

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MISSION SUNDAY

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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'*

GO AND TELL!

In a youthful, uppity manner many years ago I remarked at an inter-faith dialogue meeting in Selly Oaks, Birmingham, England, that Jesus wasn't crucified because he dialogued. That remark - no less incisive for being rather obvious - didn't go down too well. While useful as a getting-to-know-you exercise, thereby improving relations between different faith traditions, dialogue is not the preferred option for Christian missionary activity. It may be a necessary first step in a missionary approach, but it can hardly be considered the only or the final one. Were Jesus sending out his disciples on mission today would he tell them to dialogue instead of to teach? Personally, I doubt it. But then I don't have a hot line to God.

Missionaries are people called to tell. They tell people basically two things; God has created them for a purpose, and, by following Jesus, they fulfil that purpose most assuredly. In telling this good news, missionaries do more than just talk. They present truth in various ways but always with humility; they meet weakness with understanding, and they confront evil with firmness. They respect diversity; they promote growth both individually and collectively; and, they bear witness to what they say.

Put that way it doesn't really matter where you are; at home, or away, at work, or at play. If you defend truth, allow for weakness, oppose evil, respect others, promote growth and live honestly - and do so because you love God, then you are a missionary.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - September 2008)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

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 - Tuesday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 1.00 p.m. and 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Claire Conroy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Anne Holleran.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mary McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ciara Hussey

CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Claire Conroy.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 25th October 8.00 p.m. Paul Quinn Shane Cunney Liam Moran David Cronnolly

Sunday 26th October 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers Siohhan Tully Melissa Cronnolly Chloe Meehan

Sunday 26th October 10.00 a.m. Aine Timlin Louise Mulligan Cian O'Grady Shauna Burke.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8 p.m. The Cunney Family (Dromada-Gore)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Hughes Family (Coolegrane)

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will take place in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7.00 p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

11th / 12th October amounted to €1,540

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.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WANTED FOR NEEDY FAMILY: A second-hand sewing machine and a double bed or bunk beds is/are required for a needy family in the Swinford/Charlestown area. If you have one that you do not need contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

NATIONAL FUEL SCHEME: The National Fuel Scheme is intended to help households that depend on long-term social welfare or Health Service Executive payments and are unable to pay for their own heating needs. The scheme operates for 29 weeks from the end of September to mid-April. For information contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE: Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an outreach on Wednesday next 22nd October at the Cosgallen Office from 9.45 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.. Contact 094-9255070

GRANTS of 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

NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME USERS: Members are advised that tests carried out recently by the HSE have shown that the water supply is unsatisfactory at present and consumers are advised that the water should be boiled before human consumption. This boil notice will remain in effect until further notice. The water pipeline will be scoured/ flushed through in the near future. This could mean that some users of the water will have dirty water for a few days. The Committee apologise for any inconvenience caused.

FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE KILTIMAGH: Finished School early? Are you interested in learning new skills or gaining a qualification? Are you aged 16 - 20? If so, why not join Youthreach, we provide skills in Woodwork, Hotel and Catering, Metal Work, Welding, Car Mechanics, English, Computers, Literacy/Numeracy, Maths, Art, Childcare, Hair and Beauty and Work Experience. All students receive a training allowance for attending the course and if required a childcare allowance may be provided. For more information contact Tracey or Conor on 094-9381338 or e-mail youthkilty@eircom.net

ANGER ISSUES: Everyone knows what Anger is, but how do you express it without hurting others or hurting yourself? Uncontrolled anger can cost you your marriage, your job, relationships, health and the respect of your loved ones. The **Irish Association for Anger Management** is running a residential training programme on **Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November at Knock House Hotel**. Places are limited, so booking is essential. For more information, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant at the Irish Association of Anger Management on 094-9037677 / 087-7989253 / www.difficultemotions.com

FOXFORD CHURCH OF IRELAND HARVEST FESTIVAL: The congregation of the Church of Ireland, Foxford wishes to thank everyone who helped to make their recent Harvest Thanksgiving Service a success. They are grateful for the generous support of clergy, friends and neighbours in joining them in celebrating the harvest. Although, the year has been difficult weather-wise, the church looked particularly splendid, helped by the generosity of all who donated flowers and garden produce. They are also thankful for the use of the Admiral Browne Memorial Hall, where refreshments were served.

