

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'*

IT WAS YOU ALL ALONG.

Figuratively speaking, we've all taken the wrong bus, made the wrong decision, worshipped the wrong God even. So, we can understand the mistake of this motley band wandering in the desert. Who hasn't wanted a 'golden calf' - a God they could see, touch and feel? At least they were trying to praise a deity.

And who hasn't experienced a glimpse of the joy of God when the lost ones are found? If a key or document that is found can prompt such a response, how much more a human life? While some are more comfortable with a God whose 'wrath.... Blazes out'; we obviously have an involved God. A God who cares.

A God who is a father - prodigious in giving. Who in some way has been told by Western culture (younger son); 'I'm taking all my inheritance from you and going to treat you like you were dead.' Could our churches be like the elder brother, doing the right thing, but with no real heart.

Maybe in the end, we will realise that we were more searched for than searching, more found by God than lost. After our course of life, with all its twists and turns we can say 'it was you all along that I sought.'

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - September 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 8.00 a.m. / Thursday 10 a.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday 8.00 a.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. Mary Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Sean McLoughlin.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Thomas Marren.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Mulligan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Pierce Rowley

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Tommy Gallagher.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 22nd September 8.00 p.m. Ciara Hussey Siobhan O'Hara Niall Armstrong Liam Moran

Sunday 23rd September 11.30 a.m. Caoimhe Warde Cormac Warde Eoin Gallagher Erin Rochford.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Stenson Family (Carrowleambeg)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

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

BAPTISM

We welcome Aisling Marie Tansey, Treenreevagh into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday afternoon 15th September. We pray that Aisling Marie will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of Parents, Godparents, Family and Neighbours.

WEDDINGS:

Congratulations to Kevin Coleman and Marie Claire Mountain, Dalkey Co. Dublin and Cathal De Barra and Jane Murray, Dublin who were married in Callow Church on Sunday 9th September and Friday 14th September, respectively. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married lives.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY COLLECTION this year amounted to €806.50c. A further donation of €100 was received during the past week. 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 / €100 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / €200 / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 / \$1,000 / €3,000 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 who parish. **This work is now complete except for a new mirror that has to be installed over the bench/worktop. It is hoped to engrave the name of the Church on this and possibly a photograph of the church. This will be done as soon as possible. You are more than welcome to come into the sacristy in Killasser and in Callow at any time to see the excellent work that has been done.**

A LOOSE CHANGE COIN COLLECTION for the Diocese of Meki in Ethiopia to which the Foxford Cluster of Parishes is twinned will be taken up at all Masses on the weekends 29th / 30th September and 6th / 7th October. More later.

THE MAYO EMIGRANT LIAISON COMMITTEE - CASTLEBAR is hosting a holiday from 18th - 25th September for elderly Irish emigrants from Birmingham, Liverpool, London, Nottingham and Manchester. A Welcome Home Night will be held in the Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar on Thursday Night next 20th September from 9.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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 continue 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 took place on Monday last 10th September. Thirty two people travelled and hopefully everyone enjoyed the day spiritually and socially. It was great to get such a nice day for the pilgrimage. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to organise the day.

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. 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 louismcnulty@gmail.com Thomas Marren, Fr. O'Mahony, Maureen Murphy (094-9251525), Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox, Theresa Convey (094-9251364), Kevin Hughes and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL is progressing well. The General Purposes Building is well on the way to completion. It will be a very impressive building and will be of immense benefit to the pupils and teachers for the future. The two new classrooms at the back of the School have now been slated. Class is now being held in the new General Purposes Building. A huge amount of work has been carried out over the past few weeks.

NEW PUPIL IN CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL: The following pupils began their education in Carramore National School on Monday 3rd September:

JUNIOR INFANTS: SIX IN NUMBER - NAMES TO FOLLOW WHEN I FIND THEM AGAIN.

We wish them a very happy and successful time in Carramore School.

CURA: The Castlebar Centre of Cura is holding information sessions on Thursday next 20th September at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30p.m. in the T. F. Royal Hotel, Castlebar for anyone interested in becoming CURA Volunteers. Training in Crisis Pregnancy Counselling will be provided. All CURA services are free and confidential.

THE ANNUAL CANCER-ACTION MHAIGH-EO SPONSORED CYCLE has been deferred this year and will now take place at the end of 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, Ballaghaderreen 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

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening last 12th September. There was a good attendance and a number of issues were discussed. A report on this meeting will be given in next week's Newsletter.

THE NEXT CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday 27th September at 8.30 p.m. The Killasser/Callow representatives for the coming year will be Maureen Murphy and another person to be decided at the next Pastoral Council Meeting.

NEW ROOF FOR KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: The work of replacing the existing asbestos roof on Killasser Community Centre is now almost 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 five to six weeks while the work is in progress. The Killasser Community Centre Committee regret any inconvenience caused.

THE MAYO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION taken up at Callow Church recently amounted to €114.70 Sincere thanks to everyone who collected and contributed.

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.

PRAY FOR: Tom Horkan, Blackpatch and His Parent Pat and Nora, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Pat, Willie, Matt and Mary Thompson, Doontas and their Parents, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Anne Sheerin, Coolegrane, Months Mind, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Jim and Ellen Davitt, Dromada-Joyce and Deceased Family, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Catherine and Michael Stenson, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Bernie Groarke, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John McHugh, Craigaballagh, who died on Monday last 10th September. Funeral Mass on Friday 14th September. Burial afterwards in Killasser Cemetery.
 John Kneafsey, Culdalee and Philadelphia, who died suddenly in Foxford this Saturday 15th September, Brother of Sarah McLoughlin, Derreen and Anne O'Neill, Creggane. Mass for the repose of his soul in Foxford Parish Church on this Sunday evening at 7.00 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
