

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 HOPE SECURE.

Investment advisors talk about future proofing, as if the uncertainties of our world were something you could 'insulate' yourself against. Yet, today's television and other media bring into our homes the disasters and violence and suffering of the whole world; and people ask: where is all this leading us? We can switch off such sources of information, just as we can ignore the Gospel. But, today's call is to wake up.

Some people live in fear, not just physical fear of disaster or where serious illness strikes our family. It's more a fear that life and our lives are pointless - that we won't reach our goals, that no one will ever love us or acknowledge us or that ultimately we won't be remembered.

To this we are reminded that those who suffer and die are not forgotten in God's eyes. The challenge is to see the signs of hope in our world, the efforts to achieve a fairer and more unified world. They are, like budding branches on a tree. In each moment of our lives, in every age, God is always present. The things we've built around us may be temporal, but God is with us for eternity. There may be war and earthquake, but the new birth is coming. There may be some who lead us astray, but God has come down to earth, so that we may be ultimately at home with Him.

Fr. Tom Cox -

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Thursday 9.30 a.m. / Friday, Sunday 10 a.m.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK: NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Do This In Memory.
Thomas Marren.

Sunday 10 a.m. Micheal Murphy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 8 p.m. Anne Holleran and

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Mulligan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8 p.m. Do This In Memory
Niamh O'Grady.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 25th November 8 p.m. Colin Hughes Siobhan O'Hara Steven Cunney Niall
Armstrong.

Sunday 26th November 11.30 a.m. Eoin Gallagher Aileen Gallagher Eimear Burke

Ronan Carr.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Do This In Memory.
(Callow)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Burke Family

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The O'Donnell

Family (Carramore-Moy)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

in Killasser Church on Monday next from

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

As decided recently at a Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, there will be a Prayer Service for all our departed family members, relatives, neighbours and friends in Killasser Church on Friday evening next 24th November at 8.00 p.m. During the Service a candle will be lit for each person who was a native of the Parish and who died during past year. Each candle will have the name of the departed person printed on it and it will be given to a family member afterwards to take home. The Service will be 40 - 45 Minutes duration containing Scripture Readings, Reflection, Quiet time and Music. We hope it will be a meaningful and comforting experience for everyone.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS:

There will be a special gathering and Mass for Parents who have experienced the death of a child, at any age or in any circumstances in St. John's Rest and Care Centre, Knock Shrine on this Sunday 19th November. It will begin at 3 p.m. and all bereaved parents are welcome. Celebrant of the Mass is Fr. Brendan Hoban, Ballina.

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 / €50 / €50 / €50 / €200 / €150 / €400 These donations were received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

AN OPEN MEETING

to discuss the renovation work at Callow Church and how extra money might be raised to pay off the cost of this work as soon as possible, took place in Callow Church on Monday evening last. It was a very well attended and representative meeting. Sincere thanks to everyone who made the effort to be there and for your ideas and suggestion as to how we might raise the money to pay for the renovation at Callow Church and Killasser Parochial House. It is our collective responsibility to address this situation and to deal with it in the best way we can. Your willingness to be involved is very much appreciated. There will be another open meeting on Monday week 27th November at 8.00 p.m. in Callow Church.

SPONSOR A LIGHT FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE OUTSIDE CALLOW AND KILLASSER CHURCHES:

This is one of the suggestions from last Monday Night's meeting. An outdoor Christmas tree will be erected outside Callow and Killasser Churches and you can sponsor a light on either tree for €10. Envelopes for this purpose and for your donation will be available in both Churches next weekend. You can hand them in next weekend or at your convenience. Proceeds will go towards the renovation. The trees are being donated and erected free of charge. Sincere thanks to all who have offered to do this.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AT THE HUGHES HOME IN COOLEGRANE:

Each year the Hughes Family erect very decorative Christmas lighting outside their home which attracts many people. At the gate there is always a donation box and the money is given to different charities and for different causes each year. Last Monday night the Hughes family offered to give this year's proceeds to the Callow Church Renovation Fund. We thank them sincerely for this most generous gesture and we encourage as many as possible to go along to see the lighting /decoration when it is erected. We will let you know when this happens.

A SPONSORED WALK FOR CALLOW CHURCH will take place on St. Stephen's Day to raise funds for the renovation work. A route has been planned out. If you remember we had a most enjoyable walk last St. Stephen's Day to raise funds for the earthquake victims in Pakistan. We hope you will mark this into your diary and come out in large numbers on that day. There will be refreshments and music etc. afterwards.

A CONCERT OF SPIRITUAL MUSIC AND SONG will, hopefully, take place in Callow Church, possibly around Eastertime. No definite arrangements or details yet but it will be worked on over the coming weeks.

