

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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'*

### THE FAST LINE.

'If my doctor told me I had only six minutes to live, I wouldn't brood. I'd type a little faster.' So said science fiction writer Isaac Asimov. Today's Gospel reading put me in mind of that because it touches on an important point; the need to live authentically.

Each of the two sons in today's reading says one thing and does another. The first son, the rebellious one, who says no, represents those despised in Jewish society; tax collectors because they take money from Jews for Roman authorities; and prostitutes because they sell their services, often to Roman soldiers. The second son, the yes-man, represents the religious leaders who publicly appear faithful to the Father but aren't.

Yet, when compared to the chief priests and elders - also, in fact, collaborators with the Romans to maintain the status quo - the despised ones fare better before God. You can't say, 'read my lips' to God. Action is what counts, action according to one's principles.

Nobody gets that action right from the word go. You have to work at it. Two steps forward, one step back is the shuffle for most of us. It's better than two steps forward in the wrong direction.

Mark Twain once wrote: 'Let us so live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.' If my doctor ever tells I've only six minutes to live I won't brood either. I'll chuckle at that advice, hope for the best - and write a little faster. How about you?

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - September 2008)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday, Sunday 10 a.m.

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

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Marguerite Marren.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Pat Gallagher.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Anne Holleran.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mary Mulligan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Marguerite Marren.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Helen Timlin

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

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 8.00 p.m. Kevin Rowley Pierce Rowlen Cormac Warde Conor Stephens.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers Niall Armstrong Lorraine Kavanagh Ciara Hussey.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10.00 a.m. Saoirse O'Grady Shauna Burke John McNulty Aine Timlin.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8 p.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Mooney Family (Graffy)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will take place in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7.00 p.m.

#### THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> September amounted to €1,465.

**HARVEST COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks for your contributions towards the Harvest Collection taken up over the past couple of weekends. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

**WEDDINGS:** Congratulations to Denis O'Connor and Aoife Jordan, both from Dublin who were married in Callow Church on Friday last 26<sup>th</sup> September and to Tommy Burke, Carrownedan and Eilish McMahon, Milltown Malbay, Co. Clare who were married in Milltown Malbay Parish Church on this Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. We wish both couple every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

**BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Saturday next 4<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** will be visited on Thursday next 2<sup>nd</sup> October at the usual time. If there is anyone not on the list who would like to have a visit, you should contact Fr. O'Mahony.

**A CAKE SALE IN AID OF BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA FUND** will be held after the 11.30 a.m Mass in Killasser on Sunday next 5<sup>th</sup> October. Noreen Shovlin is doing a fund-raising walk again this year for this cause and your support of this event will be very much appreciated. The Walk takes place in Vietnam in October. We wish Noreen every success and a safe trip.

**FR. JOHN PEYTON - DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** who was ordained in July this year in Birmingham will celebrated the 8.00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Killasser Church last Saturday evening 20<sup>th</sup> September. Fr. John in a first cousin of Noreen Shovlin, Dromada-Duke and his father was a native of Dromada-Gore, Killasser and his mother was a native of Ballyhaunis. It was very nice to have him back to the parish of his roots and we thank him for taking the time to visit. We congratulate him on his ordination and wish him every blessing and happiness in his ministry. He gave his first blessing to all who were present at Mass. There was a cup of tea a bunnen in the Community Centre afterward for everyone. An ordination cake was cut to mark the occasion and a small presentation was also made to Fr. John. Fr. John's father, Patrick Peyton used to be the driver for Canon Henry, a former Parish Priest in Killasser. Those were the days!!!!

**ACCORD CHARLESTOWN** All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at [www.accord.ie](http://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.

**NATIONAL GRANT SCHEME FOR SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR OLDER PEOPLE 2008:** The National Grant Scheme aims to assist in the implementation of locally-developed, well planned initiatives designed to increase participation in recreational sport and physical activity by older people. Grants are available to all local clubs, groups and organisations that promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people as a main element of their activities. The closing date for completed application is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008. Application forms are available from Cosgallen in Charlestown. Phone 094-9255070.

**COMPUTER NEEDED:** A second-hand computer is required for a needy family in the Swinford/Charlestown area. If you have a computer that you do not need you might consider contacting contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

**NATIONAL FUEL SCHEME:** The National Fuel Scheme is intended to help households that depend on long-term social welfare or Health Service Executive payments and are unable to pay for their own heating needs. The scheme operates for 29 weeks from the end of September to mid-April. For more information contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

**LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH:** Are you currently unemployed? If so, The Local Employment Service will hold an outreach in Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 10.00 a.m. - 12 Noon.** This is a free and confidential information and support service to unemployed people seeking training and employment. For more information contact 094-9255070.

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS:** It is planned to run a Computer Course for beginners in the new Computer Room at Killasser Community Centre. If you are interested in this course you should contact the following number 086-0564096 between 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. any evening during the week. This new room is state of the art so why not avail of the opportunity?

**FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE** will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> October, leaving from Knock. It will be for seven 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.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM STUDIES COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS:** If you are interested in returning to Education, improving your employment prospects, why not enrol on the Information Technology and Tourism Study Course at the Further Education Centre, Swinford which is due to commence in September 2008. The Course is free. Eligible participants are paid an allowance equivalent to a full Social Welfare payment plus meal and travel allowances. Childcare support is also available. For further information contact Emer at Swinford on 094-9251928.

**GRANTS** of up to €2,000 per household are now available for groups of houses looking to improve their energy efficiency. Five houses or more are encouraged to come together as a cluster, with energy assessments of each home available for €100. Further information is available through SEI's website [www.sei.ie/hes](http://www.sei.ie/hes) or by calling 1850 927 000

**ACHONRY AND ITS CHURCHES:** This is a beautiful book containing photographs of every Church in our Diocese as well as other places of worship and pilgrimage. There is also a list of all the bishops of the Diocese and other useful information. These books are available after each Mass in Killasser and Callow and they cost just €20. The text is by Fr. Liam Swords. It is very readable and the photographs are very nice.

**A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG** took place on Monday last 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Twenty two people travelled. It was a most enjoyable day both spiritually and socially. We had people from Killasser/Callow/Foxford/Straide and Swinford. There were three men in the group which was a 200% increase from other years. Well done and maybe we might encourage a few more next year.

**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 water pipeline will be scoured/ flushed through in the near future. This could mean that some users of the water will have dirty water for a few days. The Committee apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE KILTIMAGH:** Finished School early? Are you interested in learning new skills or gaining a qualification? Are you aged 16 - 20? If so, why not join Youthreach, we provide skills in Woodwork, Hotel and Catering, Metal Work, Welding, Car Mechanics, English, Computers, Literacy/Numeracy, Maths, Art, Childcare, Hair and Beauty and Work Experience. All students receive a training allowance for attending the course and if required a childcare allowance may be provided. For more information contact Tracey or Conor on 094-9381338 or e-mail [youthkilty@eircom.net](mailto:youthkilty@eircom.net)

**ANGER ISSUES:** Everyone knows what Anger is, but how do you express it without hurting others or hurting yourself? Uncontrolled anger can cost you your marriage, your job, relationships, health and the respect of your loved ones. The **Irish Association for Anger Management** is running a residential training programme on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Knock House Hotel**. Places are limited, so booking is essential. For more information, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant at the Irish Association of Anger Management on 094-9037677 / 087-7989253 / [www.difficulthemotions.com](http://www.difficulthemotions.com)

**FOXFORD CHURCH OF IRELAND HARVEST FESTIVAL:** The Church of Ireland in Foxford are holding their Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday next 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Jim Carroll, Rector of Raheny and Coolock, Dublin. A Harvest Tea will be held in the Admiral Browne Memorial Hall following the service. A warm welcome is extended to all.

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND 'THE POWER OF ONE':** This Presentation will be given by Dr. Larry Edwards, Ph.D. Chemical Physics, Harvard in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Tuesday next 30<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 p.m. The Cost is a voluntary contribution. Dr. Edwards who has worked with American Government Agencies and who currently teaches at Genesis Farm, N.J. and at other ecological centres in California, will show how each of us as individuals and as communities can actually make a difference. *'I am only one. I can only do what one can do, but what one can do, I will do.'* John Seymour. A talk and discussion well worth attending so do consider it.

**A MEETING OF THE CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE** was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night last. There was a very full agenda including the following: Plans for the celebration of the Centenary of the birth of Fr. Peyton during 2009; Course for Ministers of the Eucharist - new and those who have been for many years; Cluster Newsletter to be published at Easter 2009; New Marriage Book published which will be available to all couples preparing for Marriage; Cluster Mass Card etc etc. More detail on some of those items at a later time.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in Killasser Church on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. New members are needed to replace four of the existing members in keeping with our constitution.

**SILVER JUBILEE OF ORDINATION:** Congratulations to Fr. Tommy Mulligan, Attymass who celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood this year. The occasion was marked by a Special Mass and Function in Attymass Parish Church and the Fr. Peyton Centre on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We congratulate him on reaching this milestone and wish him every blessing, happiness and good health for the future. See photograph in this week's Irish Catholic.

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**A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL** will be held in the School on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

**A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Centre on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 8.30 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

**A FUNDRAISING TABLE QUIZ** was held in Frank's Place on Friday night last in aid of Margaret Hardesty (Howley), Carrowleambeg and Castlebar who travels to Tanzania in October to work with the poor of that country.

**TWO NEW ROADSIGNS FOR KILLASSER:** Two very good roadsigns have been erected at Browne's corner which not only look very well but also are very informative. As well as the sign for Killasser there is also sign for the Church and School on the same signpost. This should eliminate the need to put up temporary signs for Weddings etc. Sincere thanks to Mayo County Council for providing these.

**LADIES' AND MEN' KEEP-FIT:** Keep-Fit Classes for men and women resume in Killasser Community Centre on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The Ladies' session will be from 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. and Mens' from 8.30 - 10.00 p.m. Further information from Martin Peyton on 087-9377644.

