

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'*

'O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH! LET IT BE DONE FOR YOU AS YOU WISH.'

There is no one more persistent than a parent pleading for the recovery of the health and safety of his or her child. The Canaanite woman demonstrates the willingness to risk rejection, ridicule and mockery in order to save her child from sickness and death. Her love and desperation on behalf of her child mirrors God's love for us.

Nearly forty years ago, when my children were young, I read the words of Louis Evely, a French Jesuit. His words shaped my approach to motherhood and, indeed, to life. He wrote: 'When we bring a child into the world, what guarantee have we that he or she will be happy, generous, grateful, loving, upright? Only one: I will love him so much, will bear with him so patiently, I will forgive him so often that the day will come when he will love me as I will love him.'

Jesus on the cross, is the ultimate manifestation of God's love for us; he is willing to risk our rejection.

We are called to reflect the same unselfish love for others.

'Am I willing to risk rejection when I serve others and when I ask for the things that I need?'

(Jerre Roberts - A Year Of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2008)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

Fr. Michael Maloney - Charlestown 085-1510383.

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Frank Cregg.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Paraic O'Hara.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mary Mulligan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell Sunday 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers

CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Aine Timlin.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 23rd August 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Niall Armstrong Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde

Sunday 24th August 11.30 a.m. Jonathan Burke Brid Rogers Ciara Hussey Lorraine Kavanagh

Sunday 24th August 10.00 a.m. Aoife Burke Louise Mulligan Aine Timlin John McNulty.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

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

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Gallagher Family (Callow)

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

WEDDINGS: Congratulations to **Kieran Doherty, Tierenanny and Kathryn O'Hara, Warrington, England** who were married in Callow Church on Sunday last 10th August, to **Francis Gerard Loftus, Derreen Killasser and Helen Marie McCann, Chicago** who were married in Derrinacantha Church, Ballaghaderreen on Sunday last 10th August, to **Anne Marie Tiernan, London and Thomas Madden, London** who were married in Killasser Church on Thursday last 14th August and to **Kieran O'Grady, Carroweena and Jessica Daley, Philadelphia** who were married in Killasser Church on Friday last 15th August. We wish all four couples every blessing and happiness in their future married lives.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR9th / 10th August amounted to €1,213.**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION**

for June and July amounted to €2,442. Sincere thanks for your generosity and support at all times.

THE ANNUAL KILLASSER CEMETERY COLLECTION:

Envelopes are still available so that people can make a contribution to the upkeep of the cemetery. Your support will be very much appreciated by the Cemetery Committee who do such an excellent job in maintaining the cemetery so well. Well done to everyone who keeps the cemetery in such excellent condition in recent years. Sincere thanks to the members of the Rural Social Scheme who mow the grass on a regular basis.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION AT THE CEMETERY MASS

will be given to the Cemetery Fund so your support will be very much appreciated.

WATERPOINT ENNISCRONE SUMMER CAMPS:Camp 2 will take place between Monday 18th and Friday 22nd August. The cost is €65. For more information or to sign up for the Camps you can contact Waterpoint on 096-36999.**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.**FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE**will take place from 7th October, leaving from Knock. It will be for seven nights in Hotel Avenida. The cost is €335 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.**WEBCO IT TRAINING:**Summer Courses resume on 16th August. Special 'Total Beginners Course' For more information contact 087-9723641.**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM STUDIES COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS:**

If you are interested in returning to Education, improving your employment prospects, why not enrol on the Information Technology and Tourism Study Course at the Further Education Centre, Swinford which is due to commence in September 2008. The Course is free. Eligible participants are paid an allowance equivalent to a full Social Welfare payment plus meal and travel allowances. Childcare support is also available. For further information contact Emer at Further Education Centre, Swinford on 094-9251928.

GRANTSof up to €2,000 per household are now available for groups of houses looking to improve their energy efficiency. Five houses or more are encouraged to come together as a cluster, with energy assessments of each home available for €100. Further information is available through SEI's website www.sei.ie/hes or by calling 1850 927 000**ACHONRY AND ITS CHURCHES:**

This is a beautiful book containing photographs of every Church in our Diocese as well as other places of worship and pilgrimage. There is also a list of all the bishops of the Diocese and other useful information. These books are available after each Mass in Killasser and Callow and they cost just €20. A lovely book for oneself and a lovely present for somebody else maybe away from home.

