

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FEAST OF PENTECOST

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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'*

THE DEEP END - THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE.

I'm not one to criticise God, but I've always thought that he got it wrong with the Tower of Babel. When it comes to languages I'm a hard-core pragmatist. Give me one. Any one. For all people. I abhor having to babble incomprehensibly on a trip when trying to communicate in another language. Gesticulating with gusto and giggles is no substitute for conversation. Mutually intelligible words are vital for long-term healthy relationships. In his book, *Sing a new Song*, Timothy Radcliffe OP claims: 'Part of our deep social crisis is that we have lost confidence that words really show things as they are.'

Part of the deep spiritual crisis of the disciples, sheltering behind locked doors 'for fear of the Jews' (John 20:19), is that the words they have been hearing don't show things as they are. Feeding on reports, rumours and gossip about a society hostile to them doesn't really show things as they are. Just as today, feeding from a constant stream of bad news in the media gives a distorted image of society, so too with the disciples at that time. The all-important God-factor has not been pencilled in.

Then it comes. Eyes are opened, tongues are loosed, and words gush forth. Words, whose meaning is clear to all, because they flow from the one language known by all: the language of love.

(Intercom - May 2008 - Fr. Tom Cahill)

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Frank Cregg.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Thomas Marren
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mary McNulty.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Frank Cregg.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 17th May 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Ciara Hussey Conor Stephens David Cronnolly
Sunday 18th May 11.30 a.m. Kevin Rowley Pierce Rowley Brid Rogers Siobhan Tully.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Hanley Family (Clooncleeveragh) Sunday 10.00 a.m. The McGowan Family (Cullenaughton)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The O'Grady Family (Carrowleambeg)

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

THE KNOCK PILGRIMAGE SEASON began on Sunday 27th April and continues until Sunday 12 October. The Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 18th May.

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR KILLASSER CHURCH: There is now a rota of two people per month for ten months of the year. That is a great start and we are very hopeful that the remaining months will be filled. As well as filling the twelve months it would be good to have some substitutes in case somebody cannot be there on occasion. If you would like to be involved, you can give your name to Maureen Murphy 094-9251525 or Fr. O'Mahony.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR3rd / 4th May amounted to €1,426.

BISHOP BRENDAN KELLY will visited Carramore and Killasser National Schools on Wednesday last 7th May. He returned on this Saturday 10th May to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was his first visit to the parish on Wednesday and his first time to administer Confirmation in Killasser since being ordained Bishop of Achonry on Sunday 27th January. It was a beautiful ceremony, very calm, prayerful and reflective and particularly relaxed. We thank him for enabling that to happen.

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WERE CONFIRMED in Killasser Church on this Saturday 10th May at 11.00 a.m.:

KILLASSER SCHOOL:	Conor Stephens (Roosey, Foxford)	Pearse Rowley (Dromada-Gore)
	Shane Cunney (Dromada-Gore)	Paul Quinn (Dromada-Joyce)
	Brid Rogers (Killasser Estate)	Lorraine Kavanag (Creggane)
	Kevin Rowley (Dromada-Gore)	Jonathan Burke (Clooncleeveragh)
	Siobhan Tully (Carroweena)	Aidan Hughes (Carramore-Moy)
CARRAMORE:	Jonathan Leonard (Kilmactigue)	Finnian Leonard (Kilmactigue)
	Liam McSharry (Culduff)	Cormac Warde (Doontas)
	David Cronnolly (Dunmaynor)	Shane Leonard (Kilmactigue)
	Sinead Timlin (Prebawn)	Shane Fallon (Swinford)
	Chloe Meehan (Dunmaynor)	Siofra Frain (Swinford)
	Jamie Connolly (Swinford)	Hayden Harrold (Carroweena)
	Brenda Carr (Coolcastle)	Melissa Cronnolly (Dunmaynor)
	Conor Nealon (Cloonygowan)	

We congratulate the twenty five children who were confirmed on reaching this very special religious milestone in their young lives. We pray that they will grow up to be good witnesses for Christ and the message of the Gospel for the future. We thank and congratulate their Parents on bringing them to this special day, their sponsors for supporting them now and in the future, their teachers for Confirmation, Mrs. Fallon, Carramore and Ms. Gallagher, Killasser and all their teachers over the years for their teaching of the religion programme as well as their commitment, dedication and good example. It has been a very special occasion also for the whole parish community. We have celebrated prayerfully and joyfully on a beautiful summer's day for which we thank God. Sincere thanks to our Organists, Musicians and Choir Members for their beautiful music and song which enhanced our celebration so much. We complement the Confirmation Children who participated so beautifully and well in the Confirmation Maas. Finally a huge thanks to everyone who prepared the church both inside and outside for the occasion.

