

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'*

THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE.

Along with 'take your bath' - 'say thanks' must be in every mother's endless repertoire. We do need reminders to be grateful and yet while gratitude is beautiful - it is so rarely done. Why? Because the act of gratitude implies dependency and belonging. Still the 1 in 10 response that Jesus got would disappoint anyone. Why did the other nine not return and give thanks? Maybe they were like this:

1. The first leper always followed the letter of the law. Jesus said he should go to the priest. So he would do just that and nothing more.
2. Going through an identity crisis. He'd been a leper so long. What would he do now? How would he cope? He was so preoccupied with the change he forgot.
3. This one believed that you are supposed to work for what you get, yet he hadn't worked for this and so couldn't handle the situation.
4. One became delirious with happiness.
5. May have become bitter in the past because he was driven to become a beggar. He vowed he would never say thanks to anyone.
6. He was a family man. Anxious and eager to get back to his family, to hold his wife and hug his children.
7. Sceptic - doubted whether Jesus really has anything to do with it. After all, he hadn't been healed in Jesus' presence. Maybe it was something in the air that day.
8. So excited and just had to tell everyone about this Jesus.
9. Said - I'll give thanks tomorrow.

Which leper are you?

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - October 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Tuesday 10.00 a.m. / Wednesday 8 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Monday, Wednesday 10 a.m. / Friday, Saturday 8.00 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson

Sunday 10 a.m. Frank Cregg.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sr. Margaret and Eileen O'Neill

Sunday 10 a.m. Margaret McGowan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Aileen Gallagher

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Patrick McNulty

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 20th October 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Ciara Hussey Niall Armstrong Shane Cunney.

Sunday 21st October 11.30 a.m. Caoimhe Warde Cormac Warde Eoin Gallagher Erin Rochford.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Cunney Family (Dromada-Gore)

Sunday 10 a.m. The McNulty Family (Cullenaughton)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

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

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' - PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSIONS/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION begins this Saturday 13th October for the School Year 2007 - 2008. The first celebration takes place during the 8.00 p.m. Mass. During this School Year six children will receive these Sacraments for the first time - two in Carramore and four in Killasser. They are: **Carramore: Saoirse Warde (Doontas) Jonathan O'Hara (Aclare) Killasser: Courtney Groarke (Killasser Estate) Dara Kavanagh (Carramore) Emma Howley (Dunmaynor) Finn Stephens (Rooskey).**

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY COLLECTION this year amounted to €806.50c. **A further donation of €100 was received more recently.** Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this collection. This, along with the Offertory Collection of €870 on the evening of the Mass amounted to €1,676.50c. Your support is very much appreciated.

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 / €2 / €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. These donations received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

A LOOSE CHANGE COIN COLLECTION for the Diocese of Meki in Ethiopia to which the Foxford Cluster of Parishes is twinned was taken up at all Masses over the past two weekend. The collection amounted to €855. Sincere thanks for your wonderful response to this appeal and also to all those who organised it and counted the money. It is very much appreciated. Sometimes we have a lot of one cent / two cent / five cent coins left around that seem of little value to us. When put together they can add up to quite an amount. Then when we realise that what we give to a Diocese in a Country like Ethiopia it will buy ten times what the same amount would buy in Ireland, it should encourage us to put aside our small coins so that we can have a similar collection again in the future.

DORMANT ACCOUNTS FUND 2007: Supports for community based services for Older People is a specific measure under the Social and Economic Disadvantage Category of the 2007 round Dormant Accounts funding. Application forms and guidelines are available on the pobal website www.pobal.ie or from Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown. The closing date for completed application is Friday 16th November. Contact 094-9255070.

GO FOR LIFE GRANT: The Go For Life Grant is the National Grant Scheme for Sport and Physical Activity for the Older People. Grants are available to clubs/organisations that promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people as a main element of their activities. The 2007 grant application form is now available from Go for Life @www.olderinireland.ie or from Cosgallen CDP on 094-9255070. The closing date for completed application forms is Thursday 18th October.

PARENTING ALONE: A new Horizons Course will be held in Cosgallen, Charlestown which offers training and support to anyone who is parenting alone. For more information contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

FORMS: Cosgallen is pleased to announce that they have Full Driving Licence, Provisional Licence And Tax Renewal Forms available in the following Languages: **Arabic French Latvian Lithuanian Polish Romanian Russian.**

YOUTH CLUB GRANT SCHEME: Applications are invited from Clubs/Organisations for Grant Aid in accordance with the Youth Club Grant Scheme 2007. Application forms are available from Mayo VEC Castlebar or from Cosgallen CDP on 094-9255070.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI will take place from Friday 26th October to Friday 2nd November ex Dublin with JWT. €849 per person. 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. A few places are still available to bring the number up to 50. A Bus may be arranged to and from Dublin. Further information from Marian Maloney on 087-2112555 or 094-9288229

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 at an advanced stage. It will be an all-weather surface that can be used in all kinds of conditions.