**FITNESS FOR YOU;** Fitness Classes based on circuit training will be conducted in the Community Centre in Killasser on Mondays at 8.30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m. starting on Monday next 29<sup>th</sup> September. The fee is €8 per class or 12 Classes for €80. Classes are available to men and women. Further details from Tommy on 087-2235337.

**FOXFORD SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE - PILATES CLASSES:** Foxford Sport and Leisure Centre are now running Pilates Classes between 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. and Spin Cycle Classes from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Cost is €60. Come along or phone 094-9257684 for more information. **Anyone interested in setting up a Volley Ball Team in Foxford should ring the above number.**

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY' - PARISH PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** A meeting of Parents of Children for these Sacraments during this school year took place on Wednesday evening last. The decision was taken to participate in the Programme again this year. The first celebration will take place during the Vigil Mass on Saturday next 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD/TOWNLAND/VILLAGE MASSES/PRAAYER SERVICES** have been suggested in the response to the Parish Questionnaire that was distributed and collected during 2007. This idea probably comes from a time when Station Masses were the norm, a practice that has faded out in recent years for a variety of reasons. It is hoped to have two of these Masses/Services on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October, both Friday evenings at 8.00 p.m. each evening. One will be held in Callow Church and the other in Killasser Church. People of a particular townland(s) will be invited and following the Mass/Service there will be some light refreshments and a chance to meet socially as well as spiritually. As we continue to say, these two aspects of our lives are intertwined. Our lives are lived at such a fast pace nowadays that we need to slow down now and again. This is one opportunity to do so.

**THE FIRST PRAYER SERVICE FOR CULLENAUGHTON AND OULOGUE** will be celebrated in Callow Church on Friday evening next 3<sup>rd</sup> October, commencing at 8.00 p.m. Following the Service of Prayer there will be a cup of tea/coffee and light refreshments which will be supplied. No need to bring anything except yourself and we encourage all family members to attend to enjoy the spiritual and the social which are two sides of the one coin.

**COURSE FOR EXISTING MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST AND PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BECOME MINISTERS** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on the 3 Tuesdays of October, beginning on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. A number of people have already indicated their willingness to become Ministers of Eucharist and others may be asked. Do not be surprised if you are and you can also volunteer. You can contact Fr. O'Mahony or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Some of the existing members are anxious to step down after many years of service which they should be able to do with dignity. Ministries always need to be renewed by new Members. **Note the change from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October for the beginning.**

**NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** are also required at the present time for the year ahead. Each year four members have to step down and be replaced by four new members according to our constitution and the guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils. This means that the Pastoral Council will continue to be renewed and, hopefully, as representative as possible. Each year ten meetings are held with a break for July and August. Do think about it.

**THE EXTERIOR DOORS IN KILLASSER CHURCH** will be painted in the very near future to protect them for the winter. They were sanded and undercoated back in May.

**A NEW INTERIOR SIDE DOOR FOR CALLOW CHURCH:** A new Interior Side Door will be installed in the near future. It is being made at the moment. This will enable the outside doors to be open and still keep the inside of the Church warm. The new door will be divided in two like the outside ones.

**SWINFORD AGRICULTURAL SHOW DINNER DANCE:** The Swinford Agricultural Show will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Year with a Dinner Dance in Julian's of Midfield on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30 p.m.. Proceeds from the dance will go towards the future development of the show. Anyone who has ever enjoyed a day at the show whether as an exhibitor, a spectator, a steward or an organiser is asked to support the event. Music will be provided by Kelly's Heroes. Tickets are €30 and are available from Maureen Murphy - 094-9251525 - or any member of the show society. The draw for the Donkey Foal will take place at the dance.

**PRAY FOR** Mark Hanley, Dunmaynor, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Teresa and Jim Howley, Dunmaynor, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Willie Gildea, Knocks, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Joe and Kevin Barry and Mary and John Kerrane and Deceased Members of Barry and Kerrane Families, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Jack and Sarah Hennigan, Milltown, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Nora Timlin, Cullen, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10 a.m.  
 Michael and Julia Fox, Killasser and Swinford, at the request of Callow Choir, Sunday 10 a.m.  
 Mary Rowley, Drumagh, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Jim Mooney Graffy, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10 a.m.  
 Willie and Eithne Thompson, Cullen, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10 a.m.  
 Lizzie Fox (Nee Ginty), formerly of Carroweena who died in England during the week. Her remains will be brought to Loughrea Cathedral on Tuesday next 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 p.m. Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 12 Noon.  
 Jim Hall, Galway, Husband of Concepta Holleran, Dromada-Duke, who died on this Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. His remains will repose at his home on Sunday from 4.00 - 7.30 p.m. and arriving at St. John the Apostle, Knocknacarra at 8.00 p.m. Funeral Mass on Monday will be at 1.00 p.m.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

**COMMISERATIONS  
 BUT  
 SINCERE  
 CONGRATULATIONS  
 TO MAYO MINOR  
 FOOTBALLERS ON A  
 WONDERFUL YEAR**