

# 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'*

### WHOSE STRANGE WAYS.

Biologist JBS Haldane once remarked that the universe is not only stranger than we might suppose, but stranger than we can suppose. Something similar might be said of God - though phrased more elegantly. Perhaps St. Augustine's comment that 'God is younger than all else' fits the bill. Straightaway it puts us on a collision course with logic; how can the one who is ever ancient, be ever new?

Not surprising then that this 'illogical' God acts in some rather strange ways. God admits this in today's First Reading Isai 55:6 - 9' ... my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways ...' (v. 8). But shouldn't God be the norm, and not us? If so, then it's our ways that are strange and not God's. Is it because of our strange ways of doing things that today's Gospel reading (Matthew 20:1 - 16) seems unfair, until the denarius drops? When it does, what seems unjust to our narrow way of looking at things turns out to be incredibly generous. All the workers receive a fair wage, some a very generous one.

If this story bugs us then we have two issues, at least, to deal with; accepting God's 'right' to do as God pleases - which may not be too easy depending on how close to the bone God operates - and accepting God's challenge to us to live generously. Only in facing these can we begin to see the heights where God's thoughts are found (v. 9).

(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 - Tuesday 10 a.m. / Friday 2.00 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 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. Joseph McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Eileen O'Neill and Francis Hegarty.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Anne Deacy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara

Sunday 11.30 a.m Siobhan Tully

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m Tommy Gallagher.

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

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Paul Quinn Melissa Cronnolly Chloe Meehan.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 11.30 a.m. Caoimhe Warde Siobhan Tully Eoin Gallagher Jonathan Burke.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 a.m. Sinead Timlin Cian O'Grady Louise Mulligan Aoife Burke.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8 p.m. The Hanley Family (Dunmaynor)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Conroy Family (Callow)

Sunday 11.30 a.m The Hurst Family (Carramore-Moy)

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will **NOT** take place in Killasser Church on Monday next 22<sup>nd</sup> September on account of the pilgrimage to Lough Derg. It will resume again on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 4 - 7.00 p.m.

#### THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> September amounted to €1,465.

#### HARVEST COLLECTION:

Sincere thanks for your contributions towards the Harvest Collection taken up over the past couple of weekends. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** was celebrated in Killasser Church on Sunday last 14<sup>th</sup> September. We welcome into the Christian Community of Killasser Ross Micheal Hughes, Carramore. We pray that he will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of his Parents, Godparents, Relatives and Neighbours.

**FR. JOHN PEYTON - DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** who was ordained in July this year in Birmingham will celebrate the 8.00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Killasser Church on this Saturday evening 20<sup>th</sup> September. Fr. John in a first cousin of Noreen Shovlin, Dromada-Duke and his father was a native of Dromada-Gore, Killasser and his mother was a native of Ballyhaunis. We are delighted to welcome him back to the parish of his roots and thank him for taking the time to visit. We congratulate him on his ordination and wish him every blessing and happiness in his ministry. I am sure he will give his first blessing to all who wish to have it. There will also be a cup of tea and maybe a bunnen in the Community Centre afterwards. It is always important to mix the social with the spiritual.

**ACCORD CHARLESTOWN** All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at [www.accord.ie](http://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.

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS:** It is planned to run a Computer Course for beginners in the new Computer Room at Killasser Community Centre. If you are interested in this course you should contact the following number 086-0564096 between 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. any evening during the week. This new room is state of the art so why not avail of the opportunity?

**FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE** will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM STUDIES COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS:** If you are interested in returning to Education, improving your employment prospects, why not enrol on the Information Technology and Tourism Study Course at the Further Education Centre, Swinford which is due to commence in September 2008. The Course is free. Eligible participants are paid an allowance equivalent to a full Social Welfare payment plus meal and travel allowances. Childcare support is also available. For further information contact Emer at Swinford on 094-9251928.

**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](http://www.sei.ie/hes) or by calling 1850 927 000

**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. The text is by Fr. Liam Swords. It is very readable and the photographs are very nice.

**A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG** takes place on Monday next 22<sup>nd</sup> September. There are still a few place left if you wish to make a last minute decision. This year, like last year, the cost will cover Travel and Lough Derg Fees. The cost will be €55 per person - €27 for Lough Derg and €28 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. The bus will leave Callow Church at 6.45 a.m. / Killasser Church at 7.00 p.m. and Swinford - Cards and Gifts at 7.15 a.m.

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR BASKETBALL** commenced in the Centre on Monday evening 15<sup>th</sup> September for the coming season and will continue each Monday evening from 6.00 p.m. The Indoor Soccer commenced on Friday evening 12<sup>th</sup> September and will continue each Friday evening also from 6.00 p.m. Complements to everyone who organises and supervises these sporting activities for so many young people. It is a wonderful service to the community.

