

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

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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'*

FOR COURAGE.

When the light around you lessens
And your thoughts darken until
Your body feels fear turn
Cold as a stone inside.

When you find yourself bereft
Of any belief in yourself
And all you unknowingly
Leaned on has fallen

When one voice commands
Your whole heart,
And it is raven dark.

Steady yourself and see
That it is your own thinking
That darkens your world.

Search and you will find
A diamond-thought of light.

Know that you are not alone
And that this darkness has purpose;
Gradually it will school your eyes
To find the one gift your life requires
Hidden within this night-corner.

Invoke the learning
Of every suffering
You have suffered.

Close your eyes
Gather all the kindling
About your heart
To create one spark
That is all you need
To nourish the flame
That will cleanse the dark
Of its weight of festering fear.

A new confidence will come alive
To urge you towards higher ground
Where your imagination
Will learn to engage difficulty
As its most rewarding threshold!

(Benedictus - A Book of Blessings - John O'Donoghue)

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

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Stenson Family (Knocks)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Conlon Family (Cullen)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

17th / 18th January amounted to €1,140

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE FURNITURE BORROWED? A number of chairs, table tops and frames and some other items are missing from the community centre. If you have borrowed any of the above, you might be good enough to return them. There is no problem borrowing as long as we remember to return. Please check to see if you have any of the above items to return

KILLASSER COMMUNITY GYM re-opens this week after the Christmas break. It will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. and also by appointment. Further information from 087-9377644.

FOXORD 25 CARD GAME continues on Tuesday night next 27th January at 8.30 p.m. and continues each Tuesday.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME continues each Monday night at 9.00 p.m. It is always a most enjoyable game and your support will 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 CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night 15th January. Some of the items discussed were: **Ecumenical Service to mark Church Unity Octave / Cluster Newsletter / Fr. Peyton Centenary Celebrations including the Mass on R.T.E. on 4th January / Celebration of Baptism and preparation for the Sacrament.** The Parish representatives on this committee are Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty.

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER will be published again this year before Easter. If you have any article, photograph or topic you think should be included, you are asked to contact Maureen Murphy who is a member of the Editorial Committee. The Newsletter is always a nice record of the significant events within the cluster over the previous year.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING took place in Callow Church on Wednesday Night last 21st January. Some of the items discussed were: **Neighbourhood Services/Masses to be held this Spring / Selecting New Members for the Council in accordance with constitution of the Pastoral Council / Further Training for Altar Servers / Mass from Attymass on Television / Ecumenical Service in Foxford Church of Ireland / Service for World Day of Sick / Scripture sharing for Lent etc.**

THE ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE for our Cluster was held in the Church of Ireland, Foxford on Thursday last 22nd January. The Church was filled to capacity for what was a very beautiful ceremony conducted by Andrea Wills. The special speaker was Fr. Brendan Hoban who gave a very thought-provoking talk on ecumenism. The Service was recorded by Mid-West Radiio and will be transmitted on Faith Alive this Sunday morning 25th January, commencing at 9.00 a.m. Complements and congratulations to Andrea Wills and the Members of the Church of Ireland Community in Foxford for organising such a beautiful ceremony.

ANGER ISSUES? The Irish Association for Anger Management is running a residential training programme, 'Temper Your Anger' on Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March at Knock House Hotel, Knock, Co. Mayo. Places are limited, therefore booking is essential. For further information, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant on 094-9037677 or on 087-7989253 or log onto www.difficultemotions.com

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Tuesday week 3rd February at 9.00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

AN ACHONRY REGIONAL P.T.A.A. MEETING will take place in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday next 27th January at 8.30 p.m.

COSGALLEN NEWS - RECRUITMENT OF NEW VOLUNTARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Cosgallen is recruiting for new voluntary Management Committee Members. If you are interested please contact the Cosgallen Office on 094-9255070 and an open information night will be arranged.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES: Cosgallen Adult Education Spring Classes will start shortly. If you are interested in taking part in a Computer Course or if there is any other course you would like to attend, please contact the Office on 094-9255070. The Adult Education Classes run for sixteen hours, two hours per night, one night a week for eight weeks. The Course fee is €70. The Course is part funded by the VEC.