ANOTHER REMINDER TO PAYE WORKERS TO RETURN YOUR REVENUE FORMS: Sincere thanks to everyone who has returned a tax form. If you have overlooked it, you are encouraged to return it at your convenience. It is important to remember that this does not affect your tax in any way. It does not cost you as a taxpayer but it can greatly assist the Church renovation fund. If you still need a form or if you have any query you can contact 087-6305936 or Fr. O'Mahony.

TILING OF CALLOW CHURCH: The tiling of the aisles and an area around the sanctuary and Baptismal Font began on Tuesday last. Hopefully you will like what is being done. It will be completed during the coming week.

A PARISH MISSION will be held in Foxford from this Saturday 18th - 25th November. It will be conducted by the Redemptorists - Frs. Tony and Peter Flannery, whom we had in Killasser and Callow for our last Mission just over two years ago. You will be more than welcome to attend. It is being held in the three Churches of the Parish - Foxford, Attymachugh and Toomore. Early morning Mass is at 7.00 a.m., Mass also at 10.00 a.m. The evening ceremonies are at 8.00 p.m. in Foxford Church. The Mission will close with the Vigil Masses in the three Churches on Saturday 25th November. Following this weeklong Festival of Faith and Prayer there will be a community celebration in the Browne Memorial Hall at 9.15 p.m. Music, song, dance and refreshments will be provided. Great Raffle Prizes. Donation at the Door €5 including five raffle tickets.

ADVENT - 'THE WONDER OF THE INCARNATION': A Reflection on the Advent Liturgy will be given by Fr. Dermot Meehan on Wednesday week 29th November from 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. It will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. Everyone is welcome.

LIAM LAWTON CONCERT IN BALLINTUBBER ABBEY: Liam Lawton will perform in Ballintubber Abbey Church on Thursday 30th November at 8.00 p.m. Tickets at €20 are available from Ballintubber Abbey by contacting 094-9030934.

FEAST DAYS: Tuesday - Presentation of Our Lady. Wednesday - St. Cecilia.
Thursday - St. Columbanus. Saturday - St. Colman.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' the Parish preparation programme for the Children, their Parents and Families and indeed the whole community, will have its next celebration on Saturday next 25th November during the Vigil Mass in Killasser Church at 8.00p.m. The theme for this month's celebration will be remembering our dead.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 11th / 12th November amounted to €1,330.

NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME MEMBERS: Members are advised that the annual water rate is now due and will be collected in the coming weeks. Rate for domestic use - €70
Rate for domestic and agricultural use €120.

CLUSTER NEWSLETTER: It is hoped to publish a Cluster Newsletter again this year before Christmas. A sub-committee with a representative from each of the five parishes is being formed to edit and put it together. Maureen Murphy, Carramore-Moy is the Killasser representative. If you have any news item or photograph that you think should or could be included, you might pass it on to Maureen.

THE KILLASSER PARISH WEBSITE is now in existence and is being developed as time goes by. The website address is www.killasser.com Every organisation in the Parish is invited to put material of interest on to the website. The Parish Newsletter is now appearing every week on it. Information for the website can be sent to Michael Fox, Lismorane or Louis McNulty, Cullenaughton. A number of people have expressed an interest in being the gatherers of information on the Killasser side of the Parish. All the information received is uploaded to the website by Joselyn Kerviche. We are very grateful to everyone who is involved in this very useful service.

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR SWINFORD CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY was taken up at the Church doors at all Masses in Swinford, Meelick, Midfield and Killasser last weekend 11th / 12th November. The members of the Swinford Conference wish to thank the general public for their contributions to the annual collection. As usual you were very generous and consequently the Conference will be able to continue to help those most in need in our community. Our phone No. is: 087-9227552. Remember, we are standing in the gap.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE WEEKLY 25 CARD GAME continues in the Community Centre on Monday Night next 13th November at 9.00 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated.

SWINFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB: A grand Christmas Floral Demonstration by Deirdre McCarthy of Newport School of Floristry will be held in Aras Attracta, Swinford on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30 p.m. All floral arrangements will be raffled on the night. Admission €10 and all proceeds will go to Cancer Action Mhaigh Eo's MRI campaign. Everybody welcome.

NEW LIGHTING AT KILLASSER ESTATE/KILLASSER CHURCH/KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: A new Public Lighting Scheme has been installed at Killasser which enhances the Estate, the Church and Community Centre (particularly at nighttime) The cable was laid during the early summer, the poles were erected in September and it was switched on shortly afterwards. This scheme was put forward by Killasser/Callow Development Association, carried out by Mayo County Council and the E.S.B. and funded by Leader Programme. Sincere thanks to everyone who organised and carried out this project

LEUKAEMIA TRUST FUND SPONSORED WALK: Congratulations to Noreen Shovlin, Dromada-Duke, who participated in this walk in South Africa between 3rd and 10th November. Well done for what is a very worthy cause.

