

# 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'*

### A SURPRISING GOD.

It's not often that a man fleeing from a murder rap sees God. But that is exactly what happened with Moses. A fugitive after slaying one of Pharaoh's overseers who was abusing Hebrew slaves.

But this was a different Moses, different to the man who had spent half his life learning leadership skills from the ruling empire of the day. He had spent a further 40 years learning wilderness survival skills. A perfect combination. In the desert he learned to know the voice of God, a God of the present tense 'I am.' And yet, his palace upbringing surely gained him a foot in the door with Pharaoh. God can work even our past to good, no matter how unpromising material it may seem.

He still walks into lions' dens, fiery furnaces, weddings, funerals, broken homes, hospital rooms, bankrupt businesses and jail cells saying 'I am - always with you.' Moses teaches us that you don't run from your past - you learn from it and that no experience is ever wasted. You will always learn something.

Yes, everyday the press will report murders, accidents, front-page catastrophies. Jesus himself reported two news item of the day, not to scare, but to warn of complacency. Everyone runs the risk of being hardened to the urgency of conversion. You could even be like the tree he cites - not giving a fig. But God is a patient gardener. All thing and experiences turn to good.

Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - March 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Tuesday 8.30 p.m. / Thursday 10 a.m., / Saturday, Sunday 11.30 a.m.

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 10 a.m. Sean McLoughlin  
Saturday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty  
Sunday 10 a.m. Marie Boran.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Sean Thompson.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 10 a.m. Marty Noone.  
Saturday 11.30 a.m. Sr. Margaret and Bridie Sheerin.  
Sunday 10 a.m. Angela Conlon.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Anne Holleran and Francis Hegarty.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 11.30 a.m. Claire Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr

#### CALLOW

Saturday 10 a.m. Niamh O'Grady.  
Sunday 10 a.m. Helen Timlin.

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

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr Erin Rochford Keith Kavanagh Amy Hussey.  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 11.30 a.m. Aileen Gallagher Eoin Gallagher Paul Quinn Lorraine Kavanagh

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 10 a.m. The Burke Family (Callow) Sunday 10 a.m. The Boran Family (Lismorane)  
Saturday 11.30 a.m. The McNulty Family (Lahardane) Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Hennigan Family (Cloonfinnish)

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY THIS YEAR will be on 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 the 11.30 a.m. Mass on that day. This year 12 children will receive Holy Communion for the first time.

**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. The new date is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at the same time. Hopefully this is suitable for all concerned.

**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 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / €300. 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.

**SINCERE THANKS** to the 9 families who have contributed a €1,000 each toward the Callow Church seating. The total cost of the seating is just over €38,000, so further donations will be very gratefully accepted. Your generosity and support is always very much appreciated.

**KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND ENVELOPES** will be distributed to every home in the parish over the next couple of weeks. The Parish Finance Committee, as has been announced some time ago, is asking each family to contribute €500 towards the recent renovations on Callow Church, Killasser Parish House and further work that will always be necessary at both churches and the Parish House. This direct form of contribution is necessary even though we have particular fundraising events from time to time. Your weekly offertory contributions are necessary for and just cover the every day running expenses of the parish. The suggested method of payment of the €500 is as follows: A once-off contribution of €500, 3 yearly contributions of €180 or a monthly contribution of €15 for 36 Months. Your support will be very much appreciated. The first contribution will be due this March, as soon as you receive your special envelopes.

**THE JAMES KILBANE FUNDRAISING CONCERT** is the next special event to raise funds for the renovation of Callow Church and Killasser Parish House. It will take place in Callow Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Anybody who is willing to help out with organising and promoting this concert is invited to attend a special Meeting in Callow Church on this Monday Night 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9 p.m.

**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.

**PILATES CLASSES** continues in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday next, 28<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> March amounted to €1,480

**BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE:** There a few places remaining in the Office Procedures Course if you are interested in learning basic office procedures, please contact Cosgallen CDP in Charlestown. This course is run under the Back to Education Initiative and is free to medical card holders or people getting a social welfare payment.

