

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

PARISH WEBSITE - www.killasser.com

FR. DAN O'MAHONY (094) 9251431. e-mail djomachonry@eircom.net

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 JULY 2008.

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 WORD FOR WEEDS.

You can sum up today's long Gospel reading (Mt. 13:24-43) in two words: *Cool it!* A most insightful piece of writing, it comes with a take you wouldn't expect. It put me in mind of something the late John O'Donohue wrote in his book *Eternal Echoes* (Page 89): 'Where all danger is neutralised, nothing can ever grow'. And it's growth that Jesus' parable is concerned with: your growth, my growth and humankind's growth into the fullness of life.

Whatever harms life is alien to it. We don't come into this world with embedded seeds of self-destruction. God creates us for life, not death; for wholeness, not sickness; for happiness, not horror; for joy, not gloom; for hope, not despair; and for glory, not damnation.

Somewhere along the line things went wrong. Still do. And when they do we shouldn't get too hot and bothered about rooting out the cause. To put it starkly, we need to be able to live with sin. Not in it, but with it. For seriously minded people of faith that is possible, but only when their God is benign. When they know God to be the Compassionate One, who fashioned this beautiful creation so lovingly knowing it would be marred by evil - the price to pay for freedom.

If God can live with weeds until the harvest, then so can we. So must we. They can't destroy the crop. No fear of that. But being violent with them will do more harm than good. So, *cool it!* God rules, not the weeds.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - July 2008)

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

Fr. Michael Maloney - Charlestown 085-1510383.
Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Tuesday, Sunday 10 a.m. and Sunday 2.00 p.m.
KILLASSER - Wednesday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Aine Ni Ciaran
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Eileen O'Neill.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Marty Noone.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty

CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 26th July 8.00 p.m. Caoimhe Warde Cormac Warde Pierce Rowley Shane Cunney.
Sunday 27th July 11.30 a.m. Jonathan Burke Conor Stephens Chloe Meehan Melissa Cronnolly.
Sunday 27th July 10.00 a.m. Saoirse O'Gradaigh Shauna Burke Cian O'Gradaigh Sinead Timlin.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The O'Neill Family (Creggane)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Ryan Family (Cullenaughton)

Sunday 11.30 a.m The Convey Family (Darnagh)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

is cancelled for the Summer months and will resume in September.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

12th / 13th July amounted to €1,230.

THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

to date has amounted to €945. Sincere thanks for your contributions.

WEDDING: Congatulations to Dermot Delaney and Fiona Pardy, Lucan, Co. Dublin who were married in Callow Church on this Saturday 19th July. We wish them both every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

YOUTH 2000 CLONMACNOIS SUMMER YOUTH FESTIVAL will take place between 14 - 17 August. It is open to people between the ages of 16 and 35. For more information contact 01-6753690.

KNOCK SUMMER YOUTH FESTIVAL 2008: Living life to the full? Looking for something more? Tired of the same? This is what you are looking for! Time out for you Knock Summer Youth Festival July 24th - 27th, Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. 18 - 35 years for more information and to book your place, Contact 094-9388100 / 087-6927850 or check our website www.knock-shrine.ie/youthministry.

THE WORLD YOUTH DAY FESTIVAL has been taking place in Sydney, Australia during the past week. It began on Tuesday last and will conclude this weekend with a special Mass where Pope Benedict will be the main celebrant. Many young people from Ireland have travelled to the event but this time as far as I know our Diocese is not represented. Distance and expense would not have made it easy this time around. We have been very well represented at previous World Youth Days.

FAMILY GATHERING IN CALLOW CHURCH ON SUNDAY 27 JULY: Bill and Mary Ryan and their family from the U.S. will be present at the 10 a.m. Mass in Callow on Sunday next. Mary Ryan is Mary Burke formerly from Cullenaughton. Between children and grandchildren there will be 47 people in all. Bill and Mary are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year. This milestone will be marked during Mass with a special blessing for Bill, Mary and their family. We extend a very warm welcome to them as we do to all our visitors.

THE ANNUAL TEAMPALL MAOIL CEMETERY MASS will be celebrated on Friday evening 8th August at 8.00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL KILLASSER CEMETERY MASS will probably be celebrated on Saturday 16th August at 8.00 p.m.

C.S.K.A. KILLASSER in association with Mayo Sports Partnership is holding a Fit Walking Clinic in Killasser Community Centre on Monday 28th July from 7.30 - 10.00 p.m. The Fit Walking Clinic will identify how to optimise aerobic fitness and fat burning benefits, demonstrate how to incorporate flexibility and strength into a walking programme, teach the key techniques of stride walking, power walking and Nordic walking. It will show how gadgets like pedometers, heart rate monitors and walking poles can be used to best effect. Places are limited to twenty and are filling up fast. So if you are interested in what will be an interesting and sociable evening, please give your name as soon as possible to Martin Peyton or Michael Howley. A small charge of €2 will be collected to cover the cost of the Community Centre. Martin Peyton 094-9251573 or 087-9377644.

WATERPOINT ENNISCRONE is holding two camps over the Summer period. Camp 1 will take place between Monday 4th and Friday 8th August and Camp 2 will take place between Monday 18th and Friday 22nd August. The cost is €65. For more information or to sign up for the Camps you can contact Waterpoint on 096-36999.

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.

HOUSING AID FOR OLDER PEOPLE SCHEME: The housing aid for older people scheme is for improving living conditions of older people by carrying out minor repairs to the main areas of an older person's home. The type of work which will be grant aided includes structural repairs or improvements, rewiring, repair or replacement of windows and doors, the provision of water, sanitary services, heating, cleaning and painting. For more information or application form contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070

CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE: Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on Friday next 25th July at the Cosgallen Office, Charlestown from 9.45 - 11.30 a.m. Contact 094-9255070.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church on next Saturday afternoon, commencing at 2.00pm. Two children will be baptised and anybody who wishes is welcome to come along.

COSGALLEN NEWS LOCAL AGENDA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP FUND 2008: The local agenda 21 Environmental fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale non-profit environmental projects at local level. To qualify your project should focus on environmental awareness and action which complement national environmental policies

such as those on waste biodiversity and climate change. Further information and application form can be obtained from Sharon Cameron Mayo Co Council on 0094-9047360 or email scameron@mayococo.ie or contact Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown.

FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE will take place from 7th October, leaving from Knock. It will be for seven nights in Hotel Avenida. The cost is €35 plus €25 Insurance. Spiritual Director is Fr. John Maloney. For details contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640 or 086-8185153.

WEST OF IRELAND 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND DIRECT FROM KNOCK from 22nd September - 1st October. Spiritual Director is Fr. Tomas Surlis. The cost is €1,190 fully inclusive of taxes and half board. For further information contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640.

THE CLUSTER CHOIR SANG IN RAMADA HOTEL BALLINA: on Saturday evening last 12th July. They performed magnificently and complements to everyone concerned. There was a lovely get-together for the Choir on Thursday Night last in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass to bring this part of the season to a conclusion. The Choir sang three songs during the Comhaltas Session which takes place in Attymass every Thursday night for July and August. The Choir's next engagement is in the Basilica in Knock on Sunday 21st September.

ACHONRY AND ITS CHURCHES: This is a beautiful book containing photographs of every Church in our Diocese as well as other places of worship and pilgrimage. There is also a list of all the bishops of the Diocese and other useful information. These books are available after each Mass in Killasser and Callow and they cost just €20. A lovely book for oneself and a lovely present for somebody else maybe away from home.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES have been delivered in most areas of the Parish. The remainder will be delivered during the coming week if at all possible. Sincere thanks to everyone who is delivering them.

MEER/MEERS CLAN REUNION takes place on Saturday 26th July 2008. A special Mass for the deceased members of the Meer/Meers Clan will be celebrated in Bonniconlon Church on at 5.00 p.m. on that evening. It will be followed by a dinner and a book launch in the Ocean Sands Hotel, Enniscrone. Tickets are on sale until 21st July from the following: Padraig Meer 085-1742493 / Kitty Gilmartin 087-6306243 / Maureen McShane 086-3074990 / Ann Bain 087-2394529 / Antoinette Mear 071-9181011 / 087-7789604.

THE WEEKLY COMHALTAS SEISIUN IN THE FR. PEYTON CENTRE ATTYMASS takes place every Thursday Night during July and August. It commences each night at 9.00 p.m. It is an evening of Music, Song, Dance and Storytelling. Admission is €10 which includes the usual refreshments at half-time. It is a wonderful night's entertainment for all age groups. It is a wonderful place to bring visitors for a most enjoyable evening.

THE ANNUAL CONCERN CHURCH GATE COLLECTION taken up at Callow on Sunday 29th June amounted to €25. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and those who helped with the Collection.

SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMP AT FOXFORD SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE: Week 1 is from Monday 21st July to Friday 25th July and Week 2 is from Monday 28th to Friday 1st August. It is for Children between the ages of 7 - 12. It will run from 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. each day. It will cost €50 per Child per week and €40 per week for second and third Child. Call the Centre on 094-9257684 to reserve a place.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Parish Office on Saturday night next at 9.15 p.m.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND will be visited on Monday next 21st July at the usual time. If there is anybody not on the list who would like to be visited you should contact Fr. O'Mahony.

SR. MARGARET AND MEMBERS OF HER CONGREGATION are photographed in this week's edition of of the Irish Catholick. You might be interested in getting a copy. Lots of interesting articles in the Paper in recent weeks. Good value.

PRAY FOR John Doherty, Doontas, wife Annie May and Son Martin, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Brigid and Patrick Timlin, Prebane, Sunday 20th July 10 a.m.
 Pat Noone, Knockbawn, Sunday 20th July 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Catherine and Pat Harris and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Willie Doherty, Dromore-West, Uncle of Eugene O'Neill, Creggane, who died suddenly on Wednesday Last 16th July. Funeral Mass celebrated in Dromore-West on this Saturday.
 Michael James Henry, Newry, Co. Down, brother of Aine Foubister, Carn, Callow who died 3rd July.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

