

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CORPUS CHRIST - THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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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'*

EUCCHARIST IS LIFE-GIVING.

A woman tells this story about the birth of her first child. Her prevailing thought waiting in the hospital was, 'I don't mind what happens to me, as long as the baby is alright.' And indeed, everything went fine. It was near the weekend when the baby was born and on Sunday she felt well enough to go to Mass in the hospital chapel.

As she describes it, she felt herself filling up with a blaze of light when she heard the words of consecration, as if for the first time. 'This is my body given up for you This is my blood shed for you.' She exclaimed to herself, 'Jesus, I know what you mean!' Mass was never the same again.

Countless mothers have heard the words of consecration in the same way. In this they have glimpsed the profound connection between God's self-giving and ours. We are not meant to look on at the consecration like spectators at a show. We are meant to bring to it our own story of self-giving - the pain of letting go and giving ourselves to another; the joy of knowing that we have given new life to another person.

There is so much giving of self going on in our lives. It may not be as dramatic as a mother giving birth but it is no less amazing for that. Think of how children give so much life to others. Think of how generous friends can be in times of need. Think of how people who are suffering grace the lives of those around them.

If we bring to the Eucharist this awareness of our own self-giving, it helps us get in touch with what the consecration means. If we tune in to our own striving to live for others, we are able to appreciate more of the incredible self-giving of God. This moment of adoration becomes more precious when we bring to it a sense of wonder at who we are ourselves. Then we can pray to God; 'May Christ make us an everlasting gift to you.'

For Reflection: *'Think of Jesus as life-giving for you,
And of yourself as life-giving for others.'*

(Exploring Eucharist - Thoughts / Meditations / Ideas - Donal Harrington)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.
Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr. Michael Maloney - Charlestown 085-1510383.
Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday 10 a.m. / Saturday 1.00 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday 10 a.m. / Friday 7.00 p.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Fionnuala Nealon
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Sr. Margaret.
Sunday 10.00 a.m.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m Ray Chuck

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m Anne Deacy.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 31st May 8.00 p.m. Kevin Rowley Shane Cunney Chloe Meehan Melissa Cronnolly
Sunday 1st June 11.30 a.m. Ciara Hussey Jonathan Burke Brid Rogers Hayden Harrold.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:**Saturday 8. p.m. The Convey Family (Darnagh)****Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Conroy Family (Lismorane)****Sunday 11.30 a.m The Judge Family (Magheraboy)****EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

will be in Killasser Church on Monday from 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR17th / 18th May amounted to €1,505**PENTECOST COLLECTION:**

Sincere thanks for your contributions towards the Pentecost Collection taken up at all Masses over the last two weekends. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

SWINFORD SHOW SAYS THANKS:The amount raised at the recent Church-Gate Collection in aid of Swinford Agricultural Show amounted to €186. All monies will be used to develop the show grounds and to add to the attractions on the day. **This year's show will be held on Saturday 16th August.****ALTAR SOCIETY FOR KILLASSER CHURCH:****There is now a rota of two people per month for the full twelve months. As well as filling the twelve months it would be good to have some substitutes in case somebody cannot be there on occasion If you would like to be involved, you can give your name to Maureen Murphy 094-9251525 or Fr. O'Mahony.****ACCORD CHARLESTOWN**All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at www.accord.ie or by telephoning 094-9254944. Accord Counselling service for people experiencing difficulties within their marriage or relationship. Safe, professional and confidential. To make an appointment telephone 094-9254944.**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**will be held in Callow Church on Wednesday Night next 28th May at 8.30 p.m. There will be a very full agenda for the meeting as usual and hopefully all members will be able to attend.**A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on next Thursday evening at 8.30 p.m. Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty are the Killasser/Callow representatives.

BAPTISM MEETING:A meeting for all those in the cluster of Parishes involved in Baptism Preparation and Celebration Ministry will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Monday evening 9th June at 8.30 p.m.**OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER:**Patient, Understanding and Considerate individual with mature attitude **WANTED** in small town in East Mayo to assist young children with basic reading, writing and arithmetic. If you feel that you could commit to one or two hours each week to this worthwhile project then contact Teresa or Breda at 094-9381494 or call in person to Volunteer point at INFO WEB Aiden Street, Kiltimagh for more information.**'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL'**

11-day Pilgrimage & Cruise to Greece, Rhodes, Patmos, Ephessos. Sun. 29 June to Wed. 9 July. Celebration Travel with Aer Lingus ex Dublin costing €1,625 p.p.s, including. half-board & all taxes. Contact Marian Maloney 087-2112555 for brochure.