**- 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.

**THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF IRELAND:** The Community Foundation of Ireland is currently inviting applications to their Small Grant Scheme for Community and Voluntary Groups 2007. Applications must be from Community and Voluntary Groups that possess charitable aims and are not for profit. They will favour projects leading to the social inclusion of communities who are excluded by reason of geography, age, disability, poverty, gender or race. The next closing date is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**NEW HORIZONS COURSE:** The New Horizons Course for one parent families starts on this Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March in Cosgallen CDP in Charlestown. This Course will be held on Mondays and Wednesday from 10.00 a.m - 1.00 p.m.

**NEWS:** Cosgallen is hoping to hold an eight week course in organic gardening. This course would be held one night per week for two hours. If you are interested in taking part please contact Cosgallen on 094-55070

**- LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH:** Are you currently unemployed? If so, the Local Employment Service will hold an outreach in Cosgallen C.D.P. , Charlestown on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10.45 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. This is a free and confidential information and support service to unemployed people seeking training and employment. For more information, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

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

**MIGRAINE SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP:** The Migraine Association of Ireland will hold a seminar and workshop in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2 p.m. The speakers will be Dr. Edward O'Sullivan and Esther Tomkins, Migraine Clinical Nurse Specialist. For more information or to reserve your place call 1850 200 378. The cost of the seminar is €10 for non-members, children and partners free. Light refreshments will be served.

**A THREE NIGHT COURSE - PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES** began in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday Night 1<sup>st</sup> March and will conclude on Thursday Night next 15<sup>th</sup> March from 8 - 10 p.m. 40 People from the five parishes in the Cluster are participating. Sincere thanks to the seven people from Killasser and Callow who are attending.

**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 PILLARS, GATES AND LOW WALLS** at the entrance to Callow Church on the Swinford side will be painted during the coming week, weather permitting. This work is being done free of charge by the painter Michael Roddy as a contribution towards the renovation of the Church. We thank him for this generosity.

**THE DOORS OF KILLASSER CHURCH** will be painted in the near future, weather permitting. It is now five years since they were last done

**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.

**THE ACHONRY PIONEER DINNER DANCE** was held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Friday night last. It was very well attended and was a most enjoyable function as usual. A very special treat on the night was the appearance of our recent winners of the All-Ireland Readoiri Group Singing Competition - Darina Burke, Sarah Scully, Linda McNulty and Eimear Burke. They sang three beautiful songs - well done.

**PIONEER QUIZ:** All young Pioneers are invited to Killasser Community Centre on Sunday evening next 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Teams will be selected to represent the Parish at the Achonry Quiz final in Cloonacool on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**VISIT OF FR. MICHEAL MCGREIL TO KILLASSER:** Fr. Micheal McGreil, Chairperson of the National PTAA will visit all parishes in the Diocese of Achonry this week as part of a nationwide tour of all Pioneer centres. He will celebrate Mass in Killasser Church on Tuesday evening next 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30 p.m. In this Mass, all past and present Pioneers and their families will be remembered, as well as those families who are experiencing difficulties because of drug and alcohol abuse. Fr. McGreil is well known not only for his work with the Pioneers but for his leadership of the West on Track campaign. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend this Mass and that parents will bring their children along. There will be a cup of tea for everyone afterwards in the community centre.

**THE CEREMONY OF WELCOMING A BAPTISED CHILD INTO THE CHURCH** was celebrated in Killasser Church on Sunday last 4<sup>th</sup> March. Welcomed in was Aine Majella Brennan, Dromada-Duke who was baptised in Holles St. Hospital, Dublin on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2006. We thank God that she is now a very healthy and thriving baby and we pray that she will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of her parents, godparents, family members, neighbours and friends.

**MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS:** On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March there will be a special gathering and Mass for parents who have experienced the death of a child, at any age or in any circumstances. The venue will be St. John's Rest and Care Centre, Knock Shrine and the celebrant will Mgr. Joe Quinn, Knock Shrine. It will start at 3 p.m. and all bereaved parents are welcome.

**A KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING** will be held in the School on Monday evening 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in Killasser Community Centre on this Saturday Night 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9 p.m.

**TROCAIRE:** This year our Lenten time focuses on Gender Equality and on women in some of the poorest countries of the world. In the world we live in today, as much as 46% of girls in the world's poorest countries have no access to primary school. It is estimated that 70% of those living in poverty are women. Many women throughout the world continue to live in situations of slavery and oppression. In today's First Reading, God asks Moses to set his people free from slavery. In our world today we continue to see many forms of slavery that oppress people and take from them a dignity that all should have. How can we, in Ireland, respond to God's call this Lent, to free his people and give children a future of hope? In today's world many of us are focussed on material things and we forget about the things that God wants us to do. A simple way to remember Jesus' message is to help Trocaire during Lent so that they can use the money to help people in the world who live with slavery, oppression and poverty.

**SWINFORD VARIETY GROUP** will present their show 'Wedding of the Year' a two act comedy with music and song in the Browne Memorial Hall, Foxford on Sunday Night 18<sup>th</sup> March. Doors open 7.45 p.m. Show starts at 8.15 p.m. All proceeds in aid of Browne Memorial Hall. Your support will be very much appreciated. Admission Adults €8. Students and Senior Citizens €4.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** was held in Callow Church on Wednesday evening last. The concensus was that it was a good idea to have morning Masses only in Callow and Killasser for St. Patrick's Day and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March based on the comments of people in the parish. There was also a lively discussion on the Scripture Course that is taking place in Attymass. The Parish Questionnaire which has been on the agenda for the past few months was discussed once again and finalised. The recent Workshop for the Parish Pastoral Councils in the Cluster was discussed as was the recent seminar in All Hallows on Adult Faith Development in the Parish. Two new members attended the Pastoral Council for the first time. We are still looking for two more members, so do not be surprised if you are called upon.

**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE** which has been draw up by a sub-committee of the Parish Pastoral Council and finalised and agreed on by the full committee, will be distributed during the coming week. They will be delivered to every home in the Parish. Every person of secondary school age and upwards is being asked to fill in a questionnaire. There will be a plentiful supply. You are asked to have them returned not later than Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March - they can be dropped in to special boxes that will be placed in each church or you can deliver them or post them to the Parochial House. The idea of the questionnaire is to get as broad a view as possible on some questions that the Pastoral Council feels are relevant at the present time. Your willingness to fill up the questionnaire will be very much appreciated and valued. You have the option of signing your name to the questionnaire or staying anonymous. The choice is yours. Thank you in anticipation.

**PRAY FOR** Patrick and Brigid Cunney, Carrowliamore, Son Vincent, Daughter Vera, Grandson Martin, Saturday 8  
John McHugh, Rubble, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Ada McNulty, Cullen, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.  
Catherine Meehan, Mother of Maureen Ruane, Cortoonduff, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.  
Patrick Thompson, Cullenaughton and Deceased Members of Thompson and Monaghan Families,  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.  
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
Thomas McNulty, Lahardane, Son Michael, Daughter Mary and Grandson Michael, Saturday 11.30 am  
Michael and Catherine Stenson, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 11.30 a.m.  
Josephine Boran, Lismorane, Months Mind, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.  
Michael and Kate Igoe, Cullenaughton, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.  
Michael and Margaret Hennigan, Cloonfinnish and Deceased Family, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 11.30 a.m.  
Barbara Deegan, Cullenaughton, who died on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. A Service to celebrate her life  
Will be celebrate in the Church of Ireland, Foxford on this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 3 p.m.  
Mary Kate Dunne, Cloonfinnish, who died in St. Anne's Nursing Home, Charlestown on Wednesday last  
7<sup>th</sup> March. Funeral Mass on Friday last in Charlestown Church.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**