

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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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'*

### WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH.....

I once worked for a school principal who believed that schools too often set their sights on mediocrity and hit it dead centre every time. I am a teacher, and I know this can be true - sometimes we expect too little off our students. We may, also at times, expect too little in our relationships with our husband or wife, with our children, with family and friends as well. This attitude can creep into our spiritual life.

Do we really believe Christianity can transform the world we live in, or are our expectations not that high? Perhaps complacency in our faith flows from low expectations easily fulfilled.

The paralytic in today's Gospel surely had some expectations as his friends brought him to see Jesus. Jesus saw their faith and far exceeded their expectations. The paralysed man received much more than he could have imagined. He was healed physically, but much more important than that, he was cleansed of his sins. When we come to Jesus, what do we expect? No matter what we desire, Jesus will exceed our expectations. We should be astounded that such a love has come to us.

*'Do I put limits on what I expect from Jesus?'*

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Robert L Morris)

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

Fr. Joseph Gavigan - Foxford 094-9256858.  
Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

KILLASSER - Tuesday 10 a.m. / Wednesday 8.00 p.m. / Saturday 5.00 and 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. 'Do This In Memory'

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

in Killasser Church on Monday next from 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

### THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> February amounted to €1,551.

### BAPTISM:

We welcome Rachael Emily Cronnolly, Dunmaynor into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism which was celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February. We pray that Rachael will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the good example of her Parents, Godparents, Family Members, Neighbours and friends.

### 'DO THIS IN MEMORY'

the programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Holy Communion will have its next celebration during the 8.00 p.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Saturday next 28<sup>th</sup> February. Eleven children will receive these Sacraments this year.

**FIRST CONFESSION** eleven children in second class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will be celebrated in Callow Church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** continues in the Church of the Assumption, Collooney, Co. Sligo each Monday night at 8.00 p.m. Everybody is more than welcome to attend. The following will speak at the seminar - Joan Geraghty, John Delaney, Marie Byrne, Joe Dalton, Fr. Owen Gorman, Fr. Tommy Johnston and Frank McGuinness. Further information is available from Sr. Sheila on 086-3821810.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN KILLASSER CHURCH:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held in Killasser Church on Monday evenings between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m. More people are needed to spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. If you can make a commitment for Half an Hour or an Hour, please sign your name in the folder placed at the church door opposite the time most suitable to you.

**FOXORD 25 CARD GAME** continues on Tuesday night next 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30 p.m. and continues each Tuesday.

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME** continues each Monday night at 9.00 p.m. It is always a most enjoyable game and your support will be very much appreciated.

**CIRCUIT CLASSES AND FITNESS CLASSES** will be held every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and Wednesday at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre. Everyone is welcome. Further information from Tommy on 087-2235337.

**A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 p.m. Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty are the current Killasser/Callow representatives. This meeting will be facilitated by Fr. Pat McHugh of the Western Theological Institute.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** took place in Killasser Church on Wednesday night 18<sup>th</sup> February. Five of the existing members of the council are standing aside according to the constitution of the Council. Three new members have already agreed to become new members for the year ahead and two more are needed. It is felt that this can be achieved. Sincere thanks to Renee McDonnell, Fross, Tommy Doyle, Carramore and Philomena Rowley, Dromada-Gore who attended Wednesday's meeting for the first time.

**ANGER ISSUES?** The Irish Association for Anger Management is running a residential training programme, 'Temper Your Anger' on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Knock House Hotel, Knock, Co. Mayo. Places are limited, therefore booking is essential. For further information, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant on 094-9037677 or on 087-7989253 or log onto [www.difficultemotions.com](http://www.difficultemotions.com)

**COSGALLEN NEWS - COOKERY COURSE:** A cookery Course will be held in the Secondary School, Swinford every Thursday night for eight weeks. The classes will start next Thursday night 26<sup>th</sup> February and continue each Thursday from 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. The cost of the course is €70. A few places remain. To Book, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

**ACCORD PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES - CHARLESTOWN CENTRE:** In 2008 they delivered 10 Courses to 149 Couples and a 'mini course' to Couples. There were 20 Couples on some Courses. In 2009 they are reducing to 9 Courses because of fewer facilitators. It is highly recommended and encouraged that every couple would do a Pre-Marriage at least 9 months before the wedding date. At certain times there can be a waiting list of 2 to 3 Months which, when couples delay in booking, can result in them taking their course too close to their wedding date. All dates of Courses for 2009 are on a notice on the Church Notice Board and also appeared on a recent Newsletter. The Phone No. of Accord Charlestown is 094-9254944

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION:** When there is a Months Mind or Anniversary for your family member, it is most likely some members of the family of the deceased will be scheduled to bring the Offertory Gifts to the Altar. Do look at the Newsletter the week previous to the Anniversary Mass to get details.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTORS:** The number of people who take up the Offertory Collection has decreased over time. Because of this more people are needed so that a rota might be drawn up. If you are willing to become involved, you might hand your name in at the Sacristy. Of course this ministry is open to men and women. It is important to mention this, because we might get the idea that it is only something that men do.

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS:** It is planned to run another Computer Course for beginners in the New Computer Room in 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.

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**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE:** To book Killasser Community Centre for any activities, meetings, functions or events, please telephone the following number 087-6913271 to avoid disappointment or over-lapping.

