

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'*

THE RIGHT ATTITUDE.

It's strange, but people who tell you that 'who you are' is more important than 'what you do' - are usually themselves great achievers. Achieving indeed, or getting things done seems to be the focus in the early part of life. In later years we consider what was done and how. During the second half of life, success loses its importance. Being fulfilled is more important than being successful in later years. The reason for all this is that if you need something external like success and acclaim to feel good about yourself, it becomes ultimately a prison.

So, what one thing do you need in life? After all, that was exactly what Jesus told Martha 'one thing is needed'. So, name it in your life. Are your needs really wants? Is that one thing 'living in the presence of the Lord. (Psalm)? Most of us know what we need to do, but lack 'will' or 'won't' power. We make bad choices, or let them be made for us and the Lord gets short shrift. We feel bad about it, make occasional stirrings to do better but it's a case of the same repeat offender syndrome.

It can often be among those who do 'the work of the Lord' that there can be a seething resentment that they are underpaid (if at all), over-worked and unappreciated. What gets lost in all this our attitude. The 'why' and 'who' of what we are at. Who is it for? After all as Martha learned, God is as much interested in attitude as service.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - July 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

KILLASSER - Sunday 1.30 p.m. / Friday 8 p.m. / Saturday 12.15 / 2 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Frank Cregg.

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 a.m. Marty Noone.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Pat Gallagher

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 28th July 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Lorraine Kavanagh Shane Cunney Paul Quinn

Sunday 29th July 11.30 a.m. Caoimhe Warde Cormac Warde Ronan Carr Colin Hughes. .

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The Doyle Family (Treenreevagh)

Sunday 10 a.m. The McNulty Family (Cullenaughton)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Heaney Family (Derreen)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place in Killasser Church during July and August.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Francis Doherty, Killasser Estate and Jacqueline Reddington, Swinford who were married in Swinford Parish Church on Sunday last 15th July. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 14th / 15th July amounted to €1,341.

THE PENTECOST COLLECTION: Sincere thanks for your contributions towards the Pentecost collection taken up recently. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW RENOVATION FUND for June amounted to €1,855. Sincere thanks for your support.

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 / €1,400 / €150 / €400 / €1,000 / €250 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500. These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

THE SACRISTY IN KILLASSER CHURCH has been completely refurbished over the past week. New furniture has been installed by Rory Conroy, Callow who did a beautiful job of the sacristy in Callow. Killasser has the same design. A new timber ceiling has also been put in place which looks very well. A new and better radiator has been installed behind the presses holding vestments etc to keep them in the best condition possible.

SINCERE THANKS TO RORY CONROY for providing and installing the new furniture in Killasser Church Sacristy free of charge as he did earlier in Callow Church. This is a most generous gesture and we thank him on behalf of the whole parish.

THE TARMAC AT KILLASSER CHURCH is in a poor state and needs to be newly done. The kerbing will also have to be replaced. The tarmac area will also be extended on the Estate side of the Church.

THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT KILLASSER CHURCH will not mean a new Fundraising initiative. It does mean asking you to continue to support the present fundraising campaign which is going very well and which is for both sides of the parish. Improvements always need to be carried out on grounds and buildings, especially buildings that are very old like churches. The improvements inside and outside of Killasser Church will be done on a phases basis.

THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2007 - 2008 have been distributed over the past few weeks. If you haven't received a box yet, it will be delivered during the coming week. You will also receive a letter and a Statement of Accounts for 2006. Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed over the past year and in anticipation thanks for your continued support in the year ahead. The money from the Offertory Collection each week goes towards the general maintenance/running costs of Killasser and Callow Churches and the Parochial House.

INFORMATION SERVICE: A service providing information and advice to members of the community will be available each Monday from 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre.

NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME CONSUMERS - WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS REPORT: The HSE has recently taken samples of Killasser Group Water Scheme water for analysis. The laboratory report of Analysis in respect of those samples indicates that the Bacteriological Results are satisfactory with **no Coliforms, no E.coli and no perfringens** detected. Chemical analysis of Killasser Group Water Scheme water has consistently shown that the chemical properties of the water are excellent for drinking water. A copy of the bacteriological test report on the Church Notice Boards.

KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME - PRECAUTIONARY BOIL NOTICE: Notwithstanding the above quality results, the management committee are required to advise users of untreated water i.e. Water which has no added disinfectant; that the water should be boiled prior to human consumption. This notice is to remain in effect until further notice.

THE KILLALA/ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2007 takes place from 23rd - 28th August. The Pilgrimage will be jointly led by Bishop Fleming of Killala and Bishop Flynn of Achonry. It would be important to book in good time. Details on each of the Church Notice Boards.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON commenced on Tuesday 1st May with the One-Day Pilgrimages. The Three-Day Pilgrimages began on Monday 1st June and run until Monday 13th August. Phone No. 071-9861518. The One-Day Retreat costs €27 and a reservation should be booked in advance. The Three-Day Pilgrimage costs €45 and it is not necessary to book.

A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG will take place in September if there is sufficient interest. For those who may wish to make more long-term arrangements, can I suggest Monday 10th September as suitable date. Speaking to some people, this date is suitable for them, so you can take it that this will now be the date for the pilgrimage. More details later.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI will take place from Thursday 25th October to Thursday 4th November. There will be four nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi. The company is Celebration Travel. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Joe Caulfield, Carracastle. Price depends on number booking. Further information from Marian Maloney on 087-2112555 or 094-9288229

THE WEEKLY SEISIUNS will be held again this year in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Atymass on each Thursday night at 9 p.m. during July and August. Fourth session on next Thursday Night 26th July. Admission €10. Refreshments served. There was a

wonderful night's entertainment on last Thursday night and a huge crowd in spite of the inclement weather. Well worth a visit. The tea/coffee and buneens were beautiful.

THE BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER MENTORING PROGRAMME which is operated by Foroige needs volunteers, both male and female, from the Swinford area. Volunteers are asked to share their time, interests and hobbies with a young person for about one hour each week. Volunteers receive training and are fully supported by a professional youth worker. For brochures and application forms contact Big Brother Big Sister Office, The Mall, Castlebar. Phone 094-9060417.

THE PARISH CALENDAR which has been in a state of preparation over the past few weeks has now gone to the printers for production. It promises to be a beautiful production which will be a collector's item for the future. It will have relevance for every townland in the parish, with the name of each townland included as a picture as well as twelve beautiful photographs. It should be ready for launching in early August. When it is on sale make sure you get your copy early as it is a once-off production. It will have a special appeal for from the parish living in other parts of the country and world.

A SPECIAL GENERAL/OPEN MEETING TO ORGANISE THE LAUNCH AND SALE OF THE PARISH CALENDAR will take place in Callow Church on Monday Night next 23rd July at 8.00 p.m. It is important that as many as possible would attend this meeting, so we appeal for your support. It is a meeting for people from every area of the parish.

WATERPOINT ENNISCRONE ASTROZONE SUMMER CAMPS: Week 1 16th - 20th July / Week 2 - 23rd - 27th July / Week 3 - 30th July - 3rd August. Monday - Friday 10.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. 6 - 12 years. Limited availability. For more information or to sign up for the camps please contact Waterpoint at 096-36999.

PRAY FOR: Pat Noone, Knockbawn and his Sister May, who died recently in London, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Paddy and Brigid Timlin, Prebawn, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Michael McNulty, Cullenaughton, Wife Peg and Deceased family members, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 James and Annie McLoughlin, Derreen and Son Mark, Brigid and Michael Kneafsey, Culdalee and Son Mike, Friday 8 p.m.
 Eamonn Doyle, Treenreevagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Dan Barry, Carramore and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
