

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'*

IN THE WOUNDS

In 'A Risen Christ in Eastertime', Raymond Browne writes: 'Today disbelief flows from many factors including unconvincing signs, e.g., the proclamation of Christ by some who scarcely resemble him.' Remembering Christ means having wounds and showing them. Not something most of us would want to have or wish to do.

You'd think that the Risen Christ would use something else to dispel the doubts of the disciples in today's Gospel reading (Luke 24: 35 - 48). He uses the breaking of bread to open the minds of two disciples travelling to Emmaus. Now he uses his wounds to quell the doubts of others. Even his startling and sudden appearance among them isn't enough to rid them of doubt. But in his wounds they recognise him. Needless to say, these aren't any old wounds.

They are the wounds the world inflicts on those who love God above all else. They are the wounds of those who proclaim God's truth even when it threatens powerful vested interests. They are the wounds of those who live for others more than for themselves. They are the wounds of those who don't count cost. They are the wounds that once accepted are healed and become a source of health for others. We carry them with us in life, but they carry us into eternity.

Resembling Jesus means facing the foe within our own gilded Gethsemanes; forgiving the tormentors who crucify us daily on our petty Golgothas; defeating the demons of our imaginings in the wilderness of our making; and in the longings of a lonely heart in prayer before God.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - April 2009)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.
Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr. Joseph Gavigan - Foxford 094-9256858.
Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 10 a.m. / Thursday 7.00 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Tuesday 9.00 a.m. / Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Durkin Family (Magheraboy)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Judge Family (Magheraboy)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on this Monday 27th April., 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 18th / 19th April amounted to €1,318

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION; Sincere thanks for all your contributions to date. Already there is €2,389 handed in. Since the envelopes/boxes were late arriving you will be given some extra time to hand in your contributions. Envelopes are placed at the church doors this weekend for anybody who may not have got a Trocaire Box and wishes to make a contribution. They can be handed in at your earliest convenience. Hopefully we can have all money in by next weekend so that it can be forwarded to Trocaire in early May.

'MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION - ROCK ROSE HOUSE is looking for ladies to take part in the Flora Womens' Mini Marathon on Monday 1st June 2009. Registration, Transport, Sponsorship Cards and details - please phone 094-9038407. Your support for Mayo based charity would be very much appreciated.

CIRCUIT CLASSES AND FITNESS CLASSES will be held every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and Wednesday at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre. Everyone is welcome. Further information from Tommy on 087-2235337.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening last 22nd April.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday evening last. Our parish representatives are Joe McNulty, Cullenaughton and Maureen Murphy, Carramore-Moy.

THE MAYO MALE VOICE CHOIR will perform in the Parish Church, Foxford on Thursday next 30th April. The Cluster Choir will also perform. Proceeds will go to the National School Building Fund. Again, your support will be very much appreciated. The Concert will commence at 8.00 p.m. Noel Filan is a member of the Mayo Male Voice Choir.

COSGALLEN NEWS - JOBS CLUB: Cosgallen in conjunction with Meitheal Mhaigheo will hold a Jobs Club in May. The course will be held from Tuesday 5th May until Friday 22nd May. The course will be held every morning from 10 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown. A small out of pocket expenses will be paid. If you are currently out of work and interested in taking part in the course contact the Office at 094-9255070.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME continues each Monday night at 9.00 p.m. It is always a most enjoyable game and your support will be very much appreciated.

FOXFORD BINGO continues every Friday night, commencing each night at 9.00 p.m. sharp. Up to €2,000 on offer each night. It takes place in the Sports and Leisure Centre. Your support will be very much appreciated.

ACCORD PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES - CHARLESTOWN CENTRE: In 2008 they delivered 10 Courses to 149 Couples and a 'mini course' to Couples. There were 20 Couples on some Courses. In 2009 they are reducing to 9 Courses because of fewer facilitators. It is highly recommended and encouraged that every couple would do a Pre-Marriage at least 9 months before the wedding date. At certain times there can be a waiting list of 2 to 3 Months which, when couples delay in booking, can result in them taking their course too close to their wedding date. All dates of Courses for 2009 are on a notice on the Church Notice Board and also appeared on a recent Newsletter. The Phone No. of Accord Charlestown is 094-9254944

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: When there is a Months Mind or Anniversary for your family member, it is most likely some members of the family of the deceased will be scheduled to bring the Offertory Gifts to the Altar. Do look at the Newsletter the week previous to the Anniversary Mass to get details.

