

# 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'*

### A HOLY TENSION.

It would be interesting to see how many non-Christians would identify the Gospel text today as sacred, if it were displayed alongside other contemporary writings. Who knows, some might even think it was Al Quaida rather than words spoken by Jesus, the Prince of Peace. It doesn't quite fit in, does it, with the image of the love of God the Father Jesus brought before us? Read it again to get the shock of what is being said.

It speaks of opposites, of black and white when increasingly we think of grey, nothing ruled in or out. But Jesus comes not only to bless the world but also to change it. It is a work of transformation so searing it is like fire burning away the old so that something unmistakably new can begin. We are not to be a people or Church of complacency and conformity, but a church that dares to be a source of division and misunderstanding for the sake of justice.

Anyhow, disagreement and frustration with each other comes easy to us. We are divided. That's true in all families, communities and churches. In this world, there's no life together without a shadow. In faith circles alone, we argue about God, Jesus, Church, Morality, Worship, Spirituality, Justice and Discipleship. It creates a holy tension, which however uncomfortable is good. We need to carry all together for Christ.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - August 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday 10 a.m. / Saturday 1.00 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday, 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. Frank Cregg.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Thomas Marren and Anne Holleran.

Sunday 10 a.m. Angela Conlon.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson      Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Deirdre Gallagher.

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

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Lorraine Kavanagh Shane Cunney Paul Quinn.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 11.30 a.m. Caoimhe Warde Cormac Warde Ronan Carr Colin Hughes.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The McNulty Family (Lahardane)

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

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

KILLASSER CEMETERY MASS was celebrated on Tuesday last 14<sup>th</sup> August. Quite a large crowd gathered for the occasion in spite of the poor weather leading up to the time of the Mass. It did stop raining during Mass. The cemetery is looking well at present. However, any further tidying up you can do will always be very much appreciated. The Offertory Collection at the Cemetery Mass will, as usual, go to the Killasser Cemetery Fund.

KILLASSER CEMETERY ENVELOPES are available again this weekend at the Church Doors. Your contributions will be very much appreciated towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Cemetery. Last year the suggested amount was €15. They can be handed at your earliest convenience.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place in Killasser Church during July and August.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to Collette McDonnell, Carrownedan, Killasser and Joseph Scanlon, Collooney, Co. Sligo who were married in Callow Church on this Saturday afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> August. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Saturday next 25<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be celebrated in Callow Church Church on next Saturday afternoon 25<sup>th</sup> August at 4.00 p.m. Everyone who wishes is welcome to attend.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:** 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> August amounted to €1, 607.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR** 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> August amounted to €870. This amount will be given towards Killasser Cemetery Maintenance Fund. The amount that has come in through the special Cemetery Envelopes has not yet been counted. These Envelopes are still available in each of the churches. You are encouraged to make a contribution and hand it in at your convenience.

**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. / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 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.

**THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON** The Three-Day Pilgrimages began on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and run until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Phone No. 071-9861518. The One-Day Pilgrimages will recommence after 13<sup>th</sup> August and continue until towards 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** will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, provided there is sufficient interest and there seems to be. You are asked to give your names to Fr. O'Mahony as soon as possible. Even if you have already indicated your interest you might confirm that. More details in a later Newsletter. This year, like last year, the cost will cover Travel and Lough Derg Fees. The cost will be €50 per person - €27 for Lough Derg and €23 for transport. In Lough Derg, tea and scones will be provided on arrival in the morning and a light lunch in the middle of the day. For any food early in the morning or after we leave Lough Derg, it will be up to each person to decide what they wish to have. This will not be included in the price and is not pre-arranged. This can be decided on the day.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI** will take place from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 WEEKLY SEISIUNS** are being held again this year in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on each Thursday night at 9 p.m. during July and August. Eighth session on next Thursday Night 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Admission €10. Children have free admission. Refreshments served. There was a wonderful night's entertainment on last Thursday night and a huge crowd in spite of the inclement weather. Well worth a visit. The tea/coffee and buncuens were beautiful.

**THE PARISH CALENDAR** was launched on Thursday night 2<sup>nd</sup> August in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. It is a beautiful production which will be a collector's item for the future. It has relevance for every townland in the parish, with the name of each townland included as a picture as well as twelve beautiful photographs of different areas in the parish. When it is on sale this weekend and over the coming weeks make sure you get your copy early as it is a once-off production. It will have a special appeal for people from the parish living in other parts of the country and world. Sincere thanks to everyone who has worked so hard over the past few months to produce the calendar and to Bernie O'Hara who performed the official launch.

**THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR** will be on sale again after all Masses this weekend and for a few more weekends during August and into September. Price €10. Again make sure you get your copy in good time. The Calendar can also be bought from Thomas Marren, Fr. O'Mahony, Maureen Murphy, Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox, Theresa Convey, Louis Mc Nulty. and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

**CSKA KILLASSER COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB** held another very successful and enjoyable summer sports camp over the past week. Twenty five young people participated and they were presented with their certificates when it finished on Friday afternoon last. Compliments and sincere thanks to Martin Peyton, Michael Howley and everyone involved in organising and running all the activities for the week.