THE WEEKLY COMHALTAS SEISIUN IN THE FR. PEYTON CENTRE ATTYMASS

takes place every Thursday Night during July and August. It commences each night at 9.00 p.m. It is an evening of Music, Song, Dance and Storytelling. Admission is €10 which includes the usual refreshments at half-time. It is a wonderful night's entertainment for all age groups. It is a wonderful place to bring visitors for a most enjoyable evening.

ARAS ATTRACTA SWIMMING POOL:Mayo County Council with the good will of the Health Service Executive are pleased to announce that there will be limited public sessions available in the Aras Attracta Swimming Pool, Swinford commencing on 11th August on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The hours of open sessions will be **7.00 to 7.50 p.m. / 8.00 to 8.50 p.m. and 9.00 to 9.50 p.m.** Prices are €4 per Adult and €2.50 per child. The numbers at the pool are restricted too between 16 and 20 people per session. Please note that bookings can only be made on the day preceding or on the day of the session you require. This is a pilot project which will require community support.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS: We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors visiting family or friends in the parish and community at this time. We hope you will have a very pleasant stay. We hope that you will all return refreshed, with good memories and much the better of your visit. Let us all try to travel safely on the roads at this very busy time.

THE ANNUAL ONE-DAY RETREAT/PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG can take place again this year if there is sufficient interest. A minimum of twenty people would be needed to make it viable. Possible dates might be Monday 15th or Monday 22nd September. The cost of the of the actual Retreat in Lough Derg is €27 per person. The overall cost will be given later and the arrangements if there is sufficient interest.

THE ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS OUTING will take place this year on Monday 25th August. It will be presumed that all Altar Servers are travelling unless they indicate otherwise. **It would be important to let Fr. O'Mahony know by Wednesday evening next 20th August if you are not travelling.** The group will be accompanied by a number of adults. Travel, activities and food will be looked after. All that is needed is some money for shopping etc.

TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEES OF THEIR PRIESTHOOD Fr. Michael McManus and Fr. Jimmy O'Grady will concelebrate the 11.30 a.m. in Killasser Church on this Sunday 17th August. Fr. McManus is celebrating his Diamond Jubilee - 60 years of Priesthood and Fr. O'Grady is celebrating his Golden Jubilee - 50 years of Priesthood. We congratulate them on reaching these milestones in their lives and wish many more years of good health and happiness. Following the concelebrated Mass, everyone is invited to Killasser Community Centre for a social gathering to celebrate and mark the occasion. Refreshments will be served and it will be an opportunity for the priests to meet with parishioners and visitors in a homely atmosphere. Sincere thanks to everyone who is organising this funtion.

2009 CALENDAR OF OLD SWINFORD: If you are looking for the ideal souvenir of Swinford then you won't do better than the lovely Calendar which has been produced by Swinford Show Society towards the development of their show as Swinford Amenity Park. The Calendar will bring back memories of Fair Days in Swinford long ago and features many of the famous buildings of the town which are sadly no longer standing. The Calendar will be very much appreciated by Swinford people at home and abroad and is available in local shops or from the show committee.

THE ANNUAL KNOCK NOVENA continues each day at 3.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. until Friday 22nd August.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION RESULTS: Congratulations to all our students from the Parish and surrounding area who received their Leaving Certificate Examination results during the week. We hope that you are satisfied with what you achieved. Once you have done your best you have nothing to regret regardless of what the result has been. We wish you every success and happiness in whatever you choose to do in the future. Congratulations to your Parents and Teachers who have supported and guided you to this point in your lives.

PRAY FOR Killasser Cemetery Mass, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Kathleen Coughlan, Cullen, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Sean Groarke, The Orchard, Swinford and formerly of Cloontubrid who died on Friday 8th August.
 His Funeral Mass was celebrated in Swinford Parish Church on Monday last 11th August.
 Mary Cafferty (Nee Holleran), Charlestown, Sister of the late Tom Holleran, Dromada-Duke, who died
 On Monday last 11th August. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday in Charlestown.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
 FR. MICHAEL McMANUS ON HIS DIAMOND JUBILEE
 AND TO
 FR. JIMMY O'GRADY ON HIS GOLDEN JUBILEE
 EVERY BLESSING AND HAPPINESS TO BOTH OF YOU
 FOR THE FUTURE.**
