

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **18 NOVEMBER 2007.**

## **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'*

### **LIVING STONES.**

'The beauty of the world has made me sad, this beauty that will pass', wrote Patrick Pearse. The word of Jesus today are about a world that will pass. Should they focus our attention on his second coming, or on the destruction of the beautiful temple, or on the end of the world? They have a bearing on all three. But they contain no secret time code. Jesus wasn't given to answering question about when. Instead he told us about how we are to be now if we are to be ready for then.

We get reminders of the passing of the world in the continual recurring of each of the disasters named by Jesus and in such new realities as the tsunami and the Twin Towers calamity. Each of these makes us sad, even frightened. But the assured presence of Jesus himself makes every sadness bearable. He keeps asking us to take care, to endure, to bear witness, not to be unduly frightened.

The temple that will last is Christ's body. Each of us is called to be a living stone of that temple, an active member of the body given for the life of the world.

(Fr. Tom Lane - Intercom - November 2007)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK**

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

**KILLASSER** - Wednesday 8 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. Patrick McNulty.

Sunday 10 a.m. Frank Cregg.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

#### **MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:**

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Thomas Marren

Sunday 10 a.m. Margaret McGowan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Godrick.

#### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:**

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

#### **CALLOW**

Sunday 10 a.m. Aine Timlin.

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

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Niall Armstrong Paul Quinn Shane Cunney.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 11.30 a.m. Kevin Rowley Brid Rogers Pierce Rowley Eoin Gallagher.

#### **OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:**

Saturday 8. p.m. The Sheerin Family (Tiernanny)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Peyton Family (Cloonainra)

#### **FEAST DAYS:**

Wednesday - The Presentation of Our Lady.

Thursday - St. Cecilia.

Friday - St. Clement / St. Columbanus.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7 p.m.

**BAPTISM** We welcome Sophie Maria Brennan, Dromada-Joyce into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday afternoon 17<sup>th</sup> November. We pray that will be a committed follower of Christ through the example of Parents, Godparent, family members and neighbours.

**PREPARATION/PRACTICE FOR CAROL SERVICE IN CALLOW** will continue on Sunday next 25<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00 p.m. There has been a wonderful attendance of children at the first two rehearsals which is most encouraging.

**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 next 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.

**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 this Sunday 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** was celebrated in Callow Church on Friday Night last 16<sup>th</sup> November. Hopefully it was a reflective, prayerful and meaningful service for everyone who attended and participated. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended, participated in and organised the annual ceremony. This is the third Prayer Service for the departed that we have celebrated.

**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 was demolished on Wednesday and Thursday last. It has been in very bad condition in recent times. Hopefully the foundation for the new wall will be put in during the coming week. 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 / €12 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / 250 / €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. The latest rumour is that there might be an announcement on Tuesday. Maybe it will be on the Western People!! It might still be advisable not to hold one's breath! Regardless, there is a lot of important work to be done at ground level which is far more interesting and satisfying than being too concerned about institutional appointments.

**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. **This meeting had to be cancelled on Wednesday Night last on account of the Funeral. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend on this Wednesday night.**

**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 next 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 [annemariemcing@ird-kiltimagh.ie](mailto:annemariemcing@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. Sincere thanks 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.

**FOXFORD 25 CARD GAME** continues in Browne Memorial Hall on Tuesday next 20<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** was taken up before each Mass last weekend, 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> November. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and if you have forgotten you can hand it in at your convenience. We thank the Swinford Conference for the good work they do in our Parish.

**'THE EUCHARIST - ENHANCING THE PRAYER'** is the title of a book written recently by Donal Harrington, well-known Theologian and Writer. He travelled to the Fr. Peyton Centre on Thursday Night last to speak about this book and how it can be a very useful resource for enhancing our celebration of the Eucharist/Mass. It was a most thought-provoking presentation and many useful suggestions were outlined. About sixty people from the cluster of five parishes attended. Killasser was very well represented. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended. Spread the message.

**WRITERS' GROUP IN KILTIMAGH:** Kiltimagh Writers' Group will have their next Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a 3 hour workshop with local poet Terry McDonagh on the night. Admission to the meeting is €5. If you are interested in creative writing, you may be interested in coming along. New members are always welcome. This will be held in the Old School House on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. For more details and to register please contact Anne Marie McGing at the IRD Kiltimagh on 094-9381494.

**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 this Saturday night at 7 p.m. It is expected that Killasser will be represented.

**FARMERS' MARKET:** The Farmers' Market is now open in Foxford at the Mill Car Park. It takes place each Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. For further information contact 071-9181847.

**A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING** will take place in the Community Centre on Monday night next 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m.

**ACCORD MARRIAGE CARE SERVICES:** An Office Person is required for 15 hours per week, part-time, 10 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, for Accord Marriage Care Services at the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown. Confidentiality and telephone manner is important, also some computer ability. Application with CV/Reference by Friday next 23<sup>rd</sup> November to Rev. Director Accord, Pastoral Centre, Charlestown. Enquiries to 094-9254944

**'WHO CARES? ALCOHOL AND DRUGS MISUSE BY TEENAGERS'** is the title of a public seminar to be held in the Failte Suite, Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar on Monday Night next 19<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00 p.m. Keynote Speakers are Dr. Patricia Casey and Dr. Joe Barry and speakers from Clondalkin Addiction Support Programme, Dublin. Tommy Marren, Mid-West will chair the Seminar. All are welcome to what should be a very informative gathering. Admission is free.

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**PRAY FOR**     **John and Maureen Conlon, Boleboy, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
                   **Bill Browne, Ballyhaunis, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
                   **John and Maureen Conlon, Boleboy, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
                   **People of the Parish, Sunday 10 a.m.**  
                   **Joe Carr, Craigaballagh and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 11.30 a.m.**  
                   **Holy Souls, Monday 10 a.m.**  
                   **Holy Souls, Wednesday 8 a.m.**  
                   **Holy Souls, Thursday 8 a.m.**  
                   **Holy Souls, Friday 10 a.m.**  
                   **Hugh and Delia O'Neill, Creggane, Daughter Bernie Browne and Son-in-law John, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
                   **Bridie Sheerin and Husband John, Tiernanny and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
                   **Tom and Lizzie O'Donnell, Carramore-Moy, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 11.30 a.m.**  
                   **Attracta Harriet Peyton, Cloonainra, Months Mind, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 11.30 a.m.**  
                   **Winnie Groarke, Cloonfinnish/Tungesh, who died on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November in Castlebar Hospital.**  
                   **Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>. Burial afterwards in Kilconduff Cemetery.**  
                   **William Campbell, Midfield, Swinford, brother of Tom Campbell, Carrabeg, who died on**  
                   **Wednesday. His Funeral Mass was celebrated in Midfield Church on this Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>.**  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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