OFFERTORY COLLECTORS: The number of people who take up the Offertory Collection has decreased over time. Because of this more people are needed so that a rota might be drawn up. If you are willing to become involved, you might hand your name in at the Sacristy. Of course this ministry is open to men and women. It is important to mention this, because we might get the idea that it is only something that men do. So far two extra person has volunteered to be involved in this ministry in Killasser Church. The Offertory Collection could also be brought to the Altar and presented in the same manner as the Bread and Wine. This would be a more dignified presentation than we have at present.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: To book Killasser Community Centre for any activities, meetings, functions or events, please telephone the following number 087-6913271 to avoid disappointment or over-lapping.

ENROLMENTS are now being taken for Carramore and Killasser National Schools. You are asked to contact either School. Carramore School 071-9181435 and Killasser 094-925189.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS OF KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME: Consumers of Killasser Group Water Scheme are advised that following a number of meetings discussing water quality issues and the introduction of new regulations governing the quality of water supplied by all water suppliers to do domestic consumers, the group has decided to commence chlorine treatment of all water supplied by Killasser Group Water Scheme in the immediate future. This treatment is necessary in order to comply with drinking water quality regulations and to eliminate the problem of intermittent coliform contamination of supply which the group has experienced for many years now. The group scheme has purchased the equipment necessary to treat the water and will begin commissioning it on a phased basis over the coming weeks. Consumers are advised that this work will be carried out by a specialist water treatment company which will provide the training necessary to operate the system safely as well as devising a quality control and testing system to ensure safe operation of the system, consumer safety and compliance with drinking water safety standards. This work may take a number of weeks to complete and consumers are advised to **continue boiling all water for human consumption until further notice.** Should any consumer have concerns or queries over this issue they are invited to contact Martin Noone (Chairperson) of the scheme at 087-2233225 to discuss them. The group wishes to thank consumers for their support over many years. **Issued on behalf of Killasser Group Water Scheme by Martin Noone (Chairperson), Gabriel Howley (Secretary) and Gerry Cronnolly (Treasurer)**

MASS CARDS: The Parish Pastoral Council has decided that Mass Cards which will be signed in the presence of those who wish to have a Mass offered, will be available in the Sacristies of Killasser and Callow Churches as well as the Parish Office.

NEW GLASS FOR NEW DOORS IN CALLOW CHURCH: Glass that will have the figures of the risen Christ and St. Thomas sandblasted onto it will be prepared and installed over the next couple of months. It is planned to have this work complete by the end of May. It is being carried out by the Abbey Stained Glass Company in Dublin. This project is being sponsored by the Kirrane Family, Callow to whom we are extremely appreciative.

BOTHAR FUNDRAISING TREK IN OCTOBER TO ASSISI: Join Bothar on a week long trek following the footsteps of Francis of Assisi this October. Bothar use livestock in development aid projects throughout the developing world. For further details contact Bothar on 071-20100 or by e-mail at events@bothar.ie

'FIBS FOR PHONES': Defibrillators, which can be used to help a patient who suffers a heart attack, are now available in many parishes. Each defibrillator costs €2,000. C and C Cellular have offered to supply a defibrillator free to any community that collects 500 used, unused or damaged mobile phones. It is felt that if everybody in the parish collects old phones from friends and family members, this community should reach that target. Boxes will be available for depositing the phones at each church over the next few weeks. Please make an effort ... it may save a life. **Sincere thanks to all who have left in old and used Mobile Phones over the past number of weeks.**

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER has now been published and is available at both churches. It is a very nice production with articles and photographs from each of the five parishes in our cluster. Complements to the editorial committee for a job very well done. There is a copy of the Newsletter for every home in the parish. You might also like to send a copy to relatives away from home. They are free of charge.

A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING in honour of Servant of God, Fr. Patrick Peyton, marking the centenary year of his birth will take place on this Sunday 26th April. Mass will be celebrated in Attymass Parish Church at 3.00 p.m. The Principal Celebrant will be Cardinal Sean Brady, followed by the unveiling of a Statue of Fr. Peyton in the grounds of the centre. There will be refreshments and entertainment afterwards. Everybody is invited and welcome to attend this very special occasion.

MAYNOOTH SEMINARY - OPEN DAY INVITATION: All those discerning a vocation to the Catholic Priesthood are welcome. No booking is necessary. This will take place on Vocation Sunday 3rd May 2009. It commences on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. and concludes with Mass at 5.00 p.m. More information available from: www.maynoothcollege.ie / seminary seminary.openday@may.ie

BROADBAND is now available by contacting Westnet on **1850 930 305** This could be of great benefit to everyone who uses the internet on a regular basis. It can certainly speed up the process.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated this year at during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Sunday 10th May.

