

# 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'*

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### RETURNING TO GOD.

We are born in exile and die there too.

As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return.

When we die, we do not so much go to God as return to him.

Like homesick cranes that fly night and day back to their mountain nests, so let all our lives take their voyage to you, O Lord.

For you have made us for yourself, and our hearts will never rest, until they rest in you.

Only those who have flown home to You have flown at all.

(Flor McCarthy - New Sunday And Holy Day Liturgies)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 10 a.m. / Thursday 8 a.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday 8 p.m. / 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. Sean Thompson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Claire Conroy.

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

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Marren and Sr. Margaret.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan and Bridie Sheerin.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell

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

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

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

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 8.00 p.m. Colin Hughes Lorraine Kavanagh Ciara Hussey Brid Rogers.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 11.30 a.m. Keith Kavanagh Conor Stephens Caoimhe Warde Cormac Warde.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromada-Duke)

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

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

#### FEAST DAYS:

Sunday - St. Martin of Tours / Dedication of the Cathedral of Achonry.

Monday - St. Josaphat.

Wednesday - St. Lawrence O'Toole. / Thursday - St. Albert the Great.

Friday - St. Gertrude / Saturday - St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will be held in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7 p.m.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Saturday next at 1.30 p.m. Anybody who wishes is welcome to attend.

#### PREPARATION/PRACTICE FOR CAROL SERVICE IN CALLOW

began on Sunday last 4<sup>th</sup> November. There was a wonderful attendance of children, which is most encouraging. Compliments to the children and their parents for their interest and support. The next Rehearsal/Practice will take place on this Sunday afternoon 11<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00 p.m. Everyone and more are welcome this afternoon. You will enjoy the experience if you become involved. Carol Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

#### CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP:

The Killala Diocesan Music and Liturgy Commission will present a Church Music Workshop in The Ramada Hotel, Old Foxford Road, Ballina on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00 p.m. The workshop is open to everyone and will be of particular interest to all choir members and those involved in the ministry of music. Hopefully as many as possible of our choir members and all interested will attend.

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**THE NEXT CELEBRATION OF 'DO THIS IN MEMORY'** the programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Holy Communion, will be celebrated during the 11.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday next 18<sup>th</sup> November. This year there are six Children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools preparing to receive these Sacraments. They are: Emma Howley / Courtney Groarke / Finn Stephens / Dara Kavanagh / Saoirse Warde / Jonathan O'Hara.

**A PRAYER SERVICE FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED** will be celebrated in Callow Church on Friday next 16<sup>th</sup> November at 8 p.m. A special Candle will be lit for each person who has died since our Prayer Service last November. Hopefully family member(s) of each departed person during the past year can attend to be presented with the candle afterwards. All families concerned will be contacted if at all possible.

**THE BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF PLOT/SPACE IN KILLASSER CEMETERY** in memory of all unnamed/unbaptised children buried in this and other cemeteries in the Parish took place on Sunday last 4<sup>th</sup> November. Along with the recitation of the Rosary for all our departed it was a very nice and appropriate ceremony celebrated on a beautiful mild November day. Sincere thanks to the Cemetery Committee, The Rural Social Scheme and all who keep the cemetery in such good condition. A special thanks to John Maloney and Tom Howley for carrying out the work on this space/plot for the unbaptised children.

**DEMOLITION AND REBUILDING OF WALL AT KILLASSER CHURCH:** The wall around the perimeter of Killasser Church Ground on lower side of the grounds near the Community Centre will be demolished on Wednesday next. It has been in very bad condition in recent times. It will be rebuilt under the Rural Social Scheme and hopefully will be faced with stone like the wall opposite the Killasser Housing Estate. Some grant aid has been sanctioned by IRD Kiltimagh and the local County Councillors.

**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 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 / \$1,000 / €3,000 / \$500 / €2,000 / €100 / €1,000 / €50 These donations received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

**LAUNCH OF PAMPERING DAY IN AID OF AIDS PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA** will take place in the Mayo County Library, Castlebar on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome. Vouchers on sale on the night. An ideal Christmas Gift.

**KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME:** The Annual Rent is now due and the Rent Collector will be calling to each household over the next few weeks.