**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.

**THE ANNUAL CEMETERY COLLECTION** amounted in total to €1,916. The Offertory Collection on the evening of the Mass amounted to €75 and the Envelope Collection amounted to €41 bringing the total to €1,916. Sincere thanks to everyone for your support which will enable maintenance and any necessary upgrading of the cemetery to continue.

**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW MONTHLY FUNDRAISING COLLECTION** for July and August amounted to €710. Sincere thanks on behalf of the Finance Committee for your continued support.

**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](mailto:youthkilty@eircom.net)

**NEW PUPILS IN NATIONAL SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2008 - 2009**

<b>CARRAMORE</b>	<b>Junior Infants</b>	<b>Holly McNulty (Dunmaynor)</b>	<b>Tess Nealon (Cloonygowan)</b>	<b>Orla Fleming (Aclare)</b>
		<b>Iseult Kerviche (Swinford)</b>	<b>Jack Folliard (Carn)</b>	<b>Aiden Dunleavy (Carramore)</b>
		<b>Freddie Tuersley (Carrownedan)</b>	<b>Daniel Webb (Swinford)</b>	<b>Alan Carr (Coolcastle)</b>
	<b>Second Class</b>	<b>Collette Burke (Carramore)</b>		
	<b>Third Class</b>	<b>Chloe Burke (Carramore)</b>		
	<b>Fourth Class</b>	<b>Roisin Burke (Carramore)</b>	<b>Cathal Fleming (Aclare)</b>	
	<b>Fifth Class</b>	<b>Thomas Burke (Carramore)</b>		
<b>KILLASSER</b>	<b>Junior Infants</b>	<b>Thomas Igoe (Killasser Estate)</b>	<b>Adam O'Grady (Carroweena)</b>	
		<b>Martin Cassidy (Killasser Estate)</b>	<b>Dominic Stephens (Rooskey, Foxford)</b>	

We welcome all new pupils to the school and we wish them every happiness, success and blessing for the year and years ahead.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.difficultemotions.com)

**FOXFORD CHURCH OF IRELAND HARVEST FESTIVAL:** The Church of Ireland in Foxford are holding their Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Jim Carroll, Rector of Raheny and Coolock, Dublin. A Harvest Tea will be held in the Admiral Browne Memorial Hall following the service. A warm welcome is extended to all.

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND 'THE POWER OF ONE':** This Presentation will be given by Dr. Larry Edwards, Ph.D. Chemical Physics, Harvard in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 p.m. The Cost is a voluntary contribution. Dr. Edwards who has worked with American Government Agencies and who currently teaches at Genesis Farm, N.J. and at other ecological centres in California, will show how each of us as individuals and as communities can actually make a difference. *'I am only one. I can only do what one can do, but what one can do, I will do.'* *John Seymour*. A talk and discussion well worth attending so do consider it.

**A MEETING OF THE CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday evening next 25<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30 p.m. This is the first meeting of the new season and no doubt there is another very busy year ahead. The Killasser/Callow representatives on the Committee are Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty.

**SILVER JUBILEE OF ORDINATION:** Congratulations to Fr. Tommy Mulligan, Attymass who celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood this year. The occasion was marked by a Special Mass and Function in Attymass Parish Church and the Fr. Peyton Centre on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We congratulate him on reaching this milestone and wish him every blessing, happiness and good health for the future. See photograph in this week's Irish Catholic.

**A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL** will be held in the School on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

**A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Centre on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 8.30 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

**A FUNDRAISING TABLE QUIZ** will be held in Frank's Place, Killasser on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 p.m. Entry Fee for tables of Four is €40. The Quiz is to help raise funds for Margaret Hardesty (nee Howley), Carrowleambeg who is travelling to Tanzania in October to work with the poor. Lots of Prizes will be on offer on the night. Your support will be very much appreciated for what is a very worthy cause. Do come along for an enjoyable night.

**THE CLUSTER CHOIR SINGING IN KNOCK:** The Cluster Choir are singing in Knock on this Sunday afternoon 21<sup>st</sup> September for the Padre Pio Pilgrimage. They have been practising for the past number of weeks.

**THE ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** took place on Sunday last 14<sup>th</sup> September and over 8,000 pilgrims attended. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop John Fleming of Killala. The preacher was David Quinn who is a former editor of the Irish Catholic. Liam Lawton composed a new Hymn for the occasion and he was present in Knock to sing it. A new prayer for Grandparents by Pope Benedict was also launched and prayed for the first time.

**PHOTOGRAPH FROM GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE IN THE IRISH CATHOLIC:** A number of photographs from the Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock appear in this week's Irish Catholic Newspaper. One of those photographs includes Francis and Breege Loftus, Derreen and two of their grandchildren along with Dana. Dana was the guest speaker at last year's inaugural pilgrimage

**TWO NEW ROADSIGNS FOR KILLASSER:** Two very good roadsigns have been erected at Browne's corner which not only look very well but also are very informative. As well as the sign for Killasser there is also sign for the Church and School on the same signpost. This should eliminate the need to put up temporary signs for Weddings etc. Sincere thanks to Mayo County Council for providing these.