THE ANNUAL ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place on Sunday 17th May.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday 6th May at 9.00 p.m.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE GRAND PRIZE: Every week for a year they are giving away one week's free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word pilgrim followed by your full name and county to **53030 in Ireland and 60777 in Northern Ireland and Britain** or phone and you can be entered into the draw for free. Texts cost 25 p or 30 c plus the standard rate. New apartments to rent from as little as €20 per person. Website: www.med-irishcentre.com
Northern Ireland and Britain - 028-82241888 / Ireland: 048-82241888

A NEIGHBOURHOOD MASS for Tierenanny, Magheraboy, Dunmaynor and Carrownedan was celebrated in Killasser Church on Friday evening last. at Almost fifty people attended which speaks for itself. Hopefully it was a good spiritual and social experience for all present. Sincere thanks to everyone who accepted the invitation to be there, all who helped to organise it and all who participated in it. There was a very good cross-section of age groups present which is very encouraging. It gives people from different areas of the parish to pray together, to socialise and just slow down for a short while. It can also be an opportunity for people to meet who haven't The next Neighbourhood Mass/Service will be celebrated for Callow etc in early June on a date to be finalised.

POULTRY - BRING AND BUY: There will be a poultry 'Bring and Buy' sale at Swinford Amenity Park on this Sunday 26th April from 10 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. All varieties of poultry on offer. Admission is €5 and children are free. Proceeds in aid of Swinford Agricultural Show. Your support will be very much appreciated.

CONCERT FOR CALLOW CHURCH? An open Meeting will be held in the near future to discuss the possibility of having another fund-raising Concert in Callow Church. This matter was discussed at the recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting.

CHANGING TIMES IN PARISH LIFE: An article in Friday 17th April edition of the Irish Independent concerning our neighbouring Diocese of Tuam made interesting reading. In a few years time most parishes in the diocese will have only one priest, the exceptions being the larger town like Castlebar, Tuam and Westport who will have more than one resident priest but less than they have at the moment. To maintain services, as a diocese they are clustering parishes like we are doing in Achonry. The Bishop also speaks about ordaining Male Deacons. This is still a very male dominated and clerical type of church. Obviously the involvement of women at this level needs to be looked at as well. Equally important is the willingness of so many unordained people, male and female, to be involved in the life of the church if it is to continue to be at the centre of parish and family life. At present Tuam Diocese has 100 priests in active ministry, 40 years ago they had 170 priests and in 4 years time they will have only 70 priests in active ministry. **That is the picture in Tuam but something similar is happening in our own Diocese and we are probably more advanced in some aspects. Clustering has been happening for longer in Achonry. Also, over half of the Parishes in Achonry have only one resident priest and more will probably follow in the not too distant future. It is now six years since the last ordination in the Diocese, there is just one student studying for the diocese. If he continues it will be another couple of years before he is ordained, which means there will have been a gap of almost ten years. This has to have implications, along with retirement of priests and possible illness. All this means everything cannot stay as it was ten, twenty or thirty years ago. We do not like to hear this, we resist any form of change but we cannot ignore reality indefinitely. We have to use our personnel - Priests and all involved in the various ministries within parishes - to the best advantage. We also have to think more of gathering people together in terms of Masses celebrated and all the other Liturgical Celebrations/Paraliturgies. Half empty churches or less than that are not conducive to good celebration. It can be soul-destroying. It is important to understand that you can have an excellent celebration with 10 people and a lifeless celebration with 100 people. So much depends on how and where people gather or scatter. All this will continue to be discussed at Pastoral Council and Cluster level. All this may be a scenario we prefer not to hear about but one we cannot avoid unless we bury our heads in the sand! Comments are always very much appreciated.**

TEAMPALL MAOL CEMETERY 10 KILOMETER WALK in aid of the up-keep of this historic Cemetery situated near Coolegrane. It is one of the oldest Cemeteries in Co. Mayo. The Walk takes place on Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday - commencing at 1.00 p.m. The Walk begins and ends at Teampall Maol Cemetery via Coolegrane, Cullen, Prebane, Askilawn, Attymachugh, Corley, Leckee, Larganmore, Muckroe and Churchpark. The committee would appreciate your support. Voluntary donations will be accepted on the day. Do tell your friends to come along. Tea and Refreshments will be served after the walk. For any further information contact Kevin Hughes on 086-8583380.

PRAY FOR Kate-Agnes and Tom Holleran, Dromada-Duke, Son Benedict, Daughter-in-Law Theresa, Son-in-Law Jim Hall, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Mickey Tansey, Drumagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Mary Conlon (Nee Brennan), Magheraboy, Sister of Frank Brennan, Magheraboy, her Parents Tom and Anne Brennan and Brother Paddy, Saturday 8p.m.
 Francis Haran, Knocks who died in London recently, Saturday next 8 p.m.
 Deceased Members of Ginty, Ellis and Fox Families, Saturday 8 p.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Martin McDonnell, Tierenanny and Deceased Family Members and John and Marjorie Dunleavy and Deceased Family Members late of Magheraboy and Huddersfield, Saturday 2nd May 8.00 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.