**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 (094-9251327) Fr. O'Mahony (094-9251431), Maureen Murphy (094-9251525), Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox (094-9253603), Theresa Convey (094-9251364), Bridie Sheerin (094-9251062), Kevin Hughes and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

**BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL** is still progressing very well. The two new class rooms are now plastered inside and out. The outdoor playing area beside the new General Purposes Building is now almost complete. On Friday last the children were able to play on it for the first time. It is an all-weather surface that can be used in all kinds of conditions. It is really state of the art. A timber floor was put into the General Purposes building just over a week ago.

**PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?** French language Courses for Primary and Post Primary Students are now available. The 15 Week Course is given by a highly qualified French Native Teacher with 20 years experience. The Course can tip the scales in your favour when exam times come around, getting the professional help you need now. For enrolment and full details please contact Jacqueline Duffy on 094-9861146.

**NEW LEADER FOR THE DIOCESE:** It is being mentioned that an announcement will be made before Advent as to who the next Spiritual Leader of the Diocese will be. It might be advisable not to hold one's breath!

**CLUSTER GATHERING ON THE EUCHARIST** will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass, on Thursday next 15<sup>th</sup> November from 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. The Meeting/Seminar will be facilitated by Donal Harrington, who has written a Book recently on the Eucharist. This will be open to everybody in the Cluster and beyond. All members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Eucharistic Ministers are especially encouraged to attend.

**AT THE LAST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** on Wednesday evening 10<sup>th</sup> October in Callow Church the following items were discussed as well as others: The Parish Questionnaire - 71 were returned - it is now being analysed / Cluster Baptism Preparation Team / Rationalisation of Church Services in order to celebrate and worship better if that is what is required / Internal adjustment/reorganisation of Killasser Church / Loose Change Collection etc.

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR 2007 - 2008 ARE** Michael Fox / Collette Howley / Helen Thompson / Maureen Murphy / Anna Howley / Margaret McGowan / Mary Mulligan / Joe Kennedy / Joe McNulty / Bridie Sheerin / Marty Noone / Patricia Tansey

**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet on Wednesday next at 8.30 p.m. in Killasser Church. A first draft of the analysis of the Parish Questionnaire Responses is now complete and will be looked at at this meeting to make any adjustments or carry out any refinement that is necessary. A number of the items discussed at the last meeting will also be revisited.

**BUS TO TEA DANCE:** Would you like a Rural Transport Service from your area to the Tea Dance in Midfield, Swinford on Sunday afternoons? If you would like to use this service, please contact Anne-Marie Carroll on 094-9381494 as soon as possible. This pilot service will only run if there is a need and passengers using the route.

**A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre Attymass on Thursday night 25<sup>th</sup> October. The possibility of having a group of people to work with the priests in the cluster in preparing Parents and Godparents better for the Baptism of their children was discussed again. **It is hoped to have two people from each parish for an information evening on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 8.30 - 10.00 p.m. in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. This will, hopefully, enable them to become involved in this ministry. We now have two volunteers and we would still like to have one more. Do think about it.**

**A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 8.30 p.m. The Killasser/Callow representatives are Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty.

**A CLUSTER NEWSLETTER** will be published again for Christmas this year. Maureen Murphy is a member of the editorial team and is looking for any articles or photographs of interest you might have. You can contact her on 094-9251525.

**NEW ARTS OFFICER FOR IRD KILTIMAGH:** IRD Kiltimagh Ltd. has recently appointed Anne Marie McGing as the new Arts Officer. Anne Marie hails from Killawalla and has been working in the arts previously in Galway and Mayo. She will be working throughout the year on developing a programme of arts activities in the Town Hall Theatre and other venues. You can contact Anne Marie at the IRD Kiltimagh by calling 094-9381494 or emailing [ANNEMARIEMCGING@IRD-KILTIMAGH.IE](mailto:ANNEMARIEMCGING@IRD-KILTIMAGH.IE)

**KILTIMAGH ARTS MAILING LIST:** IRD Kiltimagh Arts Office is in the process of updating its arts interest mailing list. If you are interested in receiving information about up-coming events in the East Mayo Area please contact the IRD Kiltimagh Arts Officer, Anne Marie McGing with your contact details. You can e-mail the information to the above address or you can contact IRD on 094-9331494. Please include a contact name, address and e-mail address in e-mails.

