

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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'*

THEY WILL SPEAK NEW LANGUAGES.....

I believe in the Gospel, but I'm not very big on handling snakes - or drinking poison, for that matter. There is a new language I am learning to speak, however. It's not quite 'speaking in tongues,' but it is a language of faith.

Jesus' ascension is so much more than the visual oddity of seeing his feet disappear through a cloud. However quaintly it may have been depicted in the past, this all-important event between Easter and Pentecost is worth pondering in our hearts. Jesus has taken our humanity and nestled it forever in the bosom of God. And now that humanity has a permanent home in God. God's Spirit is free to flow into human hearts here on earth.

Even as my body ages and weariness comes earlier every day, there is an unbounded joy to be had in just being human! Grasping a hold of this faith and attempting to talk or write about it forces me to realise that my gifts of language have been shattered, and yet the truth is there, so I must learn a new language to proclaim it to all in the world, especially my loved ones.

'What sign or wonder accompanies my faith?'

(Clifford M Yeary - A Year Of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009)

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, Thursday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 1.00 p.m. and 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The McNulty Family (Lahardane)

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

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

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

16th / 17th May amounted to €1,360.

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.

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.

'MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION - ROCK ROSE HOUSE' is looking for ladies to take part in the Flora Womens' Mini Marathon on Monday 1st June 2009. Registration, Transport, Sponsorship Cards and details - please phone 094-9038407. Your support for Mayo based charity would 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 KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Callow Church on Wednesday evening last.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday next 28th May at 8.00 p.m. Our parish representatives are Joe McNulty, Cullenaughton and Maureen Murphy, Carramore-Moy. Most of the discussion at the last meeting centred around the role of the Cluster Steering Committee. It was also decided to meet representatives from the other three clusters in our diocese to see where we have progressed to and where we go from here. We can also learn from each other and help each other. **This meeting of representatives from each cluster took place in the Presbytery in Ballaghaderreen on Wednesday night 13th May. Our cluster representatives for this meeting were: Barbara Meer (Bonniconlon), Sr. Helena (Attymass), Fr. O'Mahony (Killasser). A report of this meeting will be drawn up and presented to the next Cluster Meeting in Attymass on Thursday next 28th May. Details will also be published in a later Newsletter. This will help you to see what is happening across the diocese.**

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

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 installed during the coming week. It is being carried out by the Abbey Stained Glass Company in Dublin. This project is being sponsored by the Kirrane Family, Callow to whom we are extremely appreciative.

CONCERT FOR CALLOW CHURCH? An open Meeting was held on Monday Night 4th May to discuss the possibility of having another fund-raising Concert in Callow Church. This matter was discussed at the recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting. The decision taken at this meeting was to pursue the possibility of having a concert in Septemeber/October. More details as they become available.

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER has now been published and is available at both churches. It is a very nice production with articles and photographs from each of the five parishes in our cluster. Complements to the editorial committee for a job very well done. There is a copy of the Newsletter for every home in the parish. You might also like to send a copy to relatives away from home. They are free of charge.

FOXFORD BINGO continues every Friday night, commencing each night at 9.00 p.m. sharp. Up to €2,000 on offer each night. It takes place in the Sports and Leisure Centre. Your support will be very much appreciated.

BOTHAR FUNDRAISING TREK IN OCTOBER TO ASSISI: Join Bothar on a week long trek following the footsteps of Francis of Assisi this October. Bothar use livestock in development aid projects throughout the developing world. For further details contact Bothar on 071-20100 or by e-mail at events@bothar.ie

'FIBS FOR PHONES': Sincere thanks to all who have left in old and used Mobile Phones over the past number of weeks. However the number of phones handed in was in no way near the target. Those that have been collected will be passed on to another community that is collecting and able to reach the target.