THE ANNUAL CANCER-ACTION MHAIGH-EO SPONSORED CYCLE has been deferred this year and will now take place on Saturday 27th October. The format of the cycle will differ this year in so far as Mayo County Council has kindly offered to make the new Charlestown By-Pass available to the organisation before it is opened. In other words, the stretch of road from Culmore, Swinford to Tully, Ballagherreen comprising of a distance of 16Km will be restricted to just cyclists and pedestrians for a one-day period. There is no limit to the amount of times this route can be travelled. This is a unique opportunity for both the novice and skilled cyclist to experience the novelty of being able to cycle freely on the county's main thoroughfare free from the worry of encountering motor vehicles. Refreshments etc. will be supplied along the route and as the distance to be covered is at the discretion of each cyclist, they are free to stop wherever and whenever they desire. All in all it is hoped that it will be an enjoyable day for all and that a carnival atmosphere will exist on the day. Further details regarding the exact date etc. will be forwarded and announced in due course. All support will be greatly appreciated

THE CANCER-ACTION MHAIGH-EO FUN DAY FOR ALL is taking place on Saturday 27th October so come along and join in the fun. This event will take place on the new N5 Charlestown By-Pass and it can be cycled, jogged or walked. All proceeds are in aid of Rock Rose House Cancer Support Centre in Castlebar. Cyclists must wear a helmet and reflector jackets will be provided courtesy of Portwest and Mayo County Council. To obtain a Sponsorship Card please call 087-7809792. Registration is taking place at 9 a.m. at the start of the event.

NEW ROOF FOR KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: The work of replacing the existing asbestos roof on Killasser Community Centre is now complete. This work and other renovations to the building will ensure that it is in good condition for many years to come.

RENOVATION ON KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: Please note that the Community Centre and surrounding area is off limits to all the public while it is under renovation. Killasser Community Centre Committee will accept no liability for the next week or two while the work is in progress. The Killasser Community Centre Committee regret any inconvenience caused.

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.

'OF BEAUTY, LOVE AND TRUTH' the One Day Conference in Claremorris on this Saturday 13th October to honour Professor Enda McDonagh was a wonderful experience - enough food for thought and reflection for many days and weeks. Hopefully much of the material will be published. More about it later. Killasser was well represented.

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, probably on Thursday 15th November. 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. More definite details in a later Newsletter.

AT THE RECENT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING on Wednesday evening last 10th 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

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2007 - 2008 ARE Colette Howley (Carrowleambeg) / Helen Thomson (Graffy) / Joe McNulty (Cullenaughton) and Joe Kennedy (Callow) **Sincere thanks to those who have decided to serve on the council for the first time and to those who have stepped aside for their great contribution over the past two years.** Four original members stepped aside and they are Theresa Convey (Darnagh) / James Howley (Carramore) / Pat Gallagher (Callow) and Ray Chuck (Cloonfinnish). Next September four more members will step aside and be replaced by four new members. This is part of the constitution of the Council so that it doesn't become a static committee. In an ideal world it would be a good method for all committees.

EQUAL SKILLS PROGRAMME is hoping to hold a two day training programme in Swinford Library in October - 18th October and 5th November from 9.00 - 4.00 p.m. each day. This programme is free to anyone wishing to take part. There are ten places available for this programme which is to include Basic Computer, Introduction to the World Wide Web and e-mail. Free meals will be provided. There will not be an examination at the end of the training but a training certificate will be awarded to each participant. Anyone wishing to avail of this free service is asked to contact Michael Howley on 087-9144910.

A CHURCH OF IRELAND HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE was held in Foxford Church of Ireland last Sunday evening 7th October. The address was given by Mr. Denis Johnston of the South American Mission Society. A Harvest Anthem was sung beautifully by Mr. David Eager (tenor) who was accompanied by Mrs. Anita Henerson on harmonium. A large crowd attended and all were served with lovely refreshments in the Foxford Leisure Centre afterwards. Sincere thank to all the Church of Ireland community for their welcome and hospitality.

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 ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE was held in Killasser Church last Sunday evening 7th October. October is the month of the Rosary and Sunday 7th was the Feast of the Rosary. Over thirty people gathered for a reflective rosary, reflecting on three of the Mysteries of Light. Sincere thanks to all who participated and hopefully it was meaningful.

FR. PEYTON - YOU CAN PLAY A LEADERSHIP ROLE TO HONOUR THIS SPECIAL PRIEST: Across the country and around the world, Chapters of The Fr. Peyton Guild have been springing up. The faithful are gathering to honour this beloved priest, for his efforts to help families through prayer, especially the Rosary. Such support is crucial for the progress of Fr. Peyton's Cause. Unless there is evidence of strong and widespread devotion to any candidate for canonisation, the Vatican will not let a cause advance. Saints have been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history. The Church canonises those persons who by their heroic practice of virtue inspire others to holiness. The Cause of Canonisation of Servant of God Fr. Patrick Peyton was officially opened on 1st June 2001. The time has come for Fr. Peyton's friends to form additional Guild Chapters dedicated to the promotion of his Cause by the prayers they offer and the programmes they devise to make him known to others. Families today still need to pray together and be spiritually uplifted by coming together around the Rosary Guild Chapters, supporting the continuation of Fr. Peyton's ministry. Consider becoming a part of the Cause by starting a local Chapter of the Fr. Peyton Guild. Your prayer and participation are critically important in the process of remembering and honouring Servant of God, Fr. Patrick Peyton. It is something we might consider in the parish, especially since Fr. Peyton is a native of Attymass, one of the Parishes in our Cluster and the centre where we have all cluster meetings. More later.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre Attymass on Thursday 27th September. 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 at length. It is hoped to have the names of two people from each parish for the next meeting on 25th October. Following that there will be a preparation course for these people before they become involved in this ministry. Already we have one volunteer from this Parish.

