

# 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'*

### A PERSONAL INVESTMENT.

The First Communicant was busy opening cards from relatives and neighbours after the ceremony. All but one had the inevitable money gift enclosed. She shook the offending empty envelope again but to no avail and declared; 'this one doesn't work.' A child of this world alright, but in what way have they been taught by us?

In Ireland we call it cuteness, seeing the angle, feathering the nest, greasing our way around something. Cuteness is not lovely in itself and while it shows a lack of scruples, it is ingenious.

Why do we do it? Well, as the economy fluctuates, one thing will always remain constant - our preoccupation with money.

In looking at today's parable, all too often we view it from the angle of the wealthy landowner who is defrauded by his servant, or we may even see glimpses of ourselves at work in the servant. But what about if we are debtors, getting their debts reduced? Suppose God was saying to us; 'none of the money you have is yours, all the wealth you possess is someone else's (God's!) and you are about to lose the use of it real soon. Do something with it that will gain you some credit when you no longer have the use of it.'

Everyone seeks a sound investment and it's not always to be found in the realm of seductive wealth. Money is a good servant, but not a good master. Choose well. (Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - September 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 8.00 a.m. / Wednesday 10 a.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8.00 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Patrick McNulty.

Sunday 10 a.m. Sean Thomson.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sr. Margaret and Eileen O'Neill.

Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Amy Hussey

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Aileen Gallagher

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Helen Timlin.

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

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 8.00 p.m. Kevin Rowley Pierce Rowley Paul Quinn Shane Cunney.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 11.30 a.m. Colin Hughes Ronan Carr Conor Stephens Lorraine Kavanagh

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

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

Sunday 10 a.m. The Thompson/Mooney Family (Graffy)

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

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

#### 'DO THIS IN MEMORY' - PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSIONS/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

can begin in the next few weeks for the School Year 2007 - 2008 if it is the wish to the Parents of the Children currently in Second Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools. During this School Year six children will receive these Sacraments for the first time - two in Carramore and four in Killasser. To make a decision on the above, a Meeting of the Parents concerned will be held during the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> October. Parents will be informed by letter of date and venue.

**THE ANNUAL CEMETERY COLLECTION** this year amounted to €806.50c. A further donation of €100 was received more recently. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this collection. This, along with the Offertory Collection of €870 on the evening of the Mass amounted to €1,676.50c. Your support is very much appreciated.

**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 / €100 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / €200 / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 / \$1,000 / €3,000 / \$500 These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

**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 who parish. **This work is now complete except for a new mirror that has to be installed over the bench/worktop. It is hoped to engrave the name of the Church on this and possibly a photograph of the church. This will be done as soon as possible. You are more than welcome to come into the sacristy in Killasser and in Callow at any time to see the excellent work that has been done.**

**A LOOSE CHANGE COIN COLLECTION** for the Diocese of Meki in Ethiopia to which the Foxford Cluster of Parishes is twinned will be taken up at all Masses on the weekends 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> October. Sometimes we have a lot of one cent / two cent / five cent coins left around that seem of little value to us. When put together they can add up to quite an amount. Then when we realise that what we give to a Diocese in a Country like Ethiopia it will buy ten times what the same amount would buy in Ireland. Feel free to give how much or how little you decide. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION LTD IN CONJUNCTION WITH CANCER CARE WEST** will hold a Public Talk on The Psychological Aspects of Coping with a Diagnosis of Cancer by Dr. Helen Greally, Senior Clinical Psychologist with Cancer Care West on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 8 p.m. in Days Hotel, Castlebar. All welcome.

**THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON** The Three-Day Pilgrimages began on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and ran until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Phone No. 071-9861518. The One-Day Pilgrimages will continue the end of September. The One-Day Retreat costs €27 and a reservation should be booked in advance.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI** will take place from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November ex Dublin with JWT. €849 per person. 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. A few places are still available to bring the number up to 50. A Bus may be arranged to and from Dublin. Further information from Marian Maloney on 087-2112555 or 094-9288229

**THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR** is still available from the Sacristy of each Church after Mass. Price €10. Again make sure you get your copy in good time. The Calendar can also be bought from [Louismculty@gmail.com](mailto:Louismculty@gmail.com) Thomas Marren, Fr. O'Mahony, Maureen Murphy (094-9251525), Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox, Theresa Convey (094-9251364), Kevin Hughes and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

**BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL** is progressing well. The General Purposes Building is well on the way to completion. It will be a very impressive building and will be of immense benefit to the pupils and teachers for the future. The two new classrooms at the back of the School have now been slated. Class is now being held in the new General Purposes Building. A huge amount of work has been carried out over the past few weeks.

**NEW PUPILS IN CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL:** The following pupils began their education in Carramore National School on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:

<b>JUNIOR INFANTS:</b>	Mary Cronnolly - Dunmaynor	Samantha Doherty - Killasser Estate
	Simon Edwards - Cartron	Briana Fallon - Swinford
	Caolan Fallon - Swinford	Eva O'Hara - Aclare
<b>SENIOR INFANTS</b>	Kelan Cronnolly - Dunmaynor	
<b>THIRD CLASS</b>	Vincent Nealon - Cloonygowan	
<b>FOURTH CLASS</b>	Roisin McSharry - Culduff	Liam McSharry - Culduff.

We wish them a very happy and successful time in Carramore School  
There are now 59 Pupils in Carramore National School.

**THE ANNUAL CANCER-ACTION MHAIGH-EO SPONSORED CYCLE** has been deferred this year and will now take place at the end of October. The format of the cycle will differ this year in so far as Mayo County Council has kindly offered to make the new Charlestown By-Pass available to the organisation before it is opened. In other words, the stretch of road from Culmore, Swinford to Tully, Ballagherreen comprising of a distance of 16Km will be restricted to just cyclists and pedestrians for a one-day period. There is no limit to the amount of times this route can be travelled. This is a unique opportunity

for both the novice and skilled cyclist to experience the novelty of being able to cycle freely on the county's main thoroughfare free from the worry of encountering motor vehicles. Refreshments etc. will be supplied along the route and as the distance to be covered is at the discretion of each cyclist, they are free to stop wherever and whenever they desire. All in all it is hoped that it will be an enjoyable day for all and that a carnival atmosphere will exist on the day. Further details regarding the exact date etc. will be forwarded and announced in due course. All support will be greatly appreciated

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** was held in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening 12<sup>th</sup> September. There was a good attendance and a number of issues were discussed. A report on this meeting is given elsewhere in this week's Newsletter.

**THE NEXT CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday next 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30 p.m. The Killasser/Callow representatives for the coming year will be Maureen Murphy and another person to be decided at the next Pastoral Council Meeting.

**NEW ROOF FOR KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE:** The work of replacing the existing asbestos roof on Killasser Community Centre is now almost complete. This work and other renovations to the building will ensure that it is in good condition for many years to come.

**RENOVATION ON KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE:** Please note that the Community Centre and surrounding area is off limits to all the public while it is under renovation. Killasser Community Centre Committee will accept no liability for the next five to six weeks while the work is in progress. The Killasser Community Centre Committee regret any inconvenience caused.

**WEBCO IT TRAINING:** Autumn ICT Training Courses starting 13<sup>th</sup> October. Total beginners Junior / Seniors - all welcome. Range of Courses + New Autumn Course - Microsoft know how - 'Tech Start' For more information contact the office on 087-9723641.

**THE MAYO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION** taken up at Callow Church recently amounted to €114.70 Sincere thanks to everyone who collected and contributed

**PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?** French language Courses for Primary and Post Primary Students are now available. The 15 Week Course is given by a highly qualified French Native Teacher with 20 years experience. The Course can tip the scales in your favour when exam times come around, getting the professional help you need now. For enrolment and full details please contact Jacqueline Duffy on 094-9861146.

**CLIMATE CHANGE - TIME FOR US TO CHANGE?** We now know that climate change affects us all. Do we see it as a crisis or an opportunity? 'It's easy to make a difference', 'the power of one', 'one small step' are some of the slogans used in order to make us more aware of how we can make small changes for the sake of future life on planet earth. To hear more on this topic you are invited to a talk to be given by Larry Edwards Ph.D., graduate of Harvard in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome. Cost - Voluntary contribution. Promoted by Mayo E-Live. Further information from Mairin Ni Mhurchu on 094-9252639.

**WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA** will leave Knock Airport on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October. 7 Nights Full Board in Hotel Avenida and Guided Tours will cost €819. The Spiritual Director is Fr. John Maloney, Collooney. For further details contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640 or 086-8185153.

**ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL OPENING OF THE YEAR SCHOOL MASS** will be celebrated in Foxford Parish Church on Thursday next 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00 p.m. Following the Mass will be the opening of the new IT Room and the New Canteen at 3.15 p.m.

**AT THE RECENT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** it was decided to have the Loose Change Collection for the Diocese of Meki in Ethiopia over two weekends - 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> October; it was decided to have a Rosary Service in Killasser Church on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m., October being the month of the Rosary; this service may happen in alternate years in Killasser and Callow if people think it should; the Parish Questionnaire is to be analysed as soon as possible with a sub-committee to be set up to oversee this; ideas for November, Advent and Christmas were discussed very briefly; good wishes were to be sent to Fr. Tommy Towey on his departure to Ballisodare; Patricia and Adrian Tansey were congratulated on the birth of their baby girl, Aisling Marie - Patricia is a member of the Pastoral Council; the question regarding Adults reading the Prayer of the Faithful was discussed as a result of a query that came in and an explanation was given.

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR 2007 - 2008 ARE** Michael Fox / Collette Howley / Helen Thompson / Maureen Murphy / Anna Howley / Margaret McGowan / Mary Mulligan / Joe Kennedy / Joe McNulty / Bridie Sheerin / Marty Noone / Patricia Tansey

**NEW MEMBERS FOR 2007 - 2008 ARE** Colette Howley (Carrowleambeg) / Helen Thomson (Graffy) / Joe McNulty (Cullenaughton) and Joe Kennedy (Callow) Four original members stepped aside and they are Theresa Convey (Darnagh) / James Howley (Carramore) / Pat Gallagher (Callow) and Ray Chuck (Cloonfinnish). Next September four more members will step aside and be replaced by four new members. This is part of the constitution of the Council so that it doesn't become a static committee. In an ideal world it would be a good method for all committees.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held on Saturday night next in the Parochial Office. It will commence at 9.15 p.m. The most immediate work that needs to be discussed is the renovation/improvement of the Church Porches in Killasser. It may be possible to incorporate a meeting area and toilets in them when they are restructured. We do not need all the seating area we have for even the largest congregation so it should not be necessary to deprive ourselves of an area to conduct meetings etc. and use the Church to its full potential. We have to be always open to change and the need for change in an every changing church and society. I encourage you to think about it and discuss.

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**PRAY FOR:** Jim and Ellen Davitt, Dromada-Joyce and Deceased Family, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Catherine and Michael Stenson, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Bernie Groarke, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Eileen McNulty, Foxford and formerly of Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Frank and Delia Keane, Ballinacurra and Deceased Family, Thursday 10 a.m.  
 Teresa Howley and Husband Jim, Dunmaynor, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Eamon Doyle, Treenreevagh, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Bridie and Matt Rowley, Dromada-Gore, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Jim Mooney, Graffy, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10 a.m.  
 James O'Grady, formerly of Carrowleambeg, who died in Manchester on Monday last 17<sup>th</sup> September.  
 Funeral Arrangements later.  
 Delia Walsh, Knock, Mother of Mrs. Nuala Cahill, former Principal of Killasser National School, who died on Monday last 17<sup>th</sup> September and whose funeral Mass was celebrated in Knock on Thursday last 20<sup>th</sup> September.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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**GOOD LUCK TO MAYO  
 LADIES  
 IN THE ALL IRELAND  
 SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL  
 IN CROKE PARK ON THIS  
 SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER  
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