

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

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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 REAL PRESENCE.

In some Egyptian Coptic Orthodox tradition, there is a custom of families coming to Divine worship with home-baked unleavened bread. Some of this is chosen for use in the Divine Liturgy, the remainder is brought home and let decay untouched - as it could have been the Body of Christ. It teaches a reverence for the ordinary things of life.

For every Christian, there is that potential for greatness or the opposite. We can be the Body of Christ or not for one another. In the Rite of the Mass, the words read 'On the night he was betrayed, he took bread from the table.' It doesn't say 'the bread or that it was a special type. It was ordinary bread, as ordinary as our lives. In other words, Jesus takes ourselves and transforms it to his body and blood. On this Sunday we celebrate our identity as Christ's Body.

An yet the words 'bored' and 'Mass' come together all too frequently in conversation. Why is this? Pope Paul VI used to pray this before every Mass; 'Lord, grant me the grace to celebrate this Mass as if it were my first Mass, my only Mass, and my last Mass.' Life is sweeter when we first realise that ill-health can intrude. Maybe our experience of how short our lives can be will help us gain wisdom of heart. Then we may become 'Corpus Christi' - the Body of Christ for each other.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - May 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. / Saturday 1.30 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Monday 11 a.m. / Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Ray Chuck.

Sunday 10 a.m. Aine O'Hara.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Marren and Francis Hegarty.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Laurence Kavanagh

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr.

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Deirdre Gallagher.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 16th June 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Lorraine Kavanagh Shane Cunney Paul Quinn.

Sunday 17th June 11.30 a.m. Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde Kevin Rowley Erin Rochford.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The Prendergast Family (Askilawn)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Hughes Family (Coolegrane)

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be in Killasser Church on Monday next 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE is available at the Church Doors. You are invited to take a copy and return it at your convenience Sincere thanks to everyone who has returned one, which is a large number. Please continue to fill them and return at your convenience. Sincere thanks to everyone who has taken the time to fill them and return them already. Your responses have been very informative so far and will help greatly with the future work of the Parish Pastoral Council Eventually, the information received will be analysed/collated and an overall picture/description of the responses will be published.

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION: The amount handed in already has reached €3,135.. Sincere thanks, once again, for your tremendous generosity. It has been forwarded to Trocaire during the past week.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 2nd / 3rd June amounted to €1,290

THE VOCATIONS COLLECTION taken up on Vocations weekend amounted to €810 Thanks for your generosity.

SINCERE THANKS FOR THE PENTECOST COLLECTION taken up at all Masses over the last two weekends. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY': The final celebration of the 'Do This In Memory' preparation programme for First Communion will take place this Sunday 10th June. It is an opportunity for the Children and their Parents and Teachers to gather and give thanks for the year that has gone by during which First Confessions and First Communion was prepared for and celebrated. This is the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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. 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 in the near future. 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.

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.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in Killasser Community Centre on this Saturday evening 9th June at 9.00 p.m.

COSGALLEN NEWS - MONEY ADVICE AND BUDGETING SERVICE: This service provides a free and confidential service that has expertise for people who may require help and advice in working their way out of serious debt. Cosgallen provides an outreach by appointment with MABS whenever the need arises. The MABS telephone number is 096-79902 or 094-9028888.

MAYO IN MOTION WALKING INITIATIVE: A number of walks have been organised locally in conjunction with Mayo in Motion Walking Month. A walk has been organised by the Killasser walking group for this Sunday 10th June meeting at Callow Church at 1.30 p.m. Another walk has been organised by the Barnacouige group on Tuesday 12th June at 7.30 p.m. The meeting place is Barnacouige 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.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE GROUP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 9th / 10th June. Your support and generosity will be very much appreciated.