A MEETING OF THE CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night 25th September. There was a very full agenda including the following: Plans for the celebration of the Centenary of the birth of Fr. Peyton during 2009; Course for Ministers of the Eucharist - new and those who have been for many years; Cluster Newsletter to be published at Easter 2009; New Marriage Book published which will be available to all couples preparing for Marriage; Cluster Mass Card etc etc. More detail on some of those items at a later time. The next meeting of the Cluster Steering Committee will be on Thursday 30th October.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Killasser Church on Wednesday Night 8th October. A very full agenda was dealt with including: Course for Ministers of Eucharist, Membership of the Council for the next year - four new members are required, Neighbourhood/Station Prayer Services - evaluation of these and what we might do for the future, Prayer Service for the Dead in November, The Global downturn in the economy and its implications, Altar Servers training etc, etc. The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday 12th November.

FOXFORD SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE - PILATES CLASSES: Foxford Sport and Leisure Centre are now running Pilates Classes between 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. and Spin Cycle Classes from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Cost is €60. Come along or phone 094-9257684 for more information. **Anyone interested in setting up a Volley Ball Team in Foxford should ring the above number.**

COURSE FOR EXISTING MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST AND PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BECOME MINISTERS will continue in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Tuesday evening next 21st October from 8.00 - 9.30 p.m. A number of people have already indicated their willingness to become Ministers of Eucharist and others may be

asked. Do not be surprised if you are and you can also volunteer. You can contact Fr. O'Mahony or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Some of the existing members are anxious to step down after many years of service which they should be able to do with dignity. Ministries always need to be renewed by new Members. Sincere thanks to those who attended on Tuesday evening last and those who are willing to be there on Tuesday next having agreed to become Ministers of the Eucharist in the last few days.

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL are also required at the present time for the year ahead. Each year four members have to step down and be replaced by four new members according to our constitution and the guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils. This means that the Pastoral Council will continue to be renewed and, hopefully, as representative as possible. Each year ten meetings are held with a break for July and August. Do think about it.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS: It was decided over a week ago to proceed with the improvement of the school grounds at Killasser National School. This work will involve new drainage and new tarmac so that the children can play in cleaner and better conditions. It is very important that they would have facilities on a par with every other school. At the present time there are no Department of Education Grants available. This means that money has to be borrowed and some fundraising will have to be undertaken to cover the repayments. **Work will begin on this project next weekend and most of it will be carried out during the mid-term break.** The first Fundraiser will be a Sponsored Walk on Monday 27th October, commencing at 11 a.m. from Killasser Community Centre. Refreshments will be served at the Community Centre after the walk. All support will be much appreciated. More news as time goes by.

THE IRISH SOCIETY FOR AUTISM CHURCH GATE COLLECTION will be taken up before all Masses this weekend.

THE JOHN HEALY MEMORIAL WEEKEND will be officially launched by well know journalist John Waters in the Town Hall Arts Centre in Charlestown on 30th October. The Memorial Weekend will run from Thursday 30th October to 1st November. The Festival will also commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Maypole Mining disaster. The Festival opens with a cheese and wine reception in the Town Hall Arts Centre and the films 'On a Wing and a Prayer' and 'My own Place' will be screened. This will be followed by the R.T.E. Radio Show 'The Late Debate'. A number of guest speakers will be in attendance over the three days and these will include the already mentioned John Waters, Dr. Seamus Caulfield, Bernard O'Hara and Sinead McCoole. The Festival will also include a tour to Tom Hennigan's Heritage Farm, the launch of a photographic exhibition compiled by Cathal Henry and introduced by the editor of the Western People, James Laffey. The Presentation of awards for the Young Writers' Competition sponsored by the Western People and activities for the children in the Charlestown Library will also take place. Joe Beirne will bring the Festival to a conclusion with a night of music and fun. All events are free and everyone is welcome

THE JOHN HEALY MEMORIAL WEEKEND ESSAY COMPETITION is being sponsored by the Western People and is open to all Secondary School Students. Prizes will be presented to the winning students at the Arts Centre in Charlestown on Friday 31st October. The Western People will announce the names of the winners in the Western People's edition of 28th October, followed by the Award Presentation on the memorial weekend. The Titles are as follows:

First/Second Year Competition - The Day Mayo won the All-Ireland Final - 1,000 words, real or imaginary.