**NOTICE TO CONSUMERS OF KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME:** Consumers of Killasser Group Water Scheme are advised that following a number of meetings discussing water quality issues and the introduction of new regulations governing the quality of water supplied by all water suppliers to do domestic consumers, the group has decided to commence chlorine treatment of all water supplied by Killasser Group Water Scheme in the immediate future. This treatment is necessary in order to comply with drinking water quality regulations and to eliminate the problem of intermittent coliform contamination of supply which the group has experienced for many years now. The group scheme has purchased the equipment necessary to treat the water and will begin commissioning it on a phased basis over the coming weeks. Consumers are advised that this work will be carried out by a specialist water treatment company which will provide the training necessary to operate the system safely as well as devising a quality control and testing system to ensure safe operation of the system, consumer safety and compliance with drinking water safety standards. This work may take a number of weeks to complete and consumers are advised to **continue boiling all water for human consumption until further notice.** Should any consumer have concerns or queries over this issue they are invited to contact Martin Noone (Chairperson) of the scheme at 087-2233225 to discuss them. The group wishes to thank consumers for their support over many years. **Issued on behalf of Killasser Group Water Scheme by Martin Noone (Chairperson), Gabriel Howley (Secretary) and Gerry Cronnolly (Treasurer)**

**SWINFORD VARIETY GROUP** staged the Pantomime 'Cinderella' in Scoil Mhuire agus Pdraig School Hall, Swinford on three nights during the past week. The pantomime was full of colour, romance, fun with plenty of dancing and singing. It was a wonderful show and a brilliant night's entertainment. Compliments to everyone involved in producing and participating such an enjoyable show. Quite a number of adults and children from the parish were in the cast.

**ACHONRY REGIONAL P.T.A.A. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE** will take place in the Park Hotel, Kiltimagh on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. sharp. Music is by Kay and the Country Stars. Tickets for the function are €30 and are available from Thomas Marren.

**NEWSFLASH:** 'Bingo With a Difference' will begin soon on Friday Nights in Foxford Sports and Leisure Centre. Watch out for more definite details.

**MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION** wishes to thank all those who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collection. The Collection was a huge success raising €131.29 in Killasser and €15.57 in Callow.

**PARISH STATISTICS 2008:** The following are the Parish Statistics for 2008:

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| <b>BAPTISMS</b>        | <b>14</b> |
| <b>MARRIAGES</b>       | <b>15</b> |
| <b>FIRST COMMUNION</b> | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>CONFIRMATION</b>    | <b>25</b> |
| <b>DEATHS</b>          | <b>12</b> |

**FUNERALS IN THE PARISH DURING 2008:**

Martin Henry (Corley) January.  
 Johnny Tully (Carrovena) January.  
 Beatrice Lynch (Rubble) January.  
 Patricia Crowley (Toorard) February.  
 Maureen Barry (Carramore) April.  
 Sally Goulden/Walsh (Tierenanny) April

Johnny Dunleavy (Carrowleambeg) April  
 Mary (Mai) Kirrane (Callow) June.  
 Mary Rowley (Dromagh) September.  
 Lena Deacy (Callow) October.  
 Teresa Doyle (Carramore/Treenreevagh) November.  
 Frank Thompson (Carn, Callow) December.

May They Rest In Peace.

**THE SEASON OF LENT** begins on Wednesday next 25<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Abstinence means that we do not eat meat on that day.

**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY:** Fr. Patsy Kelly, Sacred Heart Missionary, based at 'Croi Nua', Galway will lead us in reflecting on the Gospels of Lent on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. each Thursday evening. It is highly recommended and could be a very important part of our preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Tell your friends! Better still, bring them along.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Parish Office on Monday next 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00 p.m. Envelopes for the special fund-raising collection will be prepared for delivery in March for the third and final year of this collection

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**MASS CARDS:** The Parish Pastoral Council has decided that Mass Cards which will be signed in the presence of those who wish to have a Mass offered, will be available in the Sacristies of Killasser and Callow Churches as well as the Parish Office.

**NEW GLASS FOR NEW DOORS IN CALLOW CHURCH:** Glass that will have the figures of the risen Christ and St. Thomas sandblasted onto it will be prepared and installed over the next couple of months. It is planned to have this work complete by the end of May. It is being carried out by the Abbey Stained Glass Company in Dublin. This is the company that refurbished the stained glass windows in Callow and Killasser Churches at the in 1999/2000. This project is being sponsored by the Kirrane Family, Callow to whom we are extremely appreciative.

**LENTEN TROCAIRE COLLECTION:** The Annual Lenten Trocaire Collection will be taken up again this year during Lent. Collection Boxes will also be available shortly for every home. It is also suggested that on one Sunday during Lent there would be a collection taken up for Trocaire for those who do not use the collection boxes.

**TEMPERANCE SUNDAY:** Temperance is a theme we are asked to reflect on as we are about to enter the season and journey of Lent. When we think of Temperance we think especially of the abuse of Alcohol and the great need for temperance in this area. The Pioneer Association has a special booklet for every home on this weekend and they are available at the church doors. You are encouraged to take one and to read it.

**THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** takes place this year on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

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**PRAY FOR** Frannie Durkin, Rubble, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Seamus Vizzard, Carroleamore, Members of the Vizzard Family and Michael McNulty, Saturday 8 pm.  
 Patricia and Dick Crowley, Toorard, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 John and Margaret Maloney, Tierenanny, Betty Casserly and Michael Maloney, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 David McLoughlin, Callow, Sunday 10 a.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Nora Convey, Fross, Saturday 5.00 p.m.  
 Patrick Thompson and Deceased Members of Thompson and Monaghan Families, Cullenaughton, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10 a.m.  
 Anthony Monaghan, Bokeen and Deceased Members of Monaghan Families, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10 a.m.  
 John McNicholas, son of Paddy McNicholas, Cullenaughton, who died last Summer, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10 a.m.  
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**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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 25 FEBRUARY  
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