

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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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 CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH WISDOM; AND THE FAVOUR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.

For much of the world, Christmas is over. One of the complaints we often hear the day or two after Christmas is, 'It sure was an awful lot of trouble for just a few minutes of tearing packages open.' Some people feel a great letdown the day after Christmas. For us as Catholics, the Christmas season has just begun and doesn't end until we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord.

The readings for this season call our attention to truths that extend well beyond singular events. We hear that Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple, but the end of today's passage draws us into what will be in the life of the Holy Family. Within the love of his family, the Christ child grows and becomes strong and wise. He is favoured by God.

If we are tempted to be a little down following the singular event of Christmas morning, perhaps we can enter more into the 'what will be'. Within the love of our families and friends, we too are called to grow and become wise and to seek, favour with God.

'What can I do grow in strength and wisdom'

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflection - 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 - Tuesday 11 a.m. / Thursday 12 Noon / Saturday 1.00 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Monday, Thursday 11 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / **Sunday 6.00 p.m.**

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

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

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

Sunday 6.00 p.m. Community Care Members.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will resume on Monday 12th January.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 20th / 21st December amounted to €1, 230.

ANNUAL ST. STEPHEN'S DAY WALK took place in beautiful weather on Friday afternoon. Up to 160 people took part in what was a most enjoyable occasion. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves on the walk and with the refreshments which were served in the Community Centre afterwards and even beforehand. Sincere thanks to everyone who participated and to all those who organised everything. A special word of thanks to all who contributed to the collection on the day. The proceeds of the walk, which amounted to €1, 259.56c, will be donated to the parish restoration fund. Check out the photographs of this event on the home page page.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MASS AND PARTY for all in the active retirement age-group, like myself, are more than welcome to attend - that is anyone 55 years of age or older will take place on Sunday 4th January. It will commence with Mass at 6.00 p.m. in Killasser Church, followed by a Meal afterwards in Frank's Place. Music will follow the meal. **There will NOT be Mass at 11.30 a.m. in Killasser Church on that morning due to the Television Mass from Attymass at 11.15 a.m.**

SPONSOR A LIGHT FOR CHRISTMAS: A Christmas Tree has been erected again this year outside both Churches in the Parish. You are invited to sponsor a light for €10 per light to remember a loved one who has died or someone away from home at Christmastime. Envelopes for this purpose are still available at the church doors very soon. Mass will be celebrated for the living and the dead at a later stage.

COSGALLEN NEWS: **Cosgallen Office Christmas Holidays** The Cosgallen Office will close on Friday 19th December until Monday 5th January. The Management and Staff would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

BAPTISM: We welcome Daithi Joseph Keeshan, Cullenaughton into the Christian Community of Callow/Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated in Callow Church on Saturday 27th December. We pray that Daithi will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the influence of his Parents, Godparents, Family, Neighbours and friends.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Monday 29th December at 3.00 p.m.

WEDDING: We congratulate Alan Heaney, Derreen, Killasser and Carmel Conlon, Loughtadurkan, Meelick, Swinford who were married in Swinford Parish Church on Sunday last 21st December. We wish them both every blessing and happiness in their married life together.

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 anything to return

TABLE QUIZ: Swinford Show will hold its annual Christmas Table Quiz in the Gateway Hotel on Friday 2nd January at 9.30 p.m.. Tables of 4. Lots of Spot Prizes.

FEAST DAYS: Sunday - Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
Thursday - New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

MASS ON SUNDAY NEXT 4th JANUARY will be offered in Callow Church for all those remembered, living and dead, by sponsoring a light on the tree outside Callow Church. A Mass will be offered in Killasser a little later. If you still wish to sponsor a light, you can do so by enclosing €10 in a special envelope that is available at each church door.

PRAY FOR Thomas and Brigid Cooke and Deceased Family, Knocks, Saturday 8 p.m.
Sr. Agnes Warde, Doontas and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
Mary and Patrick Rochford, Cartron and Deceased Members of Rochford and Beirne Families, Saturday 8 p.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Pat and Anne Carr, Clooncleeveragh, Daughter Anne, Sons Henry, Patrick and Hugh, Saturday 8 p.m.
Frank Thompson, Carn, Callow who died early this Saturday morning 27th December. His remains will repose at Campbell's Funeral Home, Swinford from 6.00 - 8.00 p.m. on Monday to arrive in Callow Church at 8.30 p.m. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. Burial will take place afterwards in Craggagh Cemetery, Foxford.
Una Burns, The Square, Ballaghaderreen, who died on Monday last 22nd December, Mother of Fr. Dermot Burns, P. P., Straide.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

I WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, HOLY, PEACEFUL AND SAFE NEW YEAR 2009

MASS ON R.T.E. ON SUNDAY NEXT 4 JANUARY AT 11.15 A.M. TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF A YEAR OF CELEBRATION TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF FR. PATRICK PEYTON