**LADIES' AND MEN' KEEP-FIT:** Keep-Fit Classes for men and women resume in Killasser Community Centre on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The Ladies' session will be from 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. and Mens' from 8.30 - 10.00 p.m. Further information from Martin Peyton on 087-9377644.

**FOXFORD FEST 2008 - FREE FAMILY EVENT ON THE STREETS OF FOXFORD:** This event will take place on Upper Main Street, Foxford on Saturday next 27<sup>th</sup> September from 5.00 - 9.00 p.m. There will be Live Music / Childrens' Entertainment / Barbeque. **The Event is absolutely Free.** Can you help us organise this special Family Event? There is a lot of work involved in organising and running an event of this nature. We would greatly welcome a call from anyone who would like to join the organising committee or who would like to volunteer their time on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Anthony Ruane 087-2531213, Frances Casey 086-0630900, Helen Clarke 086-3902022, Michael Ruane 087-6268114, Bernie Byron 086-8532293. The event is being organised by the Foxford Development Association.

**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.**

**USED CLOTHING COLLECTION DRIVE FOR HOMELESS AIDS ORPHANS IN KENYA** will take place in Swinford and Charlestown on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September before 12 Mid-Day. Collection point in Swinford is Car Park opposite the Church and at the Pastoral Centre Car Park in Charlestown. Items should be put in bags.

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY' - PARISH PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** can be run again during the School Year 2008/2009. It has been part of our preparation as Children and Parents and as a Worshipping Community over the past three years and it proved to be very worthwhile and enjoyable. I have every confidence that the year ahead will be no different if we proceed with it. **A Meeting of the Parents of all Children in Second Class in Carramore and Killasser National Scholls will be held in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening at 8.00 p.m. A decision can then be made and the programme is due to begin very soon.**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD/TOWNLAND/VILLAGE MASSES/PRAYER SERVICES** have been suggested in the response to the Parish Questionnaire that was distributed and collected during 2007. This idea probably comes from a time when Station Masses were the norm, a practice that has faded out in recent years for a variety of reasons. It is hoped to have two of these Masses/Services on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October, both Friday evenings at 8.00 p.m. each evening. One will be held in Callow Church and the other in Killasser Church. People of a particular townland(s) will be invited and following the Mass/Service there will be some light refreshments and a chance to meet socially as well as spiritually. As we continue to say, these two aspects of our lives are intertwined. Our lives are lived at such a fast pace nowadays that we need to slow down now and again. This is one opportunity to do so.

**COURSE FOR EXISTING MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST AND PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BECOME MINISTERS** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on the Four Tuesdays of October, beginning on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. 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.

**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.

**THE EXTERIOR DOORS IN KILLASSER CHURCH** will be painted in the very near future to protect them for the winter. They were sanded and undercoated back in May.

**A NEW INTERIOR SIDE DOOR FOR CALLOW CHURCH:** A new Interior Side Door will be installed in the near future. It is being made at the moment. This will enable the outside doors to be open and still keep the inside of the Church warm. The new door will be divided in two like the outside ones.

**PRAY FOR** Michael and Catherine Stenson, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 James O'Grady, Carrowleambeg and Manchester and Lily O'Hara, Culdalee, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Bernie Groarke, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 John and Winnie Peyton, Son John, Daughter Mary Power and Martina Shovlin and Deceased Members Of Shovlin and Peyton Families, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 For all people who sympathised with the Kerrane Family, Callow on the death of Mary (Mai) Kerrane. People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Mark Hanley, Dunmaynor, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Teresa and Jim Howley, Dunmaynor, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Willie Gildea, Knocks, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Joe and Kevin Barry and Mary and John Kerrane and Deceased Members of Barry and Kerrane Families, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Jack and Sarah Hennigan, Milltown, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Nora Timlin, Cullen, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10 a.m.  
 John Farren, Derry and Logcurragh, Swinford, Father of Laura Groarke, Killasser Estate, who died Suddenly on Monday last 15<sup>th</sup> September. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday last 19<sup>th</sup> September and his burial took place afterwards in Kilconduff Cemetery.  
 Annie McGloin, Oulogue, who died on Tuesday last 16<sup>th</sup> September. Her funeral Mass was celebrated in Foxford Parish Church on Friday last 19<sup>th</sup> September. Burial took place in Craggagh Cemetery.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

**WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS  
 FR. JOHN PEYTON BIRMINGHAM AND  
 KILLASSER/BALLYHAUNIS  
 GOOD LUCK MAYO IN ALL-IRELAND  
 MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL**