

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

PARISH WEBSITE - [www.killasser.com](http://www.killasser.com)

FR. DAN O'MAHONY (094) 9251431. e-mail [djomachonry@eircom.net](mailto:djomachonry@eircom.net)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 FEBRUARY 2007.

## 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'*

### THE UNCOMFORTABLE BEATITUDES.

When you think of it, the most material thing we know is soil, and the most spiritual reality we know is soul. Both words in the English language contain almost the same letters with one difference. The material has an I, the spiritual a U.

In many ways western culture focuses on me and my desires. It claims to give us happiness, but it is incapable of doing so. It's why we need the counterbalance of the soul: sensitivity to the needs of the others.

The 1937 Church of the Beatitudes by the Sea of Galilee was commissioned by the Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini. It's an irony that is not lost on the viewer. Earthly ambitions and empires come and go. The realities that the Beatitudes speak of belong to a higher Kingdom. They speak uncomfortable truths.

Jesus talks of a new age where things are reversed. It's right now. He says 'yours is' not 'yours will be the kingdom of God'. The poor can expect to be cared for, the hungry to be fed, the sorrowing to be comforted and the hated to be affirmed. Happy are they! This is speaking 'on the level' (gospel) to us. This kingdom is already - but not yet. It needs human co-operation.

'Jesus' call has always demanded a choice between the two voices competing for your hearts. Even now, on this hill, the choice between good and evil, between life and death..... Which voice will people follow?' (John Paul 11, Mount of Beatitudes, 2000 ad)

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - February 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Thursday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Patrick McNulty.

Sunday 10 a.m. Sean McLoughlin.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. 'Do This In Memory'

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Thomas Marren and Anne Holleran.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick and Francis Brennan.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8 p.m. Rachael McDonnell      Sunday 11.30 a.m. 'Do This In Memory'

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Helen Timlin.

#### ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 8 p.m. Paul Quinn    Conor Stephens    Ciara Hussey    Siobhan O'Hara.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 11.30 a.m. David Cronnelly    Eoin Gallagher    Cormac Warde    Aileen Gallagher.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Marren Family (Fross)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. 'Do This In Memory'

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7.00 p.m.

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

FIRST CONFESSIONS/PENANCE celebration was planned for Killasser Church on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. This needs to be changed on account of Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass planned for that date. Five families are involved.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to Veronica Barry, Milltown and Mark O'Neill, Avoca, Co. Wicklow, who were married in St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Cong on Thursday last 8<sup>th</sup> February. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

**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 / €25 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

**THE NEW SEATING FOR CALLOW CHURCH** was delivered on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 - five in number 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.

**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 MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL 2007 CALENDAR** contains photographs of Stained Glass Windows from Churches in Mayo that came from the Harry Clarke Studios. We are very interested because the window over the Gallery in Callow Church, of St. Patrick, is one of those windows. It is included in this 2007 Calendar which is a beautiful production.

**THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTMAS 2006** has been published again this year and is a bumper edition of sixteen pages. It contains news, articles and photographs from all five parishes in the cluster. There is a copy for every family in the Parish and. You may also wish to send a copy to your relatives in other parts of the country or world. **Please take one.**

**PILATES CLASSES** continues in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday next, 14<sup>th</sup> February, from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. Anyone interested in losing a couple of inches from the waistline is more than welcome.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:** 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> February amounted to €1,627..

**BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE:** Cosgallen is organising classes under the Back to Education Initiative shortly. If you are interested in learning French, German, Italian or Office procedures please contact the office at 094-9255070. The Classes under this initiative are free to medical card holders or social welfare recipients.

**SET DANCING:** If you are interested in attending set dancing classes in the Killasser area please contact Cosgallen in Charlestown for more information on 094-9255070.

**PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP INITIATIVE:** The Katherine Howard Foundation and the Office of the Minister for Children are offering a grant to Parent and Toddler Groups towards the cost of toys, books and equipment and a percentage of funding towards overhead costs such as rent, insurance and training. For further information contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The A.G.M. of Cosgallen C.D.P. will be held in the Cosgallen Office, Charlestown on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**YOUTH SPORTS GRANTS:** The Mayo Sports Partnership is offering grants to increase participation in sports activities by disadvantaged youth. The closing date is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Application forms can be obtained on the website [www.mayocdb.ie](http://www.mayocdb.ie) or by contacting Mayo Sports Partnership at Mayo Co. Council.

**CLASSES:** Cosgallen is currently organising their Spring evening classes. If you are interested in Guitar or Irish, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

**IRISH CLASSES:** There are still a few places remaining for beginners and follow-on Irish classes. These classes will start in the middle of February. If you are interested contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

**CLASSES:** If you are interested in attending beginners or follow-up Computer classes or beginners or follow-on Irish classes, please contact Cosgallen by phoning 094-9255070 or calling in to the office at the Enterprise Centre, Charlestown.

**CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an outreach on Friday next 16<sup>th</sup> February at the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown from **9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.**. The service is free and confidential and a wide range of areas are covered - Consumer Rights, Employment Rights, Social Welfare, Taxation and Disability Information. More information from Cosgallen at 094-9255070.

**PLANS FOR THE NEW BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL** have gone out to tender recently. A decision will be made shortly on who the contractor will be and work is due to begin in a matter of weeks. Two new classrooms and a general purposes room will be built at the school. This will cater much better for the increasing number of pupils at the school, which is now a three teacher school

**A WORKSHOP/INFORMATION NIGHT** for all members of the Parish Pastoral Councils in the five parishes in the Cluster will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday Night next 15<sup>th</sup> February from 8 - 10 p.m. All members are strongly encouraged to attend. If there are any prospective new members, they too are very welcome to attend.

**A THREE NIGHT COURSE - PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES** will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday Nights - 1<sup>st</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> March from 8 - 10 p.m. Each Parish will have a maximum of eight places on the Course. If you are interested, contact Fr. O'Mahony or the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. **The cost has been fixed for €35.** A minimum of fifteen people is needed to make the course viable.

**THE ANNUAL ALL HALLOWS SEMINAR ON DEVELOPING PARISH 2007** will take place on Monday, Tuesday next 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> February. The title of the Seminar this year is '**Adult Faith Development in a Parish Context.**' Cost, including Lectures, lunch, tea/coffee is €150. If somebody from the Parish is interested in attending, they can be sponsored. It is for unordained as well as the ordained. In fact, the majority of people will be laypeople from parishes all around Ireland. Key speakers include, Martin Kennedy and Dr. Eamonn Conway. It will be a very interesting two days and all information can be got from Fr. O'Mahony. Do think about it.

**CHOI KWANG DO CLASSES:** The Classes are as follows: 6 - 14 Year Olds 7 - 8 p.m.  
14 - 60 Year Olds 8 - 9 p.m.

There are spaces available at both sessions.

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME** every Monday Night at 9 p.m. All support welcome.

**THE OLD SEATS IN CALLOW CHURCH** have now almost all been take away and hopefully you will find them useful. Do feel free to take those that still remain.

**A NEW AMBO** from which the Word of God is proclaimed has been installed as well as some new stools for the altar servers. Some of the original stools, and the presider's chair have been covered with new material. All this will enhance the building.

**TWO NEW NOTICE BOARDS** are now being made for Callow Church and they will be placed on the walls in the Porch.

**NEW TARMAC** will be laid on the church grounds in Callow and on the driveways when everything else is complete inside and outside. This will be done before the two weddings that are being held in the Church in March.

**KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - NEW MEMBERS WANTED:** As the Pastoral Council is now two years in existence, according to its constitution, one third of the council will be requested to step aside. This is to make sure that it never become an elite or select group that never changes. You are welcome to nominate somebody, provided you have consulted that person and they are willing to serve or you can also volunteer yourself for service. Never feel that taking responsibility for the parish is up to someone else to step forward. Why not you this time? If everybody left it to someone else, then nothing would happen and our parish/community would collapse and cease to function. Everything we have and everthing that is organised should never be taken for granted. Somebody has to make it happen. Why not you. If you are contacted about this matter, do not be surprised.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** was held in Killasser Church on Wednesday night last 7<sup>th</sup> February. One of the main items to be discussed was a Parish Questionnaire which will be distributed in the near future. The possibility of having a Prayer Service or Mass for all the people living and dead for whom a light was sponsored on the Christmas trees was also discussed. It was suggested that this should happen in Callow Church on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and in Killasser Church on 9<sup>th</sup> March. Any suggestions you have will be welcomed by the Pastoral Council and you can pass them on to any member. The St. Patrick's weekend Mass schedule was also discussed. It was suggested that there should be Mass in Callow

