

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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'*

### A COSTLY LOVE.

They tell of a man speaking after the death of his daughter. From before she was born, she cost them, they prepared her room, got her clothes, fed her, schooled her. When she started driving, the car and insurance cost. She broke a limb, and that cost them. She went to Third Level and that really cost. Her whole life was in front of her when the young woman died. Their last expense as a couple was her funeral. As he remarked; 'our daughter hasn't cost us since, but we would gladly give everything we have, just to have her back.' The point is, anything that is alive costs us something. Thank God your family, your community, your church is in need of your giving. Only something living does cost - if it is dead, it doesn't need your gifts.

We understand instinctively that things cost. Some can unfortunately know the price of everything but the value of nothing. But on the whole people are hungry to give their lives to something more important than themselves. It is a fact of life, not only that everything costs us something, but that, in our better moments, we are even eager to pay the cost. And so we need to ask of each other; how much do you love and what will you give?

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - September 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Sunday 2 p.m. / Tuesday, Thursday 10 a.m. / Friday 2.30 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.  
KILLASSER - Wednesday, 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. Claire Stenson.  
Sunday 10 a.m. Claire Conroy.  
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 a.m. Anne Deacy.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick.

#### 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 15<sup>th</sup> September 8.00 p.m. Kevin Rowley Pierce Rowley Ciara Hussey Paul Quinn  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 11.30 a.m. Niall Armstrong Ronan Carr Conor Stephens Brid Rogers.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Horkan Family (Blackpatch)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Sheerin Family (Coolegrane)  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Convey Family (Darnagh)

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will not be held in Killasser Church on Monday next on account of the pilgrimage to Lough Derg.

#### BAPTISM

We welcome Annie Laura Ruddy, Callow into the Christian Community of Callow/Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated in Callow Church on last Sunday afternoon 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We pray that Annie Laura will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of Parents, Godparents, Family and Neighbours.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

will be celebrated in Killasser Church on next Saturday afternoon 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at 1.30 p.m. All are welcome.

#### THE ANNUAL CEMETERY COLLECTION

this year amounted to €806.50c. 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. / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 / \$1,000 / €3,000 These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

**THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON** The Three-Day Pilgrimages began on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and run until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Phone No. 071-9861518. The One-Day Pilgrimages will continue the end of September. The One-Day Retreat costs €27 and a reservation should be booked in advance.

**MAYO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** will take place this weekend 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> September. Your support and generosity will be very much appreciated.

**A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG** will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. This year, like last year, the cost will cover Travel and Lough Derg Fees. The cost will be €50 per person - €27 for Lough Derg and €23 for transport. In Lough Derg, tea and scones will be provided on arrival in the morning and a light lunch in the middle of the day. For any food early in the morning or after we leave Lough Derg, it will be up to each person to decide what they wish to have. This will not be included in the price and is not pre-arranged. This can be decided on the day.

**LOUGH DERG ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE:** Thirty people have now booked to travel to Lough Derg on Monday next 10<sup>th</sup> September. There are still a few places available. If you wish to travel contact Fr. O'Mahony as soon as possible. The bus will leave Swinford at 6.30 a.m. / Callow Church at 6.45 a.m. and Killasser Church at 7.00 p.m.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI** will take place from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Further information from Marian Maloney on 087-2112555 or 094-9288229

**BENADA HERITAGE CENTRE:** You will be most welcome to Benada Heritage Day on this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. It commences at 3.00 p.m. There will also be a Fun Walk from Cully Alley to Benada, commencing at 2.15 p.m. on the same day. It is in aid of Hospice and Womens' Support Group. Registration at Cully Ball Alley at 2.00 p.m.

**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, Fr. O'Mahony, Maureen Murphy, Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox, Theresa Convey, Kevin Hughes [Louismculty@gmail.com](mailto:Louismculty@gmail.com) and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

**WELCOME BACK** to the Teachers and Pupils of Carramore National School since Monday last 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday. We wish you every success, happiness and blessing for the new school year 2007 - 2008.

**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.

**NEW PUPILS IN KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL:** The following pupils began their education in Killasser National School on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August:

**JUNIOR INFANTS** Darragh Howley, Carramore T. J. Groarke Killasser Estate.  
**SENIOR INFANT** Evonne Skeffington Carrowleambeg.

We wish them a very happy and successful time in Killasser School. The total number of pupils in the School is now 38.

**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

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening next 12<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend the first meeting of the new season.

**THE NEXT CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30 p.m. The Killasser/Callow representatives for the coming year will be selected at the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**NEW ROOF FOR KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE:** The work of replacing the existing asbestos roof on Killasser Community Centre is now well under way since before last weekend. 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 five to six weeks while the work is in progress. The Killasser Community Centre Committee regret any inconvenience caused.

**ACHONRY DIOCESAN CHANGES 2007:**

Fr. Tommy Towey P.P. Bonniclon to be P. P. Ballisodare, Co. Sligo.

Fr. Michael Cawley Adm. Ballisodare to be Adm. Bonniclon.

Fr. Adrian McHugh C. C. Swinford to New York.

Fr. Derek Gormally C. C. Boyle, Co. Roscommon to be C. C. Swinford.

We wish all those who are moving to new pastures every success, happiness and blessing in their new assignments.

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**PRAY FOR:** Katrina Armstrong, Carramore, was celebrated on Friday last at 8 p.m.  
 Martin Joe Hegarty, Carrowleambeg and his Parents Margaret and Frank, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 P. J. Nash, Carrowleambeg and Swinford, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Jerry Durkin, Graffy and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Tom Horkan, Blackpatch and His Parent Pat and Nora, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 8 p.m.  
 Pat, Willie, Matt and Mary Thompson, Doontas and their Parents, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 8 p.m.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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