

# 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'*

### JOURNEY UNENDING.

Mention 'Missionary' in most Irish Schools today and you'll probably get blank looks. Travel has broadened the mind and once strange-sounding places are now possibly the home of their secular (& high-earning) aunts and uncles living abroad. Our little Green Empire of Missionaries is also shrinking. Many return in later life to a totally changed modern Ireland, that seems indifferent to the heroic sacrifices they made as youth to bring health, education and Christ to far-flung places.

We are religiously less confident. It's no secret that we're having trouble passing the faith on to our own children. The most difficult mission field in the world today is secular Western culture; in the board rooms, living rooms, bedrooms and entertainment places.

Western secularism is spiritually interested and hungry if illiterate mostly. More asleep than bad and needing to wake up to Christ, a different reality. Nor can you measure things by mere church attendance. Many will believe but not belong. To all this we must display faith, which always needs public expression or else we will drown in individualism. If you can interview for a job, apply for a loan, or propose to your husband or wife - then you can say something for Christ. You just may be the only believing Christian that somebody knows in their life. Churchgoers can tend to live apart from non-attenders, the parallel universe syndrome. That 'somebody' you know is hungry for you to witness. It's the mission of a lifetime.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - October 2006)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Mary Stenson

Sunday 10 a.m. Tom Keane.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Sean Thompson.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Eileen O'Neill and Anne Holleran.

Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Amy Hussey

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

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

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 8 p.m. Colin Hughes Liam Moran Steven Cunney Niall Armstrong.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 11.30 a.m. Eoin Gallagher Aileen Gallagher Eimear Burke Stephen Fitzmaurice.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Cunney Family (Dromada-Gore)

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday from 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' is a Parish Programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Communion. The first part of this was celebrated during the Vigil Mass on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. The next celebration will take place during the 11.30 a.m. Mass on this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Mission Sunday. The theme for this celebration will be Mission.

ANOTHER MEETING OF PARENTS for the purpose of organising a retirement function for Mrs. Cahill, former Principal of Killasser National School, will take place in Killasser Community Centre on next Monday Night 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.30 p.m. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be celebrated in Killasser Church on this Sunday at 1.00 p.m. and in Callow Church on Saturday next at 3.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in Killasser Community Centre on this Saturday Night 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9.00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Community Centre on next Tuesday Night 24<sup>th</sup> October at 8 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**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 These donations were received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

**FEAST DAYS:** Saturday - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR** 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> October amounted to €1,455.

**TO THE WHOLE WORLD:** Christians are invited to support the work of missionaries in their efforts to bring the Gospel message of love **to the whole world**. People are asked to be as generous as possible in the Propagation of the Faith collection which will be sent in its entirety to a Young Church.

**THE CONCERN CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION** taken up recently amounted to €57.83. Concern wish to thank everyone who supported and helped with the collection.

**FOXFORD CARD GAMES** resume again on Tuesday next 24<sup>th</sup> October in the Brown Memorial Hall at 8.30 p.m. sharp. This a Monster Card Drive - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - €350 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - €150 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - 50. Lots of Spots and Raffles etc.

**COSGALLEN NEWS - CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an outreach on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. at the Cosgallen Office, Charlestown. The service is free and confidential. It covers areas such as Consumer Rights, Employment Rights, Social Welfare, Taxation and Disability Information. For more information contact 094-9255070.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Swinford U-14 Soccer Team who are County Cup Champions. They beat a highly fancied Castlebar Celtic in the Final 2 - 0. Four of the panel are from Killasser - Kevin Barry, Steven Cunney, Colin Hughes and James Price.

**CONGRATULATIONS** also to Swinford U-13 Gaelic Team who are County Champions. They beat Westport in the Final 11pts - 1 - 4. Two members of the Panel are from Killasser - Keith Kavanagh and Liam Moran. Both teams have excellent players and we wish them well for the future.

**NOVEMBER ENVELOPES:** The November Envelopes with a form to write the names of your deceased family members, relatives and friends are available this weekend. They are placed on the seats in front of you and also at the Church doors. You can return them next weekend or at your convenience. Twelve Masses will be offered during November for all your departed.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in Callow Church on Wednesday Night next at 8.30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**CALLOW CHURCH:** New furniture - Wardrobe, Presses, Drawers - has been installed in the Sacristy of Callow Church in the last couple of weeks. This work has been done very beautifully by Rory Conroy. It is hoped that the interior of the Church will be painted during the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> October. Getting suitable tiles for the aisle of the Church is proving a little difficult, but hopefully it will be sorted out very soon. It will be after Christmas before the new church seating is available. The new seating arrangement will seat approximately 160 people.

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**PRAY FOR** Peter Meehan, Carrabeg, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Pat Thompson, Doontas, Months Mind and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Tom Kavanagh, Carramore and Deceased members of Kavanagh/Kilbribe Families, Saturday 8 pm  
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
Mark Convey, Fross, Saturday 5 p.m.  
Tom and Bridie Greally, Ballyhaunis and Daughter Jean Featherstone, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Johnny Brennan, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Martin Doherty, Doontas, His Parents John and Annie May and Son Martin, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Kathleen O'Grady (Nee Hyland), Sister of Val Hyland, Carramore-Moy, who died in Chicago on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Her funeral took place in Chicago on Wednesday last.

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

