

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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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'*

LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU

It is not surprising, that those on the left, the accursed, did not recognise the Lord. It seems that they feel unjustly judged because they did not just help anyone and everyone. The implication is that they would have responded had they known it was the Lord who was in need.

What is astounding, though, is that the righteous likewise did not recognise the Lord. They, too, said, 'Lord, when did we see you?' What this means is that those in need looked the same to those who responded and to those who did not.

The hungry very probably looked like they needed something to eat, and the thirsty were parched. The stranger might have seemed very odd or at least different. The naked and the ill may have been infants, the elderly, or someone in poverty. Those in prison could have been people they barely knew. Maybe those in need were crying, complaining or impatient.

Whatever the specifics, when we see those in need, they may very well not look like how we imagine the Lord should appear to us. It is clear, however, that the Lord expects that we will do something about it and help them.

'What did the Lord look like to me as I noticed people along the way this week? How did I respond?'

(Gospel Reflections - 2008)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

KILLASSER - Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromada-Duke)

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

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

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

15th / 16th November amounted to €1,355.

COSGALLEN NEWS:

Family Law Talk in Gateway Hotel, Swinford on 27th November at 7.30 p.m given by Solicitor Deirdre McHugh on Wills and Death / 16 Days of Action Opposing Violence Against Women will run from 25th November to 10th December. The event is entitled 'In her Shoes'. This involves having a shoe display on a shop window with each pair of shoes representing one woman who has been murdered in Ireland since 1996 as a result of domestic violence. To facilitate this event Cosgallen would be grateful if local people could drop in old unwanted ladies shoes into their office or O'Connell's Pharmacy, Swinford. / Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on Wednesday 25th November at the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown between 9.45 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Telephone 094-9255070

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 Committee apologise for any inconvenience caused.

THE KILLASSER WATER SCHEME ANNUAL RENT

is now due and will be collected over the coming weeks.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Callow Church on Wednesday evening last. Some of the items discussed were: **Prayer Service for the Departed to be held in Killasser Church on Friday next at 8.00 p.m.** / **Altar Server training for new servers for Killasser Church** / **Neighbourhood/Station Services - probably three/four more to be held between Christmas and Easter** / **Reflecting of Scripture for Advent to begin on Wednesday 26th November in Callow Church at 8.00 p.m.** / **Carol Service in Callow Church on Sunday 14th December** / **Kneelers in Callow Church will be placed under two rows of chairs for those who wish to kneel** / **Active Retirement Age Group and those who may wish to go to Attymass on Tuesday's.**

BRAINWAVE - IRISH EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION is holding an Awareness/Support Meeting for the Mayo region on Tuesday 25th November in the Social Services Building, Mill Road, Westport at 7.30 p.m. For more contact Evelyn 091 568180

THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR NEW MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST for all the parishes in the cluster took place during a special Mass in Attymass Parish Church on Tuesday 28th October. The principal celebrant was Bishop Brendan Kelly. **This Saturday evening we welcome Mary Stenson (Carrowleambeg), Kathleen McNulty (Carrowedan), Theresa Convey (Darnagh) to the church in Killasser as they begin their ministry. They are giving their service to the parish for the years ahead and we thank them for their generosity.**

A SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTED will be celebrated on next Friday evening at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Church. A special candle will be lit for every person who died in the parish during the past year since November 2007. A candle will also be lit for those natives of the parish who died elsewhere during the same period. **Hopefully some family member of each departed person can be present at this ceremony to pray for their relative and receive the candle to bring home. For those who cannot have a representative the candle will be sent on to them.**

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE WEEKLY 25 CARD GAME will continue on Monday night next 23rd November, commencing at 9.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and your support will be greatly appreciated.

A CLUSTER CHOIR PRACTICE will take place in Foxford Parish Church on next Wednesday evening 26th November at 8.30 p.m. This is in preparation for the Mass on Sunday 4th January in Attymass Church which will be televised live on R.T.E. as part of the celebrations to mark the centenary of the birth of Fr. Peyton. Note the change from 11th to 4th January.

THE NEWMAN INSTITUTE BALLINA is about to enter its next phase of development. In January 2009 a **Diploma in Applied Theology (Pastoral Studies)** will commence at the institute. The Course will run for two years and will be held on Friday evenings from 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. and on number of Saturdays. The cost of the Course is €1,200 per year. If anyone in the parish is interested in participating in this course, it will be possible to subsidise the cost. Details of the Diploma are available from Fr. O'Mahony. The closing date for application is 12th December.

CREDIT UNION NEWS: The next Members' Draw will take place at the A.G.M. which is provisionally booked for Tuesday 9th December in the Gateway Hotel. The first prize is a Toyota Yaris and there will be several cash prizes. Members are automatically included if they have already signed the application. If you are unsure just call into the Office before 2nd December. The usual terms and conditions apply.

ACTIVE RETIRED: If you are among the active retired people of the parish, you may wish to join a group of people who meet in the Fr. Peyton Centre in Attymass every Tuesday. There are a limited number of places available on the bus which can pick you up at any point along the following route: **Carramore, Magheraboy crossroads, Graffy crossroads, Cullen and Coolegrane** at 11 a.m. approx. Mass is celebrated in the Centre at 12 Noon. Lunch is served afterwards. In the afternoon there is musical entertainment or a game of Bingo before the bus returns at 5.50 p.m. The cost is just €10. Why not try it out. We are sure you will enjoy the day. Enquiries to Anne Prendergast (between 10.00 and 11.00 a.m.) on 094-9256382.