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.

ROSCOMMON CHAMBER CHOIR: It is with great excitement that a new choral group given the name '**Roscommon Chamber Choir**' will be set up this year. It is hoped that the group will consist of approximately twenty-four of the finest voices within the county of Roscommon and its surrounding areas. The group will have many challenges and is set up primarily as a competition choir to compete in various choral competitions both nationally and internationally. However, the first project for this new talented bunch of singers is to record a Christmas CD in November ready for release in December 2008. The '**Roscommon Chamber Choir**' will rehearse every Wednesday in Roscommon Town commencing in September. Applicants between the ages of 18 and 30 are now being sought to complete an application form and return it before Monday 12th May. Auditions will be carried out during May and June. More details will follow. Application form available from Fr. O'Mahony. Applications can also be e-mailed to roscommonchamberchoir@yahoo.com

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening 23rd April. Many items were discussed including: **Confirmation on Saturday 10th May, Youth Mass/Service before exam time, Station Masses, Altar Society in Killasser Church, Ministry of Eucharist, Dana Concert and Year of Vocation.** Some of these will be referred to in other notices of the Newsletter.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre in Attymass on Thursday 24th April. It was an excellent meeting with an almost full attendance of members. Again many items were discussed including: **Marriage Preparation Booklet that is being published to help couples prepare for marriage, Baptism Preparation and how it is developing, Ministry of Eucharist, The Year of Vocation, The Fr. Peyton Guild, The Cluster Newsletter, The Cluster Choir etc.**

OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER: Patient, Understanding and Considerate individual with mature attitude **WANTED** in small town in East Mayo to assist young children with basic reading, writing and arithmetic. If you feel that you could commit to one or two hours each week to this worthwhile project then contact Teresa or Breda at 094-9381494 or call in person to Volunteer point at INFO WEB Aiden Street, Kiltimagh for more information.

'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.

PERIMETER WALL AT KILLASSER CHURCH: The remainder of the perimeter wall at Killasser Church grounds at the corner on the Community Centre side of the Church will be demolished on Monday. It will then be rebuilt and faced with stone - a continuation of the wall that is being newly built at present. Further grant aid has become available from Leader through Kiltimagh IRD. It will be built by the workers on the Rural Social Scheme and will look very well when finished.

SWINFORD CREDIT UNION SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR 20 YEARS: To mark this birthday and also the opening of its present premises a special function was held in the Gateway Hotel on Friday night last 9th May. It was a most enjoyable occasion. There was a major draw for 15 Prizes, the top one being for a car and the remaining 14 for cash prizes of various amounts. A number of the prizewinners are from Killasser and Callow. Complements and congratulations to the Credit Union for serving the community so well over all these years.

DANA IN CONCERT: Former Eurovision Song Contest Winner Dana will sing in Concert in Killasser Church on this Sunday 11th May, commencing at 8.00 p.m. Tickets for the Concert will be €20 and they are now on sale. Proceeds from the Concert will go towards the Killasser/Callow Parish Renovation Fund. It promises to be a very special occasion. Your support will be very much appreciated. You should bring a cushion along with you on the night as the church seats can become uncomfortable after sitting for a couple of hours. **It is important to remember that Tickets for the Concert will be available at the door on Sunday night. If you haven't already got a ticket and you wish to attend, come along and get it at the door.**

TICKETS FOR THE DANA CONCERT are available before or after each of the Masses in the Parish again this weekend. They cost €20 each. You are advised to get them in good time. **Tickets are also available from Aine Ni Chiarain on 087-2587821 / Michael Fox 087-7546909 / Fr. O'Mahony 094-9251431 / Kevin Hughes 086-8583380 / Jacinta Gallagher 087-6722053 / Maureen Murphy 094-9251525 / Louis McNulty 094-9256316 / Theresa Convey 094-9251364. Tickets can also be got at the door on Sunday night.**

THE CLUSTER CHOIR - KILLASSER/ATTYMASS/BONNICONLON/FOXFORD/STRAIDE PARISHES have had numerous practices/rehearsals over the past few weeks, including two sessions during the past week in preparation for the Concert on this Sunday Night. They are to be complemented on putting in such a huge effort which means sacrifices have to be made. On its own this will be something very special on the night, I have no doubt. They will be joined by Lasair, who are part of the choir and who will sing a few songs in addition, as well as Marie and Shauna Fallon and traditional music from Michael Cronnolly, Helen Clarke, Claire Stenson and Peter Neary. It promises to be a very special occasion so don't miss the opportunity to be there.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT: Enrolments will be taken form after Easter in Killasser National School for September 2008. You are asked to phone the School on 094-9251489. An Open Day for all new Junior Infants will take place on Thursday 29th May.

