

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'*

EARTHLY CHOICES - ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES.

Most election promises to the electorate centre on tax breaks and lower costs. No earthly politician has dared (yet) to announce that the Kingdom has been given. The Kingdom is something that is literally priceless. It is about what is at the heart of the matter, literally at the centre of your life.

The Sunday readings makes for difficult consumption during Summer. It speaks of things we would rather gently put aside; simple lifestyle, almsgiving, readiness for the return of the Lord, faithful use of the time given us and warnings of punishment.

You have servants who are going around doing peripheral stuff, not giving a lot of thought to the master who has gone off to get married. But when he comes back, even in the middle of the night, oh what a time this will be! This will be a celebration. He will dress up like a servant, getting them to recline at table and wait on them hand and foot. In other words, they will be his equals. This is really something! Being raised up all because our heads were focused down on the task given.

Each of us in turn need to come to the point when we ask ourselves whether our central concerns have to do with the things that really matter, or with all those matters which are just things. An earthly choice with eternal consequences.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - August 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 1.00 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday 10 a.m. / Thursday 1.00 p.m. / Saturday 8.00 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson.
Wednesday 10 a.m. Marty Noone.
Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson.
Sunday 10 a.m. Micheal Murphy.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 8.00 p.m. Sr. Margaret and Francis Hegarty.
Wednesday 10 a.m. Mary Mulligan.
Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Eileen O'Neill
Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Tuesday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson.
Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

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Wednesday 10 a.m. Helen Timlin.
Sunday 10 a.m. Micheal Murphy.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 14th August 8.00 p.m. Niall Armstrong Ciara Hussey Siobhan O'Hara Paul Quinn.
Saturday 18th August 8.00 p.m. Kevin Rowley Pierce Rowley Keith Kavanagh Conor Stephens.
Sunday 19th August 11.30 a.m. Liam Moran Eoin Gallagher Brid Rogers Erin Rochford.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Heaney Family (Derreen) Sunday 10 a.m. The McGowan Family (Cullenaughon)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Judge Family (Magheraboy).

KILLASSER CEMETERY MASS will be celebrated on Tuesday next 14th August at 8.00 p.m. On the morning of the Feast of the Assumption 15th August, there will be Mass at 10 a.m. in Callow Church. Mass will not be celebrated in Killasser Church at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday. The Vigil Mass in the Cemetery on Tuesday evening is the only Mass for the Feast in the Killasser side of the Parish. The cemetery is looking well at present. However, any further tidying up you can do will be very much appreciated. The Offertory Collection at the Cemetery Mass will, as usual, go to the Killasser Cemetery Fund.

KILLASSER CEMETERY ENVELOPES are available again this weekend at the Church Doors. Your contributions will be very much appreciated towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Cemetery. Last year the suggested amount was €15. They can be handed in this weekend, at the Cemetery Mass, next weekend or at your convenience.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place in Killasser Church during July and August.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Claire Campbell, Carrabeg, Killasser and Sean Ronane, Ballyglass, Swinford who were married in Killasser Parish Church on last Sunday afternoon 5th August. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

WEDDING IN ROME: Congratulations to Linda Cronnelly, Dunmaynor, Killasser and Declan Scanlon, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon who were married in Rome on Monday 30th July. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Callow Church on next Saturday afternoon 18th August at 4.00 p.m. Everyone who wishes is welcome to attend.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 4th / 5th August amounted to €1,565.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW RENOVATION FUND for June amounted to €1,855. Sincere thanks for your support.

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. / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500
These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

SINCERE THANKS TO RORY CONROY for providing and installing the new furniture in Killasser Church Sacristy free of charge as he did earlier in Callow Church. This is a most generous gesture and we thank him on behalf of the whole parish.

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. It would be important to book in good time. Details on each of the Church Notice Boards.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON The Three-Day Pilgrimages began on Monday 1st June and run until Monday 13th August. Phone No. 071-9861518. The One-Day Pilgrimages will recommence after 13th August and continue until towards the end of September. The One-Day Retreat costs €27 and a reservation should be booked in advance.

A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG will take place on Monday 10th September, provided there is sufficient interest and there seems to be. You are asked to give your names to Fr. O'Mahony as soon as possible. Even if you have already indicated your interest you might confirm that. More details in a later Newsletter. This year, like last year, the cost will cover Travel and Lough Derg Fees. There will be an opportunity for a Meal which you can decide on yourself at the time.

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 WEEKLY SEISIUNS are being held again this year in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on each Thursday night at 9 p.m. during July and August. Seventh session on next Thursday Night 16th August. Admission €10. Children have free admission. Refreshments served. There was a wonderful night's entertainment on last Thursday night and a huge crowd in spite of the inclement weather. Well worth a visit. The tea/coffee and buns were beautiful.

THE PARISH CALENDAR was launched on Thursday night 2nd August in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. It is a beautiful production which will be a collector's item for the future. It has relevance for every townland in the parish, with the name of each townland included as a picture as well as twelve beautiful photographs of different areas in the parish. When it is on sale this weekend and over the coming weeks make sure you get your copy early as it is a once-off production. It will have a special appeal for people from the parish living in other parts of the country and world. Sincere thanks to everyone who has worked so hard over the past few months to produce the calendar and to Bernie O'Hara who performed the official launch on Thursday night.

THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR will be on sale again after all Masses this weekend and for a few more weekends during August and into September. Price €10. Again make sure you get your copy in good time. The Calendar can also

be bought from Thomas Marren, Fr. O'Mahony, Maureen Murphy, Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

CSKA KILLASSER COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB is hosting a multi-sports Sports Camp at Killasser Community Centre and Sportsfield on Monday 13th August to Friday 17th August, inclusive, daily from 10.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. The Camp is for children aged 7 - 15. The Cost is €40 per child, €75 for two children from the same family and €80 for three or more children from the same family. **Activities: Monday - Gaelic Football / Tuesday - Soccer / Wednesday - Rugby / Thursday - Basketball / Friday - Athletics and Rounders, Tae-Kwon-Do.** Professional Coaching each day, with the above interspersed with fun and fitness games. All participants will receive a substantial 'Goodie Bag' and Certificate. Contact: Martin Peyton on 094-9251573 / 087-9377644. Michael Howley on 087-9144910.

KILLASSER CHOI KWANG DO: It has been a very busy year for Killasser CKD. Three gradings have been held. Two of these gradings involved a visit from Mrs. V. Mackie 111 Dan and Mr. K. Mackie 111 Dan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mackie were very pleased with the standard of the students. The last grading was in June and the following people were graded: Pierce Rowley White Snr., Breege Rogers Yellow Snr., Fergus Ward Orange Snr., Oisin Broe White Snr., Caoimhe Ward Gold, Soncha Broe White Snr., Cormac Ward Orange, Emer Loftus Yellow, Siobhan Ward 11 Dan Gold. Congratulations to all the students and they are encouraged to keep up the good work. Classes took a two week break and are now back in the Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.00 p.m. All ages from five years are welcome.

CLOONLUMNEY FOOTBRIDGE ACCESS 6 MILE SPONSORED WALK: The organisers would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported the event last Monday. Everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon and even though the duck had to swim on dry land, they raised over €800 which together with other donations will cover the costs involved.. Thanks for the lovely refreshments.

SWINFORD AGRICULTURAL SHOW takes place on Saturday next 18th August at Swinford Amenity Park. Your support will be very much appreciated. A great day out for all the family and hopefully some sunshine as well. More details elsewhere in this week's Newsletter.

COMPUTER-BASED BUSINESS/TOURISM STUDIES COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS: If you are interested in returning to education, improving your employment prospects, why not enrol on the Computer-based Business/Tourism Studies Course at the Further Education Centre, Swinford which is due to commence in September 2007. The Course is free. Eligible participants are paid an allowance equivalent to a full Social Welfare payment plus meal and travel allowances. Childcare support may be available. A training bonus of €31.80 is also payable to adults in receipt of social welfare payments for over a year. For further information contact Amanda or Emer at Further Education Centre, Swinford 094-9251928 or vtosswinford@eircom.net

CAKE SALE AND BRING AND BUY in Killasser Community Centre after Mass on this Sunday 12th August in aid of Bone Marrow For Leukaemia. Items can be left into the Community Centre on Saturday evening between 7.30 and 8.00 p.m. or Sunday morning from 11.00 a.m. onwards. Further information from Noreen Shovlin on 087-2263737. Your support will be very much appreciated.

KILLASSER CEMETERY: Killasser Cemetery has been substantially improved in recent years. Footpaths have been tarmacadamed. A new Altar/Shrine and Crucifix have been erected. A wall was built, which has recently been plastered and fitted with capping. This year a remembrance space for unnamed children has been set aside. Gates have been refurbished and flowers planted. The old cemetery which was completely overgrown has been cleared. A new amplification system for use at funerals and Masses was purchased. This work has been carried out through the generosity of parishioners and friends and the voluntary work of many craftsmen/women. Stuart Durkin and Richard Hughes, employed under the Rural Social Scheme, have worked hard to make sure it is looking its best for the Annual Cemetery Mass on Tuesday 14th August at 8.00 p.m. We also rely on your support in helping to keep the cemetery free of litter by taking home all old wreath etc.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN TEAMPALL MAOIL will be celebrated on Friday 24th August at 7.30 p.m.

TEACHER LEAVES KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL: Ms. Niamh Ruttledge, who has taught in Killasser National School for the past nine years will take up a new appointment for the school year 2006 – 2007. She has been appointed to Killala National School. On behalf of the Board of Management, The Parents and Children of the School, Past Pupils and the Parish Community, we say a sincere thanks for all her hard work, dedication, commitment and good example over the past nine years. We all regret losing such an excellent teacher and we wish her every success and blessing for the future.

NEW TEACHER APPOINTED TO KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL: Ms. Aine Gibbons, Castlebar, has been appointed to the vacant permanent teaching position in Killasser National, due to Ms. Ruttledge moving on. We welcome her to the School and to the Parish and wish her every success and blessing for the future.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL TO BE PAINTED: The outside of Killasser National School will be painted during the coming week, weather permitting. It was powerwashed in preparation for painting on this Saturday - a very suitable day considering the amount of rain that was falling.

THE ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS' OUTING will take place this year on Monday 27th August. If you are unable to travel, you should contact Fr. O'Mahony as soon as possible. More details of the arrangements for the day will be given in a later Newsletter. Again it will be necessary for a number of Parents/Adults to accompany the children.

THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND will be visited on Thursday next at the usual time. If there is anybody not on the list at present who wishes to have a visit, please contact Fr. O'Mahony.

PRAY FOR: Willie Gildea, Knocks, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Edward and Ellen Thompson and Deceased Family, Doontas, John Henry and Michael Durkan,
 Saturday 8 p.m.
 Joe Price, Moy View, Saturday 8 p.m.
 P. J. Loftus, Dromada-Duke, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Frank Caffrey, Cloonygowan, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Monday 10 a.m.
 Jim Duffy and James Duffy, Tiernanny and Deceased Family, Thursday 1.00 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

KILLASSER CEMETERY MASS TUESDAY 14 AUGUST 8 P.M.