BROADBAND is now available by contacting Westnet on 1850 930 305 This could be of great benefit to everyone who uses the internet on a regular basis. It can certainly speed up the process.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE GRAND PRIZE: Every week for a year they are giving away one week's free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word pilgrim followed by your full name and county to 53030 in Ireland and 60777 in Northern Ireland and Britain or phone and you can be entered into the draw for free. Texts cost 25 p or 30 c plus the standard rate. New apartments to rent from as little as €20 per person. Website: www.med-irishcentre.com Northern Ireland and Britain - 028-82241888 / Ireland: 048-82241888

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A SPANISH STUDENT? Host families required for Spanish Students during the month of July. A Student will come as a companions to a child within your own family and would range in age from 11 - 16 years. Generous terms and a rewarding experience. Teacher will travel with the students and is a great support throughout the student's stay. For further information contact Geraldine on 094-8105964.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL: Any local contractors interested in tendering for this work which will be carried out during the School Summer Holidays are asked to contact the engineer on 086-3995733 not later than Tuesday next 26th May.

A MEETING OF KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT will be held in Killasser School on Monday evening next at 8.00 p.m.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN: Accord Charlestown Centre is experiencing its most difficult year delivering Marriage Preparation Courses. With the unexpected non-availability of Facilitators the workload has increased for the remaining three facilitators. Due to this and a slow down in bookings we have had to cancel our Marriage Preparation Course on the 5th / 6th June. There are 10 Couple places on the 22nd / 23rd May course still available. It is advisable to participate in a pre-marriage course at least nine months before your Wedding Day. For information contact Accord, Charlestown on 094-92

KNOCK SUMMER YOUTH FESTIVAL - 'YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD': This event takes place from 23rd - 26th July at Knock. It is strictly for 18 - 25 year olds and it costs €70. There are free buses. Places are limited so it is advisable to book early - now. Youth Ministry Office 094-9375035.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY GAMES ATHLETICS FINALS will take place in the Football Field beside Killasser Community Centre on this Sunday 24th May, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

A MEETING OF THE ACHONRY REGIONAL P.T.A.A. - PIONEER ASSOCIATION will take place in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday evening next at 8.30 p.m.

CHILDRENS' DISCO: A Childrens' Disco will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Friday evening next from 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. It will cater for children up to 11 years old. Admission is €3.

A NEIGHBOURHOOD MASS will be celebrated in Callow Church on Friday 5th June at 8.00 p.m. All those living in the following townlands/villages - Carn, Cortoonduff, Derreen, Carrick, Knockaganny, Lismorane, Callow and Ballinaleck are invited to attend. The suggestion to have Neighbourhood Masses/Services came from the parish survey carried out by the Parish Pastoral Council.

AGE ACTION IRELAND FOR ALL OLDER PEOPLE - FREE COMPUTER COURSE FOR OVER 55'S: Age Action Ireland organises free basic computer classes for over 55's in Mayo. The aim of the 'Getting Started' programme is to make older people comfortable using computers. Class sizes are small with one volunteer trainer for every couple of students. Both the volunteers and the older people find the classes rewarding and fun! If you would like to find out more information about this programme contact James on 087-2073262. The Course starts on 15th September in Foxford Leisure Centre and runs until 2nd November.

PRAY FOR Kitty Hanley, Clooncleveragh, Michael and Elizabeth Hanley and Daughter Kathleen Hanley, Saturday 8.00 p.m.
 Matthew and Ellie O'Grady, Carrowleambeg, Son James, Daughter Lily and Deceased Members of O'Grady and Cunney Families, Saturday 8.00 p.m.
 John and Eileen Armstrong, Daughter Helena and Baby Helena, Carramore and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8.00 p.m.
 Mary Sheridan (Nee McManus), formerly of Corlee, Attymachugh and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8.00 p.m.
 Francis Haran, Knocks, Months Mind requested by his brother Michael, Saturday 8.00 p.m.
 Mary and Michael Convey, Darnagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John Sheerin, Bokeen, his Parents John and Moira Sheerin and Sister Brigid, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Patrick and Nora Culkin, Corlee, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Eddie Hughes, Coolegrane and Deceased Members of Hughes and Dunleavy Families, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Vincent and Lucy Freyne, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Nora and Thomas McNulty, Lahardane, Son Michael, Daughter Mary, Grandson Michael, Michael Melvin, Cornageltia, his Parents Ellie Kate and Michael and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 30th May 8 p.m.
 Henry Groarke, Manchester and Carroweena, Months Mind, and his wife Linda, Sunday 31st May 11.30 a.m.
 Frank Reape, Swinford, Brother of Chris Durkin, Rubble who died on Friday 15th May.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