APPEAL FROM SWINFORD NATIONAL SCHOOL: The Autism Class in Swinford National School (Scoil Muire agus Treasa) has been shortlisted as one of three deserving groups for a €10,000 award through the AIB Better Ireland Programme. To get the award the school has to top the poll in a public text vote between Tuesday 6th May and Friday 6th June. You can help by texting **SWINFORDA** to 50399. The more texts sent the better chance the school has. Votes cost 60cent and proceeds of the voting will be donated to the Autism Classroom. So from 6th May on, please, please, please - vote and get everyone you know voting.

WATCH FOUND AT KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: Owner can call to the sacristy in Killasser Church to collect same.

THE ARAS ATTRACTA ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE will take place this year on Saturday 31st May. This year the organisers have very generously offered to run it for the Killasser/Callow Church Renovation Fund. What is especially needed is the support of Killasser to provide Marshals and Bucket Collectors. All people involved in the organisation will appreciate all the help and support that can be given from Killasser. Sponsorship Cards are available at present. **The 100 K. Cycle will begin and finish at Killasser Community Centre.** For those unable to cycle the full distance, it is possible to cycle part of the route. Later that night there will be a Dance/Function in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. Tickets for this function will be €10 each. **Sponsorship Cards are now available from Bridie Sheerin 094-9251062 / Pat Thompson / Fr. O'Mahony.** The next meeting to make final arrangements for this event will be held on Monday 26th May at 8.30. The more people who are willing to help the more successful the event will be.

A MEETING OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL was held in Killasser Church on last Sunday evening, 4th May. This meeting was held to work out arrangements for a Youth Mass/Service before the exams begin. It was arranged that it will happen during the vigil Mass in Killasser Church on Saturday 24th May. The next Meeting to bring the arrangements and preparations a stage further will be held in Killasser Church on Monday week 19th May at 8.30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST FOR CALLOW CHURCH: A number of Ministers of Eucharist in Callow Church, who have been in ministry for a good number of years, wish to step aside at this stage. This is very understandable and acceptable as the commitment is only meant to be for three years and not for an indefinite period. As well it is important that new people would join every ministry on a regular basis to keep it renewed. If you are asked to be involved you might consider it or if you would like to volunteer, you might let a member of the Pastoral Council or Fr. O'Mahony know. It does take a little bit of courage, but never underestimate your ability. **One person has volunteered and a number of others are considering it. Sincere thanks for that generosity.**

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST FOR KILLASSER CHURCH: It is now an opportune time to commission some new people as Ministers of the Eucharist for Killasser Church also. **At least two people have expressed a willingness to participate in this ministry. It would be good to get about six new people if at all possible.**

A COURSE FOR NEW CANDIDATES FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY will be organised for the five parishes in our cluster and it will take place in Autumn in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. **In the meantime we need to get as many potential candidates as possible. We hope that those already in ministry will remain on until new Ministers are commissioned.**

A 10 KILOMETRE WALK IN AID OF TEAMPALL MAOL CEMETERY took place in brilliant sunshine on Monday last 4th May. A large crowd of people walked the beautiful scenic route and were treated afterward to tea and beautiful home-baking. Complements to Mary Hughes in particular who baked so much that there were basketfuls left over which we brought home for tea later. Complements and congratulations to the committee for organising the event so well and for keeping the cemetery in such neat and tidy condition. Sincere thanks to everyone who walked and sponsored. It is a very worthy cause.

ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ST. PIO PIETRELCINA: It is a 7 Night Pilgrimage beginning on 23rd May. Special Group Price is €929 PP. Group Leader is Michael Garret. For itinerary contact Michael Garret on 071-9162714 or Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410816.

FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE will take place from 7th October, leaving from Knock. It will be 7 Nights in Hotel Avenida. The cost is €35 plus €25 Insurance. Spiritual Director is Fr. John Maloney. For details contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640 or 086-8185153.

WEST OF IRELAND 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND DIRECT FROM KNOCK from 22nd September - 1st October. Spiritual Director is Fr. Tomas Surlis. The cost is €1,190 fully inclusive of taxes and half board. For further information contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640.

