next Saturday is not a Holy Day of obligation. There will be Mass on Saturday morning next at 10.00 a.m. in Callow Church. This will be a St. Patrick's Day Mass. The Saturday Vigil Mass will be the Mass of Palm Sunday with a procession from the Community Centre Car Park (weather permitting) to Killasser Church carrying palm branches. **You are asked to assemble at the Community Centre before Mass.** For those unable to take part in the procession, you can come to the church as usual.

MONDAY 17 MARCH - BANK HOLIDAY: As Monday 17th March is a Bank Holiday with many of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations taking place, there will be Mass in Killasser Church at 11.00 a.m. After some discussion it was felt that it would make more sense to have a St. Patrick's Day Mass on 17th rather than have a second Mass on Saturday morning. Hopefully, this arrangement will be acceptable.

PALM SUNDAY IN CALLOW CHURCH: On Palm Sunday morning there will be a procession of people carrying palm branches from the Gate on the Swinford side of the Church. You are asked to assemble there before Mass. For those unable to walk up the hill you can come to the church as usual.

TROCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2008 - NEW LIFE - NEW CREATION: The resurrection of Christ is the beginning of a new creation. 'In Him a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world has been renewed and human beings are once again made whole'. Our world is enduring another 'brokenness' - despoiled, pillaged, polluted. It is surely time for another 'New Creation'. Let us pray that the Spirit will inspire us to 'renew the face of the earth' so that all who come after us 'may have life and have it to the full.' Your support for Trocaire this Lent is very much appreciated.

THE TROCAIRE COLLECTION BOXES can be brought to the Masses in Callow and Killasser on Holy Thursday Evening. They will then be brought to the Altar in the Offertory Procession.

THE WEEKLY KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME will be held in **Killasser Community Centre** on Monday night 10th March at the usual time of 9.00 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated for what is always a most enjoyable game.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE ANNUAL 25 CARD GAME was held on Sunday 24th February in Killasser Community Centre. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the event and to all who helped in the organisation and running of it. The proceeds will help the Community Care Group to continue the good work they have been doing over so many years.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS) The MS Church Gate Collection will take place at Masses this weekend, March 8th & 9th. Please support generously.

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.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at 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.

THE NATIONAL PIONEER BALL will take place in the Belmont Hotel, Knock on **Saturday, 29th March**. It begins with Mass at 7 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock. The guest speaker is John O'Mahony, Mayo Football Manager. Music is by Kay and the Country Stars. Tickets cost €30 and are available from Thomas Marren on 087-2344338.

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 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.

CHOIR PRACTICES IN KILLASSER CHURCH in preparation for St. Patrick's Day, Holy Week and Easter continue on each Monday evening during Lent at 7.30 p.m. This is an opportunity for new members to join the choir and become involved in the Ministry of Music. You will be most welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICES IN CALLOW CHURCH also take place every Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. New members are always very welcome to join.

'LIFE IN THE SPIRIT' SEMINARS The final session in this series takes place on Tuesday next 11th March in Swinford Parish Church Commencing at 8.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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.

BARNACOGUE/KILLATURLEY GROUP WALKS: After a very good turnout last year the Barnacogue/Killaturley Walking Group is starting the walks again this year. The first walk is planned for Sunday 9th March at 2.30 p.m.. The meeting place is Barnacogue School where the walk will commence and proceed on the Swinford Road to the second turn off (left) for Derryronane. All walkers are welcome and people can join up along the route if they wish.

RESOURCE CENTRE: Cosgallen Community Development Project's Resource Centre has a free information service on Social Welfare Entitlements, Health Benefits, Education and Grants. There are many forms available at the Centre e.g. Motor Tax, Drivers Licence, Passport, Register of Electors, Medical Card, European Health Insurance Card, Drugs Payment Scheme and more. The Resource Centre also has a number of services available at very low cost such as Photocopying, Laminating, Binding and Fax. The Staff at Cosgallen CDP are available to give assistance and advice to individuals or groups on services, activities in the area and will recommend other services for queries outside their remit. Drop in for a chat or browse at your leisure. The Resource Centre is open Monday to Thursday from 10.00 a.m - 4.00 p.m. and Friday by appointment.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT: A Charity Quiz in aid of the Maynooth Mission Outreach Projects will take place in the Mayfly Hotel, Main Street, Foxford on Friday Night next 14th March commencing at 9.30 p.m. Local volunteer, Andrea Murphy, a past pupil of St. Joseph's Secondary School, Foxford and third year student at N.U.I Maynooth is to travel to India to assist the Charity for a period of two months this Summer. The Maynooth Mission Outreach Projects supports a number of development projects among the poor in India, Peru and Keyna. Each Year Volunteers from the University travel to these countries offering their assistance. The Money raised as a result of this quiz will be a great benefit to Andrea's voluntary work. Quiz Nights are a great social occasion and are lots of fun. Your support is invited and will be very much appreciated

THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €83. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported and helped with the collection.

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION wishes to thank all who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection. The Collection was very successful, raising €101.31c in Killasser and €84.83 in Callow.

THE FOXFORD 25 CARD GAME continues in the Browne Memorial Hall each Tuesday Night, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Lots of Prizes and your support will be very much appreciated.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND will be visited on Monday next 10th March at the usual time. If there is anybody not on the list who would like a visit, you are asked to contact Fr. O'Mahony.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE MEETING will be held in the Parish Office on Saturday Night next 15th March at 9.15 p.m.

A SUM OF MONEY was found outside Callow Church on Sunday last. It was handed in to the Sacristy afterwards. If anybody is missing it, please call into the Sacristy after Mass or contact Fr. O'Mahony.

CHARLESTOWN BORD NA n'OG 25 CARD DRIVE will take place in the C.B.D. Complex, Charlestown on Friday Night next 14th March. There is €1,000 in cash prizes to be won. Doors open at 8.30 p.m. First Hand will be dealt at 9.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and support will be appreciated.

CSKA KILLASSER started its ladies' keep fit classes on Wednesday 20th February in Killasser Community Centre. It commences at 7.00 p.m. and costs €4 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL FOXFORD GRADUATION MASS will be celebrated for the 2008 Leaving Certificate Class on Thursday next 13th March at 6.00 p.m. in St. Michael's Parish Church, Foxford.

SCOIL MUIRE AGUS PADRAIG SWINFORD GRADUATION MASS will be celebrated for the 2008 Leaving Certificate Class on Friday next 14th March at 6.00 p.m. in the School Gym.

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER is almost ready for printing and will be available for Easter. 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.

THE 'DO THIS IN MEMORY' PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will have its next celebration on this Sunday 9th March during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR CALLOW CHURCH will take place very shortly at a time that is suitable for all concerned. If possible, it would be a step in this direction, if all who are a suitable age and who wish to be involved in this ministry, could gather for a brief meeting after 10 a.m. Mass in Callow Church on Saturday next 15th March.

MEELICK COMMUNITY CENTRE MONSTER 25 CARD DRIVE will take place on Good Friday 21st March in Scoil Muire agus Padraig, commencing at 9.00 p.m. sharp. €1,000 in Prize Money and lots of Spot Prizes. Proceeds in aid of Meelick Community Centre. All support will be appreciated.

PRAY FOR **Special Intention, Saturday 8 p.m.**
Ada McNulty, Cullen, Sunday 9th, 10.00 a.m.
Catherine Meehan, Sunday 9th, 10.00 a.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Patrick and Brigid Cunney, Carrowleamore, Daughter Vera, Son Vincent and Grandson Martin,
Saturday 8 p.m.
Tom and Nora McNulty, Lahardane, Daughter Mary, Son Michael and Grandson Michael,
Saturday 8 p.m.
Jim McAndrew, Culduff and Deceased Family, Sunday 16th March 10 a.m.
Patrick Thompson, Cullenaughton and Deceased Members of the Thompson and Monaghan Families,
Sunday 16th March 10 a.m.
John McNulty (Johnny Oweny), who died on 20th February in Leeds, Son of John Owen and Mary
McNulty, Callow, Sunday 16th March 10 a.m.
Nano Convey (Nee Campbell), Crossmolina and formerly Midfield Swinford, Sister of Tom Campbell,
Carrabeg, who died during the past week and whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in Crossmolina
Parish Church on Friday last 7th March.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

‘DO THIS IN MEMORY’
11.30 A.M. MASS SUNDAY 9 MARCH