HOMEWORK CLUB FOR PARENTS: Cosgallen in association with the VEC are organising a Homework Club for parents. The Homework Club will look at ways of addressing issues that parents may have in relation to their childrens' study. The course will also help parents with any concerns they have in relation to certain subjects such as maths. Ideally the participants should be parents of students who are in third to sixth class. If you are interested in attending, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE: Are you currently unemployed? If so, the Local Employment Service will hold an Outreach in Cosgallen Office, Charlestown on Wednesday 4th February from 10.00 a.m. - 12Noon.

TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS: Volunteer literacy tutors are needed to provide one-to-one tuition. An adult literacy awareness event for volunteers and learners will be held on 3rd February from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. at the Further Education Centre (Friary), Ballyhaunis. For those wishing to avail of Adult Literacy Initial Tutor Training, courses will commence in February. If you are interested in becoming a tutor, contact Noelle Staunton, ALO on 094-9251928 or 0879102374. An Adult Learners Fair will be held in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris on 6th February from 3.30 - 5.00 p.m. This is an opportunity for prospective learners to become aware of the education services being provided by Mayo VEC and how it may benefit them. Anyone requiring further information please contact Noelle Staunton.

CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE: Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on Wednesday 28th January at the Cosgallen Office, Charlestown from 9.45 - 11.30 a.m.

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS HEATS FOR ALL-IRELAND SINGLES 25 CARD CHAMPIONSHIP will be held in the following venues:

McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris on Sunday 1st February at 6.30 p.m.

Broadhaven Bay Hotel, Belmullet on Sunday 1st February at 6.30 p.m.

Diamond Coast Hotel, Enniscrone on Sunday 8th February at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door in each venue.

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

KILLASSER BOXING CLUB is hosting a Boxing Tournament in Killasser Community Centre on Saturday night 31st January, commencing at 8.00 p.m. Your support for this event will be very much appreciated. Sincere Killasser Boxing Club recommenced its activities it has attracted a large number of young boxers. Well done to everyone involved with the club for providing such good training for so many young people.

ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE DEVELOPING PARISH 2009 will take place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Monday, Tuesday 16th / 17th February. The Title of the two day Seminar this year is 'Skills for the Contemporary Parish'. It is always a very interesting meeting and I hope to attend. If there is anybody who would like to attend, you can contact Fr. O'Mahony for further details.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND will be visited on Monday next 26th January beginning about 2.00 p.m. If there is anyone not on the list who wishes to be visited, please contact Fr. O'Mahony.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK is on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wednesday 11th February. On that evening Mass will be celebrated in Callow Church at 7.00 p.m. during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated and administered. If you are sick at any age or if you are elderly you are very welcome to receive the Sacrament. Of course everybody is invited to attend. After Mass there will be a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit and maybe a buneeen! If somebody needs transport, you might be good enough to give someone a lift.

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.

PRAY FOR

Beatrice Lynch, Rubble, Saturday 8 p.m.
Owen Rowley, Aylesbury, England and Dromada-Gore, Saturday 8 p.m.
Mary Sheerin, Bokeen, Sunday 25th January 10 a.m.
Jack Hennigan, Cloonainra, Sunday 25th January 11.30 a.m.
John and Martha Stenson, Knock, Saturday 8 p.m.
Tom Conlon, Cullen, Sunday 1st February 10 a.m.
Paddy Ruane, Doontas who died on Sunday last 18th January.
Brid (Bea) McNulty, Callow who died in St. Attracta's Nursing Home, Charlestown on Friday 16th January.
Frannie Durkan, Forest Hill, London and formerly Rubble, Brother of Paraic Durkan, Rubble, who Died suddenly on Tuesday last 20th January. Funeral Arrangements later.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.