at 10 a.m. and in Killasser at 11.30 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day (Saturday) and the same arrangement for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. This means that there would not be a Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day or on St. Patrick's Day for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 for 7 Nights. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Tommy Mulligan, Attymass. Cost is €639 - Half-Board accommodation in a Private House. Day Flights ex Knock Airport. For information contact Sr. Sheila Molloy, 086-3821810.

**MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL** has now erected a sign warning anybody caught dumping at the recycling bins at Killasser Community Centre Car Park that the minimum fine is €3,000. Anybody seen dumping here will be reported to the County Council and security cameras are now in operation in this area. There is no excuse for this type of behaviour, showing no appreciation for appearance or the wellbeing of the environment. It is simply unacceptable. What has been dumped there already will be checked and if there is any indication of who dumped it in the bags, they will be reported immediately. Do not say that you were not warned.

**SWINFORD VARIETY GROUP PRESENTS 'WEDDING OF THE YEAR'** a Two Act Comedy with usual song and dance in Scoil Mhuire agus Padraig School Hall, Swinford on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show starts at 8.30 p.m. sharp. Tickets on door: Adults €10, Students and O.A.P's €8. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**WATERPOINT LEISURE CENTRE ENNISCRONE NEW EVENTS:**

Parents and Tots Morning - Every Monday 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Kids Funzone - Every Monday 5 - 7.00 p.m.

Adults Only Evening - Every Monday 7 - 10.00 p.m.

St. Valentine's Offer - Couples 6, 9, or 12 Membership Half Price on February 14<sup>th</sup> only.

**ACHONRY PIONEER DINNER DANCE** will be held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. sharp. Tickets at €25 each are available from Thomas Marren or Margaret McGowan.

**THE ALL-IRELAND PIONEER READOIRI FINALS** will take place in the Traveller's Friend Royal Theatre, Castlebar on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Killasser will be represented in the Group Singing competition by Darina Burke, Eimear Burke, Sarah Scully and Linda McNulty.

**GIVE BLOOD** on this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at Aras Attracta, Swinford from 11.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. All the details are included elsewhere in this week's Newsletter.

**THE PAMPERING DAY** in Balla Resource Centre on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January raised €11,000 plus and rising. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed. The money raised is for the Charity AIDS Partnership with Africa, an Irish Charity set up by an Irish priest, Fr. Owen Lambert, who has been working in Africa for the past 30 years. It is a charity totally committed to alleviating the suffering of those infected or affected by the HIV / AIDS pandemic. APA will utilise this money by helping children orphaned by AIDS in Tanzania and Ethiopia by re-uniting them with family relatives or foster care homes. The money will also be used for education, medicines, counsellors and to purchase animals for food and work.

**FEAST DAYS:** Wednesday - Sts. Cyril and Methodius.

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY'** the preparation programme for Children, Parents and the Community for First Confessions and First Communion will take place during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

**PRAY FOR** Annie Howley, Milltown, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Pat and Mary McAndrew, Carramore and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 John and Margaret Maloney, Tiernanny, Betty Casserly and Michael Maloney, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Mary Rowley, Carrabeg, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Antony Monaghan, Bokeen and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 10a.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 John and Margaret Marren, Son John, Baby Neil, Fross, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Seamus Vizzard and Deceased Family Members, Carrowleamore, Michael McNulty (Birthday), Lahardane, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Kathleen Tansey, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 David McLoughlin, Callow, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 10 a.m.  
 Tom Conlon, Cullen, who died last weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**Mary Igoe, Corley, who died last weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup>. February.**

**John Flanagan, the Orchard, Swinford and formerly of Cullenaughton, Uncle of Philip and Ita Flanagan, whose Funeral took place in Swinford on Friday last.**

**Archdeacon Padraig O'Grady, Ballymote, Retired Parish Priest of Mullinabreena, who died on Tuesday.**  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

---