REMAINDER OF PERIMETER WALL AT KILLASSER CHURCH DEMOLISHED

The remainder of the perimeter wall at Killasser Church grounds at the corner on the Community Centre side of the Church was demolished on Monday last. It will be rebuilt and faced with stone - a continuation of the wall that is being newly built at present. Further grant aid has become available from Leader through Kiltimagh IRD. It will be built by the workers on the Rural Social Scheme and will look very well when finished.

NEWS - HOME CARERS:

Cosgallen CDP are interested in hearing from people who live in the Swinford or Charlestown area who are providing care on a voluntary basis to a person who is in need of care (of any age) due to illness or disability. Cosgallen CDP are at present investigating the necessity of providing supports to assist home carers under the Dormant Accounts Fund 2007/2008 in the area of training programme.

NEWS - ACCESS COURSE FOR MATURE STUDENTS:This Course is preparation for Mature Students who wish to study for an undergraduate degree but may be uncertain about their ability to cope in higher education. It is particularly suitable for individuals who have not been in formal education for some time or those who left school with little or no qualifications and would like to pursue a third level qualification. It is a part-time course over twenty eight weeks starting in September 2008. Closing date for application is Friday 13th June 2008. For more information or for an application form contact St. Angela's College, Sligo on 071-9143580 or Cosgallen, Charlestown on 094-9255070.**COSGALLEN NEWS - WALK:**The next Walk arranged by the Barnacouige/Killaturley Walking Group will be held in Kilmovee on Sunday 25th May at 7.30 p.m. The meeting place is Kilmovee Church and all are welcome.**COSGALLEN NEWS - WALKING MEETING:**A meeting of the walking group will be held in the Cosgallen Office on Monday next 26th May at 9.00 p.m. If you are interested in setting up a walking route in your area please attend this meeting.

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COSGALLEN NEWS - RESPITE CARE GRANT SCHEME AND NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT SCHEME: The Health Service Executive has been allocated National Lottery funding for distribution to community based groups and voluntary organisations under the following terms: Respite Grant Scheme and National Lottery Grant Scheme. Applications are invited from groups and organisations involved in the provision of health and personal social services for once off funding for viable projects which can be completed within a reasonable period of time. Application forms are available from Primary Community and Continuing Care, HSE West, Castlebar by phoning 094-9042233 or from Cosgallen, on 094-9255070.

THE CLUSTER CHOIR - KILLASSER/ATTYMASS/BONNICOLON/FOXFORD/STRAIDE PARISHES were in great voice on Sunday as the support act for the Dana Concert. They were superb and could have entertained the capacity crowd for the night on their own. It didn't happen as you can well imagine without a tremendous amount of practice which means commitment and sacrifices to be made. They will be singing again in Attymass on Sunday 1st June and in Knock Basilica on Saturday 7th June. Compliments, congratulations and thanks to the Choir, their director Mary Gilroy, Bonnicolon and musical accompanist Teresa Costelloe/Brennan. Of course Lasair, as part of the choir and as a group were brilliant, as were musicians Michael Cronnelly, Helen Clarke, Claire Stenson and Peter Neary, Michael Fox and Marie and Shauna Fallon. Check out the photographs on this webpage. You'll find it in Calendaer- Events, Killassers Public Gallery.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT: Enrolments will be taken from after Easter in Killasser National School for September 2008. You are asked to phone the School on 094-9251489. An Open Day for all new Junior Infants will take place on Thursday 29th May.

APPEAL FROM SWINFORD NATIONAL SCHOOL: The Autism Class in Swinford National School (Scoil Muire agus Treasa) has been shortlisted as one of three deserving groups for a €10,000 award through the AIB Better Ireland Programme. To get the award the school has to top the poll in a public text vote between Tuesday 6th May and Friday 6th June. You can help by texting **SWINFORDA** to 50399. The more texts sent the better chance the school has. Votes cost 60cent and proceeds of the voting will be donated to the Autism Classroom. So from 6th May on, please, please, please - vote and get everyone you know voting.

THE ARAS ATTRACTA ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE will take place this year on Saturday next 31st May. This year the organisers have very generously offered to run it for the Killasser/Callow Church Renovation Fund. What is especially needed is the support of Killasser to provide Marshals and Bucket Collectors. All people involved in the organisation will appreciate all the help and support that can be given from Killasser. Sponsorship Cards are available at present. **The 100 K. Cycle will begin and finish at Killasser Community Centre.** For those unable to cycle the full distance, it is possible to cycle part of the route. Later that night there will be a Dance/Function in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. Tickets for this function will be €10 each. **Sponsorship Cards are now available from Bridie Sheerin 094-9251062 / Pat Thompson / Fr. O'Mahony.** The next meeting to make final arrangements for this event will be held on Monday 26th May at 8.30. The more people who are willing to help the more successful the event will be.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT FOR MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST will take place during the 10 a.m. Mass and 11.30 a.m. Mass on this Sunday 24th May which is the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. For those whom the vigil Mass is more suitable it will happen on Saturday 31st May at 8.00 p.m. This is on account of the Special Mass for Youth on next Saturday 24th May.

THE FINAL CEREMONY/CELEBRATION OF 'DO THIS IN MEMORY' for the First Communicants of 2008, their Parents and Families and the Community of the Parish will be during the 10 a.m. Mass in Callow on this Sunday 24th May. Hopefully, this arrangement is suitable for everybody.

ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ST. PIO PIETRELCINA: It is a 7 Night Pilgrimage beginning on 23rd May. Special Group Price is €29 PP. Group Leader is Michael Garret. For itinerary contact Michael Garret on 071-9162714 or Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410816.

FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE will take place from 7th October, leaving from Knock. It will be 7 Nights in Hotel Avenida. The cost is €35 plus €25 Insurance. Spiritual Director is Fr. John Maloney. For details contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640 or 086-8185153.

WEST OF IRELAND 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND DIRECT FROM KNOCK from 22nd September - 1st October. Spiritual Director is Fr. Tomas Surlis. The cost is €1,190 fully inclusive of taxes and half board. For further information contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640.

ENROLMENT NIGHT for Children in Magic Moments Pre-School, Aclare for September 2008 on Wednesday June 6th from 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. All are welcome.

SPANISH STUDENT PLACEMENT: Interested in having a Spanish Student come to your home for the month of July? You must have a child/children between 12 - 17 years of age and be a friendly family. The child will take part in all your family activities for that month. An allowance is given to participating families. For more information, contact Marie on 087-6563527.

A BIRTHDAY MASS for Delia McManus, Carramore will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Friday evening next at 7.00. All neighbours and friends are more than welcome to attend and the McManus Family would be very pleased to see you there. We wish Delia many more years of good health and happiness.

A KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING will be held in the school on Monday 26th May at 8.00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL PIONEER MASS AND PRIZEGIVING: On Wednesday 4th June Mass will be celebrated in Killasser Church at 8 p.m. for all living and deceased Pioneers in our Parish. New members will receive their pins and prizes will be presented to the winners of the essay competition at local and diocesan level. Anybody who wishes to receive a Gold or Silver Pioneer Pin should give their name to Thomas Marren as soon as possible so that the pins can be ordered. Contact him on 094-9251327

SISTERS OF MERCY - SWINFORD: At the end of this week, most of the Sisters of Mercy who have worked in Swinford for many years will leave to take up residence in their new home in Castlebar. To mark the occasion and to thank them for their commitment and service to the community, Mass will be celebrated in Swinford Parish Church on Tuesday next 28th May at 5.00 p.m. Afterwards there will be a small reception in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford where everyone will have an opportunity to give their good wishes to the Sisters. We hope that all who knew them will make a special effort to attend.

A SPONSORED CYCLE FUNCTION will take place in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Saturday Night next. Tickets for the Function are €10 each and Music is by Jivin Ivan. Refreshments will be served, compliments of the Gateway Hotel for which we are most appreciative. Your presence at and support of this function will be very much appreciated. It can be another very enjoyable parish occasion.

PRAY FOR Nora McNulty, Lahardane, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John Kerrane, Boleboy and Lismorane, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Johnny Dunleavy, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Eddie Hughes, Coolegrane and Deceased Members of the Hughes Family, Sunday 25th 10 a.m.
 Tom and Kathleen Durkin, Cloonygowan,, Sunday 25th May 10 a.m.
 Thomas and Ellen Keane, Culduff, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Michael and Mary Convey, Darnagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Pat Joe Tansey, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Rita Brogan, Upper Main St. Foxford and formerly Cloontubrid who died on this Saturday 24th May.
 Removal from her home on this Sunday evening at 7.30 p.m. to St. Michael's Church to arrive at 8.00 p.m. Funeral Mass on Monday at 12 Noon.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**KILLASSER SPONSORED 100K. CYCLE
 ON SATURDAY 31 MAY 2008
 COMMENCING AT KILLASSER
 COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 9.00 A.M.
 EVERYONE WHO CAN IS ENCOURAGED
 TO TAKE PART IN THIS VERY SPECIAL
 EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE**

PARISH AND TO ENJOY A WONDERFUL SOCIAL AND SPORTING OCCASION

A MEETING TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS for the Sponsored Cycle on Saturday next will be held in the Office at the Parish House on Monday night next 26th May at 9.00 p.m. All members of the organising committee are encouraged to be there.

THE CONQUER CANCER CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION taken up recently at Callow Church amounted to €154. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and collected.