C.S.K.A. KILLASSER COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB will hold the second of its June walks on this Sunday 10th. Walkers are asked to meet at the Killasser Community Centre at 1.00 p.m. The walks are part of the Mayo in Motion project, sponsored by Mayo Sports Partnership. Walkers are invited to take on the Mayo in Motion Walking Challenge. This consists of walking for at least 125 Minutes each week for four consecutive weeks, a total of 500 Minutes for the month of June. The 125 Minutes can be spread over as many walks as you wish each week. On completion your walking record will be submitted by your sports leader to Mayo Sports Partnership. You will then receive an authenticated certificate and T-Shirt. Contact Martin Peyton on 087-9377644 or Michael Howley on 087-9144910.

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.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Callow Church on Wednesday evening 16th May. Two new members are still needed so that four people of the original committee can step down after two years to comply with the constitution of the Pastoral Council. Preferably two men are needed to keep the gender balance as it should be. Every effort will be made to get these two new members before the next Meeting on Thursday 14th June. After two more years, it should be a totally different committee than started out. This is the objective, so that it cannot become an elite group. The challenge is to get people who are willing to step out, give some of their time and talent to the community. Sitting on the fence is not really an option.

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.

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.

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

THE ARAS ATTRACTA FAMILY AND FRIENDS TOUR OF MAYO 90 MILE CYCLE took place on this Saturday 9th June in perfect weather conditions - possibly a little hot for those not fully fit. Well done to all concerned.

CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS are now being taken. Enrolment Forms are available at the School or by contacting the Principal on 071-9181435.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS are being taken on Wednesday 20th June between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

THE MOBILE BLOOD UNIT will be visiting the Gym in Aras Attracta, Swinford on Sunday 17th June from 11.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. All donors are encouraged to attend as there is a great shortage of blood at present.

A PARISH CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday evening 24th May. All members were present. The principal items discussed were - Preparation for Marriage and Baptism. The general feeling was that existing preparation could be greatly improved for the reception of both Sacraments. It was decided to set up a small group/task force to look at each of the Sacraments. Each parish is being asked to select/elect one person to sit on each of these groups/committees. That is our target for the next and final meeting of the Cluster for this session which is on Thursday 28th June. Two volunteer are needed and the invitation is open to all. Do consider it, it is not up to someone else to step out, it is up to me.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Callow Church on Thursday evening next 14th June at 8.30 p.m. This is the final meeting before the summer recess.

MASS AT SRON: It is that time of year again when we celebrate Mass at one of our old church sites. This year it is due to be celebrated at Sron. The most suitable date would seem to be Friday 22nd June but this will have to be finalised at the Pastoral Council meeting.

THE ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION takes place in Foxford on this Sunday after noon 10th June. It commences after the 11.30 a.m. Mass and everyone is welcome. The first procession was held in Foxford in 1892 shortly after the Sisters of Charity arrived in Foxford to set up the Woolen Mills.

GROUND WORK is being carried out at present at Killasser Community Centre for the new outdoor astra-turf playing area. This will be a tremendous new facility for all the young and not so young.

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.

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST have the opportunity to renew their commitment during each of the Masses this weekend.

NEW MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST NEEDED: Ministry always needs to be renewed. If you are asked to serve in this ministry, do not be surprised. Ideally, some new members should be joining each year.

PRAY FOR Mary and Michael Convey, Darnagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Nora Culkin, Corley, Months Mind, Sunday 10th June 10 a.m.
 James and Josephine Boran, Lismorane, Sunday 10th June 10 a.m.
 John Sheerin, Tiernanny, Sunday 10th June 11.30 a.m.
 Michael Dunleavy, Carrabeg and Killasser Estate, Monday 11 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Wednesday 10 a.m.
 Pat Joe Tansey, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Nora McNulty, Lahardane, Months Mind, Sunday 17th June 11.30 a.m.
 Michael Duleavy, Carrabeg and Killasser Estate, who died in Swinford Hospital on Friday last 8th June. His remains leave Campbell's Funeral Home, Swinford on this Sunday evening at 6.30 p.m. to arrive in Killasser Church at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11 a.m. Burial afterwards in Killasser Cemetery.
 Kathleen Forde (Nee Browne), formerly of Garryroe, Kiltimagh, Mother of Theresa Hennigan, Cloonfinnish, who died in the U.S. on Wednesday last 6th June. Funeral arrangements later.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI