

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'*

GOD'S WORD - LISTEN UP.

In any project, it is important to be clear about the mission at hand, to focus on it and live it and not lose sight of it. And there is so much to distract us in the modern world. We have never had so much media saturation before. Information is available constantly. But too much exposure to noise deafens. Maybe that is what has happened to us in relation to the Word of God.

When you look at that Ezra's people of the First Reading, the ancient, uneducated, simple folk, who could not even imagine a T.V. or a computer, seem to be far more aware of the fact they are hearing the words of the Creator, than their modern counterparts. Unlike a modern congregation who sit in beefy calm, they actually react and respond to what they hear.

So. What's changed? We live in constant haste, noise and fear. We are bombarded by an enormous amount of relevant and irrelevant information, countless images of poverty and opulence, violence and helplessness.

We become unable to hear because we hear so much and the tune keeps changing constantly. The tragedy lies in our growing inability to distinguish between the voices - in effect, the voice of God is drowned in the chatter of a monkey.

He doesn't look for much, an open ear and heart, a willingness to hear and act in His name. So that 'this text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - January 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Patrick McNulty
Sunday 10 a.m. Pat Gallagher.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Sean Thompson

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Sr. Margaret and Anne Holleran.
Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Mulligan.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8 p.m. Claire Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Aileen Gallagher

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Sunday 10 a.m. Kevin Gallagher.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 27th January 8 p.m. Colin Hughes Pierce Rowley Stephen Cunney Cormac Warde.
Sunday 28th January 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers Aileen Gallagher Ciara Hussey Lorraine Kavanagh.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Stenson Family (Knocks)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Sheerin Family (Bokeen)

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7.00 p.m.

BAPTISM: We welcome Sorcha Brennan, Dromada-Joyce, into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday 20th January. We pray that she will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of her Parents, Godparent, Family Members and Neighbours.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY THIS YEAR will be Sunday 6th. May. The Children of Second Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive Holy Communion for the first time at 11.30 a.m. Mass on that day.

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 / €200 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. These donations were received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

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. **Take Note: You do not have to put in any money with the Tax Form - you just write down how much you contributed to the Church in 2005.** If you need a form, you can contact 087-6305936 or Fr. O'Mahony.

THE NEW SEATING FOR CALLOW CHURCH will be available in a few weeks, probably in early February. The final measurements were taken on Thursday evening last. Those who wish to confirm their willingness to sponsor Church furniture might do so as soon as possible. A definite list needs to be drawn up.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE: Five women from Achonry Diocese have recently completed two years training in Spiritual Direction with the Jesuit Centre for Spirituality, Manresa. They are now available to meet with individuals. Spiritual Direction/Guidance offers a reflective look at life and working of the Holy Spirit in it. For more information, Phone Patricia McCarthy on 086-1021532 or Frances Mellett on 087-7813926. You can get a brochure in the Sacristy.

THE ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR CHURCH UNITY WEEK is being hosted this year by Killasser Parish. Church Unity week is from 18th - 25th January. At the Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th December, it was decided to have it on Wednesday 24th January. The Service will commence at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Church and it will be followed by refreshments in Killasser Community Centre afterwards. **People of all faiths and none are invited and welcome to attend. This will be the first time for Killasser to host this event.**

A SPECIAL MEETING IS BEING HELD in Killasser Church on Monday Night next at 9.00 p.m. to make all the final arrangements for the Ecumenical Service. Everyone who is willing to be involved is more than welcome to come along. Sincere thanks to all who came along on Monday night last - 28 people attended - and we had a very good meeting

THE MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL 2007 CALENDAR contains photographs of Stained Glass Windows from Churches in Mayo that came from the Harry Clarke Studios. We are very interested because the window over the Gallery in Callow Church, of St. Patrick, is one of those windows. It is included in this 2007 Calendar which is a beautiful production.

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTMAS 2006 has been published again this year and is a bumper edition of sixteen pages. It contains news, articles and photographs from all five parishes in the cluster. There is a copy for every family in the Parish and. You may also wish to send a copy to your relatives in other parts of the country or world. **Please take one.**

PILATES CLASSES continues in Killasser Community Centre on Tuesday next, 23rd January, from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. **Note the change of night from Wednesday to Tuesday on account of the Ecumenical Service. Sincere thanks to everyone involved for making that change.** Anyone interested in losing a couple of inches from the waistline is more than welcome.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 13th / 14th January amounted to €1,517.

THE PROCEEDS FROM THE WALK FOR CALLOW CHURCH ON ST. STEPHEN'S DAY amounted to €3,698.53c. Sincere thanks to everyone who participated, supported and organised the walk which was such a success in every way.

THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SPONSORSHIP OF LIGHTS ON THE CHRISTMAS TREES OUTSIDE CALLOW AND KILLASSER CHURCHES amounted to €2,589.10c. Sincere thanks to everyone who made this possible. The cost of the lights have to be taken out of this - everything else has been given and done free - thanks to all who have been so generous.

THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AT THE HUGHES HOME IN COOLEGRANE raised €602.12c which they have kindly donated to the Callow Church Renovation Fund this year. We thank them for their thoughtfulness and generosity. The Hughes family themselves wish to thank all who contributed to their lighting project in Coolegrane over the Christmas period.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION FOR THE IRISH EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION taken up at Callow Church last Sunday amounted to €124.46c. Sincere thanks to everyone who collected and contributed.