LITURGICAL CONCERT: A Liturgical Concert in memory of the late Fr. Joe Taaffe, Past Director of the Irish Welfare and Information Centre, Birmingham and a native of Knock, Co. Mayo, takes place in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Tubbercurry on Sunday 26th November at 7 p.m. What a line-up o talent: the performers on the evening are drawn from local and national stage including: Choir of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Tubbercurry, Fr. James McDonagh, Ballymote accompanied by his sister Mary Frain, Bridie Giblin from Curry, Ruth Gannon from Charlestown, Kieran Lundy from Rhue, Tubbercurry, Seoda and Bel Canto Choirs from Ballyshannon together with Jamie Rock - winner of RTE / Lyric FM Search for vocal star. Special guest will be Michael English who will be performing from his latest CD recorded in Knock 'Vision of Knock'. Tickets at €20 each are available locally or by contacting Harold McManus on 087-2312061. All proceeds go to the IWIC Fund.

A MACRA NA FEIRME TABLE QUIZ will be held in Campbell's Lounge, Swinford on Friday night next 24th November, commencing at 9.30 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated.

A PRGRESSIVE DOUBLE 25 CARD DRIVE will be held in the School Hall, Scoil Muire agus Padraig, Swinford on next Friday Night 24th November, commencing at 8.30 p.m. There will be €1,000 in Prizemoney and also many valuable spot prizes. Admission €10. Your support will be very much appreciated.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in Killasser Community Centre on next Thursday Night at 9.00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINCANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in Killasser Community Centre on next Saturday Night at 9.00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL FUND-RAISING SOCIAL will take place in Frank's Place, Killasser on Saturday Night 2nd December. Tickets for very valuable Prizes are now on sale. The main Prizes are: Lynch Group Hotel Voucher / Portable D.V.D. and Accessories / Large Bottle of Brandy / O'Hara's Bakery Hamper. There will be numerous other raffle prizes on the night. Your support will be very much appreciated. It is always a most enjoyable night.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE ANNUAL 25 CARD DRIVE will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday 4th December, commencing at 8.45 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated. The proceeds will help Killasser Community Care to continue the good work they have been doing over so many years. More details in next week's Newsletter.

THE RETIREMENT/PRESENTATION FUNCTION FOR MRS CAHILL the former Principal of Killasser National School took place in Killasser Community Centre on Friday Night last 17th November. It was a very well attended and most enjoyable function, which was an opportunity for pupils (past and present), parents (past and present), teachers (past and present), members of Board of Management (past and present) and the entire parish community to simply say thanks to Mrs. Cahill for her unselfish and dedicated commitment to the education of so many children, in the broadest sense, over the past eighteen years - three years in Carramore School and fifteen years as Principal of Killasser National School. It seemed a most appropriate way to formally mark the end of an era of primary education in the parish. For Mrs. Cahill, education was much more than the teaching of the formal subjects, it was also enabling each child under her care to develop all their talents. This was so evident at the School Concerts, the National Childrens' Choir, Singing at various church celebrations, the School Tours not just to places of interest in Ireland but also to London and Paris. They got every opportunity and encouragement to develop their talent in music, song, drama, culture, sport and computers to mention a few. Travel was also another window of opportunity to broaden their minds and their education. I hope we never took all this for granted. While sad that a very significant chapter of education in Killasser School has come to a close, everybody associated with the school is deeply appreciative of Mrs. Cahill's dedication, commitment, inspiration and good example as a teacher. Having reached this stage of her life, we wish her good health, every blessing, happiness and fulfilment in retirement. No doubt it will be a very full and busy retirement but at least she will have control over her timetable. Her husband Brian, who was present on Friday night, has also retired as Principal of Moylough National School. We wish Brian a long and happy retirement also. The Parish Pastoral Council presented Mrs. Cahill with a suitably inscribed and engraved Mirror on behalf of the Parish, the children presented her with Jewelery and a Bouquet of Flowers and the Parents and Board of Management jointly presented her with a Clarinet. We hope she will enjoy improving her skills in that field. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported, prepared for, organised and participated in Friday Night's function .

PRAY FOR Denis Moran, Carrowleamore, Saturday 8 p.m.
Joe Carr, Craigaballagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
Bridie and John Sheerin, Tiernanny and Deceased Members Sheerin/Doherty Families, Saturday 8 p.m.
John and Maureen Conlon, Boleboy, Saturday 8 p.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 10 a.m.

11.30 a.m. Josie and Ellen Hegarty and Son Martin, Carrowleambeg, Sunday 19th November

John and Daughter Martina Shovlin, Dromada-Duke, John and Winnie Peyton, Dromada-Gore, Son

Mary Power, Saturday 8 p.m.

Tom and Lizzie O'Donnell, Carramore-Moy and Granddaughter Seona O'Donnell, aged 19, who died

Suddenly on 15th August, Sunday 26th November 11.30 a.m.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