Third/Fourth Year Competition - What my homeplace means to me - 1,000 words.

Fifth Year Competition - Have the Youth of 2008 a future in the West of Ireland - 1,000 words.

All entries must be typed and they should be returned to Charlestown Library, Barrack Street, Charlestown by closing date **21st October 2008**. Queries to 094-9255070, 094-9255934, 094-9255820. Entry forms are available by contacting email address:

SMALL COIN COLLECTION: At all Masses over the next two weekends, there will be buckets at the church doors for all that loose change which you might wish to donate to our twin diocese of Meki in Ethiopia. So please search the purses and pockets, the jugs and the jars for all those 1, 2, 5, 10 cent coins and remember to bring them with you. Last year this collection netted almost €50 which is quite a substantial sum to a very poor African Diocese.

ROSCOMMON CHAMBER CHOIR: It is with great excitement that a new group given the name 'Roscommon Chamber Choir' will be set up this year. It is hoped that the group will consist of approximately twenty four of the finest voices within the County of Roscommon and its surrounding counties. The group will have many challenges and is set up primarily as a competition choir to compete in various choral competitions both nationally and internationally. However, the first project for this new talented bunch of singers is to record a Christmas CD in November ready for release in December 2008. The 'Roscommon Chamber Choir' will rehearse every Wednesday in Roscommon Town, commencing in September/October. Applicants between the ages of 18 and 30 are now being sought to audition. You can express your interest by contacting Derek on 086-3052204 or by e-mail roscommonchamberchoir@yahoo.com.

THE SWINFORD CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION will be taken up at Killasser Church on the weekend 8th / 9th November. Your generosity and support will be very much appreciated.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Daryl Gaughan, Crossmolina and Limerick and Cara Callaghan, Limerick who were married in Callow Church on Friday last 17th October. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES FOR MASSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED will be available at the church doors at all Masses next weekend. 12 Masses will be celebrated for the repose of their souls during the month of November.

A SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTED will be celebrated during the month of November on a date to be arranged. A special candle will be lit for every person who died in the parish during the past year since 1st November 2007. A candle will also be lit for those natives of the parish who died elsewhere during the same period. Hopefully some family member of each departed person can be present at this ceremony to pray for their relative and receive the candle to bring home. For those who cannot have a representative the candle will be sent on to them.

THE SECOND CELEBRATION OF 'DO THIS IN MEMORY' will take place during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on this Sunday 19th October. This year there are eleven children preparing along with their parents, family members and the worshipping community to celebrate First Confessions and First Communion. We hope that all of us can prepare as well as possible so that we can celebrate in a sincere and humble way.

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2008 - 2009 will be on Sunday 10th May 2009. We hope that this date is suitable for all concerned.

CHILDREN TO RECEIVE FIRST CONFESSIONS AND FIRST COMMUNION this school year are the following:

CARRAMORE	Nevin Grufferty (Carramore)	Shane Cronnolly (Dunmaynor)	Conor Meehan (Dunmaynor)
	Chloe Tuffy (Dunmaynor)	Laura McNulty (Dunmaynor)	Kevin O'Hara (Lisheen, Aclare)
	Eoghan Leonard (Claddagh, Aclare)		
KILLASSER	Keisha Groarke (Killasser Estate)	John Farren (Killasser Estate)	
	Jack Igoe (Killasser Estate)	Alan Hughes (Carramore-Moy)	

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will not be celebrated in Killasser Parish this school year as we celebrated it in May 2008. However the other parishes in our cluster will be celebrating the Sacrament this school year - Foxford, Straide, Attymass and Bonniclon.

PRAY FOR

- John Brennan, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.
- Tom Kavanagh, Carramore and Deceased Members of the Kavanagh and Kilbride Families, Saturday 8.
- Mary Conlon, Cullen, Sunday 19th October 10 a.m.
- People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
- Tom and Bridie Greally, Ballyhaunis and their daughter Jean Featherstone, Saturday 8 p.m.
- Peter Meehan, Carrabeg and Michael Rogers, Ballagherren, Father of Jacqueline Meehan, who died Recently, Saturday 8 p.m.
- Patrick and Mary Rochford, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.
- Harriet Peyton, Cloonainra, Saturday 8 p.m.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL SPONSORED 10K WALK
FOR PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
MONDAY 27 OCTOBER AT 11 A.M.
FROM KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE.**