AN OVERALL CLEAN-UP OF KILLASSER CHURCH PHASE TWO took place on Wednesday evening last when a large number of people turned up and worked so hard for a few hours. The fruit of their good work is now very evident - it would have been very difficult for any cobweb to survive. This is the kind of effort that could be made a few times each year to add to the excellent care of the the church that is taken every week through regular hovering etc.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE PLANNING THEIR MARRIAGE? Accord are now recruiting new volunteers to work as Marriage Preparation Facilitators. Successful applicants will be fully trained and work as part of a team. If you are interested please contact Accord on 094-9254944. Closing date is Monday 12th May. An information night will be arranged for all applicants who are interested.

SPANISH STUDENT PLACEMENT: Interested in having a Spanish Student come to your home for the month of July? You must have a child/children between 12 - 17 years of age and be a friendly family. The child will take part in all your family activities for that month. An allowance is given to participating families. For more information, contact Marie on 087-6563527.

COMMISSION FOR PASTORAL RENEWAL AND ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT: A Workshop/Consultation on Adult Faith Development for all priests, Members of Parish Pastoral Councils, Religious and Lay People took place in Knock House Hotel on Friday 2nd May from 11.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m. A representative from Killasser/Callow Parish Pastoral Council attended and found it very informative. There will be a short report of what happened and what information was given in a later Newsletter.

FREE RAFFLE PRIZES FOR THE DANA CONCERT: There are some valuable prizes to be given out at the Dana Concert on a ticket that you will receive free of charge on your way in. Included in those prizes will be a valuable hamper or hampers and if you would like to donate anything towards them in terms of items to make them up, they will be very gratefully accepted. If you would like to contribute, you could bring it to the concert meeting on Monday night in Killasser Church or give it to Maureen Murphy.

THE 2007 MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL CALENDAR featured Harry Clarke Stained Glass Windows from various Churches within the county. Callow Church was featured as it has one Stained Glass Window from the Harry Clarke Studios. The window in Callow Church is of St. Patrick at the back of the church over the Galery area. It is a beautiful window and very

valuable, coming from the studios of such a famous artist as Harry Clarke. Other Churches featured in the Calendar were Ballinrobe, Roundfort, Charlestown, Westport, Knock and Convent Chapel in Foxford (Hope House). On Wednesday last Mayo County Council presented each Parish/Church with a beautiful photograph of a window from their church at a lunch in Healy's Hotel in Pontoon. You can see this photograph here in the church at Mass this weekend. We are very grateful to Mayo County Council for this very generous gesture as well as for featuring the windows in their calendar. It was a project carried out by the heritage section of Mayo County Council and we congratulate and complement them on a job very well done. It is important that we treasure these very very special pieces of art. Ballinrobe Church has a large number of Harry Clarke windows. This window of St. Patrick was put into the church in Callow in 1943. All the windows in Callow Church are very nice but this one is very special. Fortunately we have had them restored to their original condition when they were re-leaded and storm-glazed in 1999 – 2000.

ST. JOHN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL CARRAMORE have been twinned with a National School in Newcastle, England. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes from the School travel over to England on Monday morning to visit the school in Newcastle, accompanied by teachers Mrs. Fallon and Mrs. Sharkey, a number of parents and possibly Fr. O'Mahony. Martin Shovlin will be driving the coach. Everyone is wished an enjoyable and safe trip. Sincere thanks to the teachers for organising this wonderful opportunity for the children involved.

PRAY FOR **Matt and Bridie Rowley, Dromada-Gore, Saturday 8 p.m.**
Paddy Hyland, Carrowleamore and Carramore-Moy, His Sister Kathleen O'Grady, their Parents and Deceased Members of the Hyland and Calvey Families Saturday 8 p.m.
Hugh Fitzmorris, Creggane, Saturday 8 p.m.
Martin McDonnell, Tiernanny, and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8p.m.
Patricia Crowley, Toorard, Months Mind, Husband Dick and all deceased members of Crowley and Barry Families, Saturday 8 p.m.
Nora Culkin, Corley, and her Husband Patrick, Sunday 10 a.m.
People of the the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Tom and Mary Anne Doyle, Creggane, Son Paddy and Daughter Mary, Saturday 8 p.m.
Kitty Hanley, Clooncleeveragh, Michael and Elizabeth Hanley, and Kathleen Hanley, Saturday 8 p.m.
Pake O'Grady, Carroweena, brother Tommy and sister Winnie, Saturday 8 p.m.
Matthew and Ellie O'Grady, Carrowleambeg, Son James and Daughter Lily O'Hara, Sunday 18th 11.30 a.m.
Mary Connell, Salthill, Galway, Sister of Josie McDonnell, Lismorane, who died on Saturday 3rd May, Whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday last 6th May.
Michael Calvey, Birr, Co. Offaly and formerly Dromagh, Uncle of Val Hyland, Carramore-Moy, who On Friday 9th May. Funeral arrangements later.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