**THE MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION** taken up recently amounted to €1,290. Sincerethanks for your generosity.

**THE FAMILY INSTITUTE BALLAGHADERREEN** offers a professional, confidential service in psychotherapy and systemic family therapy for couples, individuals and families. Fees are on a sliding scale. Linda Fulton accredited psychotherapist with European Council for Psychotherapy has recently joined the staff. For appointments contact 094-9861000.

**NOVEMBER MASSES/ENVELOPES** are available at the Church doors again this weekend. 12 Masses will be offered for your deceased relatives during November. You can write the names of your deceased relatives on the enclosed form. You can hand in the envelopes at your convenience.

**FOXFORD 25 CARD GAME** continues in Browne Memorial Hall on Tuesday next 6<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30 sharp. Usual Prizes, Spots and Raffle. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**THE ANNUAL SWINFORD ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** is being taken up at Killasser Church at both Masses this weekend 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> November. The Swinford Conference takes care of any needs in the Killasser area of the Parish. Your generosity will enable them to continue their good work. Your support will be very much appreciated. The Envelopes for this Collection are available this weekend. They are placed on the Church seats and you are encourage to take one.

**'CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST'** is the topic Donal Harrington, the well-know Theologian and Writer will speak on in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday Night next 15<sup>th</sup> November at 8 p.m. He has recently completed two books on the Eucharist - 'Enhancing the Celebration', which received a very favourable review in Intercom of late, and 'Exploring the Eucharis' which is to be published very soon by Columba Press. Anyone who participates in the Eucharist will find his talk enriching and inspirational. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

**THANKS TO ALL:** Cancer Action Mhaigh-Eo would like to extend their thanks to the following for making the Fun Day on the new N17 Bypass and the Annual Dance in the Gateway Hotel a great success. The Sponsors: Portwest and Mayo County Council for the high visibility jackets. Liam and Jackie Campbell, Stephen from Londis Plus and Alan from Cards and Gifts for

the refreshments provided. Patricia from Great Escapes. The Park Hotel, Kiltimagh. Quinn's Bar and Ian McHugh for Raffle Prizes. The Garda Siochane and the Civil Defence for their presence on the day to make sure everybody was safe. Siac Wills and Joe Mellett for co-ordinating the use of the road. Sean Gavaghan and Marty Hopkins for the use of vehicles on the day and Swinford Athletic Club for the use of their facilities. All the volunteers who helped out. Cathal and the Staff of Kelly's Gateway Hotel, Irish Knights for a great night of music and last but not least those of you who took part, attended or sponsored people on the day. All funds raised are in aid of Rock Rose House - Cancer Support Centre, Castlebar. Sincere thanks to everyone.

**THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** will be visited during the week as they were last week by arrangement. If there is anybody who is not on the list and would like a visit, please contact Fr. O'Mahony.

**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER** amounted to €4,860. Sincere thanks to everyone for your support and generosity for what was an excellent collection.

**THE ACHONRY DIOCESAN READOIRI PIONEER TALENT COMPETITION** takes place in Cloonacool on Saturday night next at 7 p.m. It is expected that Killasser will be represented.

**PRAY FOR** Vera Cunney, Carroleamore, Parents Brigid and Patrick, Brother Vincent, Nephew Martin, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Thomas and Brigid Cooke, Knocks and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 John and Maureen Conlon, Boleboy, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Jim Mulligan, Lismorane, Sunday 10 a.m.  
 Bill Mulligan, Lismorane, Sunday 10 a.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Holy Souls, Monday 10 a.m.  
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 Holy Souls, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 10 a.m.  
 Joe Carr, Craigaballagh, and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 11.30 a.m.  
 Mary Jane Hunt, Rooskey, Aunt of Kathleen Tully, Carroweena, who died during the week.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

**PRAYER SERVICE FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED IN CALLOW  
 CHURCH ON FRIDAY NEXT 16 NOVEMBER AT 8 P.M.  
 SPECIAL CANDLE WILL BE LIT FOR EACH PERSON FROM  
 THE PARISH WHO DIED SINCE NOVEMBER 2007**