FAS EVENING COURSES commence on Thursday 25th and Tuesday 30th January at the FAS Training Centre, Ballina in the following subjects: **Introduction to Computers / SAGE Accounts and Payroll / Introduction to Internet and E-mail / Basic Arc Welding / Improver Welding / Interior Design and Occupational First Aid.** Enrolment Evening 18th January at 7.00 p.m. For further information contact FAS at 096-24017.

FAILTE IRELAND is running a free back to work training course in Food Service for ten weeks in Pontoon Bridge Hotel. Participants interested should contact 094-9256120. The Course is 5 Hours per day every Monday and Tuesday evening starting Monday 22nd January. Enrolment day is Monday 15th January.

PLANS FOR THE NEW BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL will be going out for tender very shortly and details will be advertised in the Western People and the Connacht Telegraph during the week beginning 21st January. Two new classrooms and a general purposes room will be built at the school. This will cater much better for the increasing number of pupils at the school, which is now a three teacher school.

THE RECLYING BINS AT KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE are not for leaving bags of other items/rubbish beside. It is not a dump. Such bags have been left there recently and the number has increased over the past week. **The items that can be put in these bins are Clear, Green and Brown Glass Bottles and Jars which should have labels removed and also be washed, Aluminium Cans and Clothes. Everything else has to be brought to a recycling centre in Ballina, Tubbercurry or Ballaghaderreen. I have removed this rubbish in the past, as well as sweeping up the broken glass etc., but I wish to state that I am not a waste disposal contractor - not yet anyway.**

A FUTURE WITHOUT PRIESTS: This article has appeared in the Newsletter recently. Just wondering if you have read it and what your thoughts are?

TUAM DIOCESAN INSERVICE - A REPORT - THE PRIEST AS AN AGENT OF CHANGE: This article also appeared in the Newsletter recently. Wondering if you have any comment on this? Letters, comments to the editor by e-mail or snail mail or by Phone. Your name must accompany your letter/comment, but will not be published if you request that.

SOME STATISTICS FOR 2006 IN KILLASSER PARISH:

BAPTISMS	20	WEDDINGS	1	DEATHS	11
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A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in Killasser Community Centre on this Saturday Night 20th January at 9.00 p.m.

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - NEW MEMBERS WANTED: As the Pastoral Council is now two years in existence, according to its constitution, one third of the council will be requested to step aside. More later.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass, on next Thursday Night 25th January at 8.30 p.m. The members representing Killasser/Callow are James Howley (Carramore) and Margaret McGowan (Cullenaughton)

CHOI KWANG DO CLASSES: The Classes are as follows: 6 - 14 Year Olds 7 - 8 p.m.
14 - 60 Year Olds 8 - 9 p.m.

There are spaces available at both sessions.

WATERPOINT ENNISCRONE - LEISURE LTD.: 1 Month Free Membership for anyone who joins in January.
Free Child Membership with every couple who joins in January.
Address: Pier Road, Enniscrone, Co. Sligo or Phone No. 096-36999 for more information.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME every Monday Night at 9 p.m. All support welcome.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Callow Church on Saturday next 27th January at 2 p.m. As a Christian Community we will welcome another member into our family.

TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS! 2007 CONTEST: Pupils in our National Schools are invited to enter a competition entitled 'Try Prayer! It Works! The competition is divided into two age groups - under nine years and under twelve years. The theme of the contest this year is 'There is a Knock at the Door - It's Jesus' Entries can be made in the form of art, prose or poetry illustrating the pupil's interpretation of the theme. Entries will be judged on content, ability to capture and interpret the theme under the headings:

**Jesus wants you to serve Him!
Have you thought about your vocation in life?**

How do you think you would answer this call from Jesus?

Three prizes will be awarded to both age groups within the three categories. **First prize €50, Second prize €30 and Third prize €20. A Prize of €200 will be awarded to the school whose pupils win First Prize in any of the categories.** Closing date for receipt of entries is 10th February 2007.

PRAY FOR People of the Parish, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John Gallagher, Church View, Swinford/Coolcastle, Sunday 10 a.m.
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 John and Martha Stenson, Knocks, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Mary Sheerin, Bokeen, Sunday 28th January 10 a.m.
 Jack Henniganl, Cloonainra, Sunday 28th January 11.30 a.m.
 Jimmy Durkin, Cullenoughton, at request of Tommy Hughes, Askilaune, Sunday 4th February 10 a.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE IN
 KILLASSER PARISH CHURCH
 WEDNESDAY NEXT 24 JANUARY
 COMMENCING 8.00 P.M.
 SPEAKER: BISHOP RICHARD HENDERSON
 - CHURCH OF IRELAND BISHOP OF
 ACHONRY/ TUAM/KILLALA.
 EVERYONE WELCOME**

**DO THIS IN MEMORY PROGRAMME
 WILL FOCUS ON THE SACRAMENT OF
 BAPTISM FOR THIS WEEKEND'S
 CELEBRATION.**

IDENTIFYING PEOPLE WITHIN PARISH AND FROM