**KILLASSER CHOI KWANG DO:** It has been a very busy year for Killasser CKD. Three gradings have been held. Two of these gradings involved a visit from Mrs. V. Mackie 111 Dan and Mr. K. Mackie 111 Dan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mackie were very pleased with the standard of the students. The last grading was in June and the following people were graded: Pierce Rowley White Snr., Breege Rogers Yellow Snr., Fergus Ward Orange Snr., Oisin Broe White Snr., Caoimhe Ward Gold, Sonncha Broe White Snr., Cormac Ward Orange, Emer Loftus Yellow, Siobhan Ward 11 Dan Gold. Congratulations to all the students and they are encouraged to keep up the good work. Classes took a two week break and are now back in the Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.00 p.m. All ages from five years are welcome.

**SWINFORD AGRICULTURAL SHOW** took place this Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Hopefully everyone had a very enjoyable day.

**COMPUTER-BASED BUSINESS/TOURISM STUDIES COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS:** If you are interested in returning to education, improving your employment prospects, why not enrol on the Computer-based Business/Tourism Studies Course at the Further Education Centre, Swinford which is due to commence in September 2007. The Course is free. Eligible participants are paid an allowance equivalent to a full Social Welfare payment plus meal and travel allowances. Childcare support may be available. A training bonus of €31.80 is also payable to adults in receipt of social welfare payments for over a year. For further information contact Amanda or Emer at Further Education Centre, Swinford 094-9251928 or [vtosswinford@eircom.net](mailto:vtosswinford@eircom.net)

**A CAKE SALE AND BRING AND BUY** was held in Killasser Community Centre after Mass on last Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August in aid of Bone Marrow For Leukaemia. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the event. Noreen Shovlin will be doing a sponsored walk for this cause in Brazil later in the year.

**A FUND-RAISING CARD GAME IN CLOONAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE** will be held on Tuesday Night next 21<sup>st</sup> August to raise funds for the Niall Mellon Building Project in South Africa. It is being organised by Michael Kilcoyne, Carracunnane who will work as a volunteer on the project later in the year. Your support will be very much appreciated for this very worthy cause.

**KILLASSER CEMETERY:** Killasser Cemetery has been substantially improved in recent years. Footpaths have been tarmacadamed. A new Altar/Shrine and Crucifix have been erected. A wall was built, which has recently been plastered and fitted with capping. This year a remembrance space for unnamed children has been set aside. Gates have been refurbished and flowers planted. The old cemetery which was completely overgrown has been cleared. A new amplification system for use at funerals and Masses was purchased. This work has been carried out through the generosity of parishioners and friends and the voluntary work of many craftsmen/women. Stuart Durkin and Richard Hughes, employed under the Rural Social Scheme, have worked hard to make sure it was looking its best for the Annual Cemetery Mass on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00 p.m. We also rely on your support in helping to keep the cemetery free of litter by taking home all old wreath etc.

**THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN TEAMPALL MAOIL** will be celebrated on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 p.m.

**TEACHER LEAVES KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL:** Ms. Niamh Ruttledge, who has taught in Killasser National School for the past nine years will take up a new appointment for the school year 2006 – 2007. She has been appointed to Killala National School. On behalf of the Board of Management, The Parents and Children of the School, Past Pupils and the Parish Community, we say a sincere thanks for all her hard work, dedication, commitment and good example over the past nine years. We all regret losing such an excellent teacher and we wish her every success and blessing for the future.

**NEW TEACHER APPOINTED TO KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL:** Ms. Aine Gibbons, Castlebar, has been appointed to the vacant permanent teaching position in Killasser National, due to Ms. Ruttledge moving on. We welcome her to the School and to the Parish and wish her every success and blessing for the future.

**KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL PAINTED:** The outside of Killasser National School was painted during the past week, weather permitting. It now looks very well.

**KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL RE-OPENS** on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**NEW INTERIOR LIGHTING INSTALLED IN KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL:** New Fluorescent Lighting has been installed in the classrooms and Office/Staff Room of Killasser National School during the past week. It replaces the lighting that was installed when the school was built and which had become faulty through usage over so many years.

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**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 existing school are now up to roof level.

**MUNICH YOUTH CHOIR TO PERFORM IN SWINFORD PARISH CHURCH:** The Munich Youth Choir will sing at the 10.30 a.m. Mass in Swinford Parish Church on Sunday next 26<sup>th</sup> August. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**COMMUNITY SPORT KILLASSER AREA HILL WALK IN CARROWKEEL CO. SLIGO:** Participants will leave Killasser Community Centre on this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 12 Noon. For more information contact Michael on 087-9144910 or Martin on 087-9377644.

**SCOIL MUIRE AGUS PADRAIG SECONDARY SCHOOL SWINFORD RE-OPENS** for First Years on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

**ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL FOXFORD RE-OPENS** for First Years on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Full schedule on [WWW.STJOSEPHSFOXFORD.COM](http://WWW.STJOSEPHSFOXFORD.COM). Phone No. 094-9256145.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL LEAVING CERTIFICATE STUDENTS** who received their results during the week. Hopefully you were all satisfied. You are wished every success and blessing in the choices you will now have to make on the basis of the results you have received. Congratulations also to your Parents and Teachers.

**THE ANNUAL KNOCK NOVENA** continues until Wednesday next 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

**THE ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS' OUTING** will take place this year on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August. If you are unable to travel, you should contact Fr. O'Mahony as soon as possible. More details of the arrangements for the day will be given in a later Newsletter. Again it will be necessary for a number of Parents/Adults to accompany the children.

**PRAY FOR:** Kathleen Coughlan (Nee Deacy), Sunday 10 a.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Tom and Delia Gallagher, Callow, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 10 a.m.  
 Anne Sheerin, Coolegrane, who died on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Funeral Mass on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August.  
 Joe Vahey, who died recently in Dublin.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**