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

WRITERS' GROUP IN KILTIMAGH: IRD Kiltimagh Arts Office is in the process of researching the possibility of establishing a writers' group in the town. If you are interested in creative writing, you may be interested in coming along to the group's first meeting. This will be held in the Old School House on Monday 22nd. October at 7 p.m. For more details and to register your interest contact Anne Marie McGing on 094-9381494 or by e-mail as above.

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.

TROCAIRE - SOUTH ASIA AND PERU EARTHQUAKES: Recently Trocaire, the Catholic Development Agency, has responded to a number of serious floods in parts of South Asia and the recent earthquakes in Peru. Hundreds of people have died and millions have been affected by the severe flooding that struck India, Pakistan and Bangladesh recently as well. Trocaire is providing assistance through its local Church partners on the ground and has pledged €230,000 to help supply food, hygiene kits, kitchen utensils, clothes and bedding to thousands of families. They will later receive seeds of livestock to help them recover their earnings. In Peru, two earthquakes killed over 500 people and injured more than 1,500. More than 100,000 people were left homeless by the disaster, as more than 34,000 homes were destroyed. Survivors are facing a lack of food and health and sanitation problems. Trocaire is working with CEAS, the Catholic Bishops Conference in Peru, and Caritas Peru, to coordinate a humanitarian response. Caritas Internationals is the international federation of Catholic development agencies. If you would like to support this work please call 1850 408 408 or log on to www.trocaire.org.

INCREASE IN MISSION SUNDAY DONATIONS: Last year the sum of €37,400 was raised on Mission Sunday in Achonry Diocese for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, an increase of 9% on the previous year. In 2006 Ireland was ranked seventh in the world in total funds raised for the Society. Some €15.7 million has been raised in Ireland through the Mission Sunday collection since the year 2000. Mission Sunday this year will be celebrated next Sunday 21st October.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Fiona Mee, Cnoc an Oir, Ragoon, Galway and Paul McDermott, Kildrum, Dromore, Co. Tyrone who were married in Callow Church on this Saturday afternoon 6th October. We wish them every blessing and happiness for their future married life.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Carol Walsh, Lismorane, Callow and Brian Lalor, Navan, Co. Meath who were married in Marbella, Spain on Friday 5th October. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION for September amounted to €955. Sincere thanks for your response to this fund-raising effort.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND FOR WOMEN will be conducted by the Redemptorist Sisters in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus Road, Dublin 9 from Friday 19th October - Sunday 21st October 2007. Single women interested in finding out more about monastic vocation are invited to join in their life of prayer, liturgy and work for the weekend. Preferred age 25 - 45 years. Places limited. Details from Sr. Gabrielle O.Ss. R., Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus Road, Dublin 9. Phone 01-8305723 or www.rednuns.faiithweb.com or e-mail Gabrielle.fox@redemptorists.ie.

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.

WATERPOINT ENNISCRONE is running a Halloween Camp from 30th October - 2nd November. Hours are 10.30 a.m - 3.00 p.m. daily. Price is €50 per child, €45 for second child, €40 for third child. Contact Watapoint on 096-36999.

PRAY FOR

Delma Monaghan, Carramore, Toorard, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John McHugh, Craigaballagh, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Nellie Doonan, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Kathleen O'Grady, Carramore-Moy, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John Browne, Boleboy and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
 James O'Grady, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Nora Timlin, Cullen, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Michael McNulty, Carrownedan, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Martin, Mary, Tommy and Philomena Loftus, Monday 10 a.m.
 Fr. Paraic McGovern, Wednesday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Wednesday 8 p.m.
 Peter Meehan, Carrabeg, Friday 8 p.m.
 Tom and Bridie Greally, Ballyhaunis and Daughter Joan Featherstone, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Elizabeth and Thomas Cronnolly and Deceased Family, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Elizabeth and Lesley Barker, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Mick Hennigan, Treenreevagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Johnny Brennan, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Margaret (Peg) McNulty, Cullenaughton, Sunday 21st October 10 a.m.
 Lily O'Hara, Culdalee, Kilmactigue, formerly Lily O'Grady, Carrowleambeg, who died on Thursday Last 11th October in Galway. Her remains are reposing at Coen's Funeral Home and will arrive in Kilmactigue Church on Sunday evening at ?. Funeral Mass on Monday at 12 Noon.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

‘DO THIS IN MEMORY