LEARN TO PLAY 25: Ladies, Gentlemen, young or old - would you like to learn how to play 25? If so, come to Kelly's Gateway Hotel on Monday 1st December at 8.30 p.m. for an informal meeting and it will be taken from there.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Parish Office on Saturday night next 29th November at 9.15 p.m.

REFLECTING OF THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ADVENT will take place in Callow Church on Wednesday night next 26th November for an hour, 8.00 - 9.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and it can be time very well spent exploring what the Scripture Readings might be saying to us at this particular time in our lives. We can help each other to understand them better.

'GLORY TO THE NEW BORN KING' is the title of a new C.D. of Carols sung by St. Muredach's Cathedral Choir. It features some of the much loved Christmas Music such as *Adeste Fideles*, *O Holy Night*, the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's

Messiah and much more. The Cathedral Choir and some of its soloists including Debbie McCole, Donna Malone, Caroline Jackson, Emer Connor, Therese Gaughan and Aaron Cawley are joined by some of their finest local musicians such as Andrew Sheeran (violin), and Aileen McGowan (low whistle). The CD is now on sale at the Cathedral Bookshop in the Pastoral Centre in Ballina and at the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. It costs €10 and could be an ideal Christmas gift.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR SERVER FOR KILLASSER CHURCH will take place on the weekend of 6th / 7th / 8th December. There are eleven children to be commissioned who are members of Fifth Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools. Training for those to become servers will take place at a time that is suitable to everyone. Details will be given through the schools.

A BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING OF CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL will be held in the School on Monday evening next at 7.30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL CARRAMORE FUNDRAISING SOCIAL will be held this year in Frank's Place, Killasser on Saturday 13th December. Tickets will be on sale shortly for very valuable prizes and there will be lots other prizes for raffle on the night.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE IN CALLOW CHURCH will take place this year on Sunday 14th December. The first rehearsal/practice will take place on this Sunday evening in Callow Church at 6.00 p.m. All adults and as many children and young people as possible are very welcome and encouraged to attend. Hopefully, there will be sufficient numbers for a Childrens'/Young Peoples' Choir. It is a very special celebration every year and I am sure this year will be as well.

PRAY FOR Tom Doyle, Treenreevagh, Wife Teresa, Son Eamonn and Deceased Doyles and Mulroys, Saturday 8
 John Peyton, Swords and Dromada-Gore, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Deceased Bretts and O'Briens, Drumagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John and Maureen Conlon, Killasser Estate and Boleboy, Saturday 8 p.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Tom and Lizzie O'Donnell, Carramore-Moy and Granddaughter Shauna, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Joe Carr, Craigaballagh and Deceased Family, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Faithful Departed, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10 a.m.
 Deceased Members of the O'Kane Family, Boleboy, Saturday 8 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

LIST OF PEOPLE WHO DIED SINCE NOVEMBER 2007

November	John T. Peynto (Swords and Dromada-Gore) Tom Doyle (Treenreevagh) Sally Goulden-Walsh (Coventry and Tierenanny)
December	Margaret Haran-Browne (Chicago and Boleboy) Brigid Cronnolly (Knockmullin) Sr. Agnes Warde (Baldoyle and Doontas) Michael Conroy (Callow) Sr. Anne McDonnell (Dublin and Cullenaughton)
January	Martin Henry (Corley) Johnny Tully (London and Carroweena) Mary Laffey-McDonnell (Sligo and Cullenaughton) Beatrice Lynch (Rubble) Anne Byrne-Lynskey (Manchester and Bokeen) Maria Kilbartas-Dempsey (Chicago and Coolcastle)
February	Patricia Crowley (Toorard) Willie Molloy (Coventry and Rubble) Winifred McGowan-O'Grady (Meelick and Carroweena) Pat Flanagan (Manchester and Cullenaughton) John Owen McNulty (Leeds and Callow.)
April	Maureen Barry (Carramore) Johnny Dunleavy (Carrowleambeg) Mary Conlon-Brennan (London and Magheraboy)
May	Michael Calvey (Birr and Drumagh) Francis Tunney (Cheshire and Dromada-Joyce) Rita Brogan (Foxford and Cloontubrid)
June	Hazel Fletcher (Kilmactigue and Carramore N. S.) Mai Kerrane (Callow) Bea Sheerin (Helmshore and Tierenanny) John McNicholas (Cork and Cullenaughton)
July	James Cronnolly (Dublin and Carramore) Paraic Gavigan (Knocks) Nan Loakes-McGeever (Nottingham and Craigaballagh)
August	Michael Fox (Swinford and Tierenanny) Julia Fox (Swinford and Tierenanny) John McNulty (Toronto and Renbrack) Sean Groarke (Swinford and Cloontubrid) Mary Cafferty-Holleran (Charlestown and Dromada-Duke)
September	Annie McGloin (Oulogue) Mary Rowley (Drumagh) Lissie Fox-Ginty (Loughrea and Carroweena)
October	Lena Deacy (Callow)
November	Teresa Doyle (Carramore and Treenreevagh)