

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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'*

AS YOU LIKE IT.

Usually I pick the bits of scripture that I like. But not now. Verse 8 in today's Second Reading (Hebrews 5:7-9) grabs my attention and won't let go. The reason? It makes no sense: Jesus learning obedience through suffering! Does that mean that had he not suffered he would have been disobedient? If so, to whom? His Father? Unthinkable!

So, what is the author saying? Thank God for academics! Even though Richard Rohr in *Things Hidden* writes, 'In fact none of the bible appears to be written out of or for academic settings' nevertheless thanks to someone's academic study of scripture a person like me can discover that in Greek there's a play on words here. The Greek for 'learned' is *emathen*, while the Greek for 'suffered' is *epathen*. The purpose of this wordplay may be to convey the close relationship between faithfulness to God and ability to face the suffering that results from such faithfulness in a sinful world.

So instead of verse 8 being a conundrum, pessimistic and negative in tone, it's now a positive and upbeat statement. It tells us that obedience (better still 'faithfulness') to God's will and suffering go hand-in-hand to some degree. But most important of all: the suffering doesn't harm the faithfulness. It can even perfect it. Furthermore, it tells us that faithfulness to God permeates all of life. Faith does not dwell in compartments, but apartments. There are no God-free zones. Facing God means facing life with all its joys and sorrows.

Perhaps I should pay more attention to the bits I don't like.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - March 2009))

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Friday, Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. / Saturday 1.00 p.m., 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Barry Family (Carramore)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. 'Do This In Memory'

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 21st / 22nd March amounted to €1,201.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated this year at during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Sunday 10th May.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' the programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Holy Communion will have its next ceremony/celebration during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Sunday 5th April - Palm (Passion) Sunday.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN KILLASSER CHURCH: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held in Killasser Church on Monday evenings between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m. More people are needed to spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. If you can make a commitment for Half an Hour or an Hour, please sign your name in the folder placed at the church door opposite the time most suitable to you.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER will be celebrated in Killasser parish on Monday 30th March at 9.00 p.m. Dates and times for all Parishes in the Cluster are as follows:

CALLOW CHURCH	MONDAY	30	MARCH	9.00 P.M.
FOXFORD CHURCH	MONDAY	30	MARCH	7.30 P.M.
STRAIDE CHURCH	TUESDAY	31	MARCH	7.30 P.M.
ATTYMASS CHURCH	TUESDAY	31	MARCH	9.00 P.M.
BONNICONLON CHURCH	WEDNESDAY	1	APRIL	8.30 P.M.

Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place this time in Callow Church on Monday Night and not in Killasser Church as has been the practice up to now. This was decided at last Wednesday night's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. Do feel free to attend any of the Reconciliation Services. You will be very welcome at whichever one suits you. The principal thing is that we all avail of the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament and receive God's forgiveness.

FEET WASHING SERVICE ON HOLY THURSDAY: It is hoped to celebrate this very symbolic service at both Masses on Holy Thursday evening. It can take the form of feet washing or some other form. In either case 12 Volunteer are needed in both churches. You can give your name in at the sacristy and don't be surprised if you are invited to volunteer. Masses on Holy Thursday will be at 7.00 p.m. in Callow and 9.00 in Killasser.

ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING Mass in Callow Church will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m. The reason for this is to allow some extra time between the two Sunday morning Masses as was done on Christmas Day.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES were discussed at last Wednesday night's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. The possibility of celebrating just one Holy Thursday Mass was discussed, not just to have a Mass less but to make it more of a gathering and use our resources better. This will not happen this year but possibly next year. The possible timetable for next year might be as follows: Holy Thursday Mass in Killasser Church 9.00 p.m. / Good Friday Service in Callow Church at 3.00 p.m. / Prayer around the Cross in Killasser Church at 8.00 p.m. on Good Friday / Easter Vigil Mass in Killasser Church 9.00 or 10.00 p.m.

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 last 25th. Some of the topics discussed were Holy Week and Easter, Evaluations of Scripture Course in Attymass, Neighbourhood Masses/Services, Cluster Newsletter, Council Membership etc etc. We now have four new members to replace people who are stepping aside. Sincere thanks to those who are willing to serve.

COSGALLEN NEWS - DRAMA CLASSES: A week long session of Drama Classes will be held as part of the Soogroo Childrens' Arts Festival during the Easter Holidays in the Arts Centre, Charlestown. There will be two classes each morning, one for children aged 6 - 9 years and one for children aged 9 - 12 years and they will be held Monday - Friday mornings starting on Monday 6th April. The cost per day is €3. The children will perform what they have learned at the launch of the Soogroo Festival on Sunday 19th April in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. To book, contact Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown on 094-9255070 /

BODHRAN CLASSES: A week long session of Bodhran Classes will be held as part of the Soogroo Childrens' Arts Festival during Easter holidays in the Arts Centre, Charlestown. Two Classes each morning, one for children under 8 years and one for children over 8 years and they will be held Monday - Friday mornings starting on Bank Holiday Monday 13th April. Cost €3 per day. The children will perform what they have learned at the launch of the Soogroo Festival on Sunday 19th April, in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. / **JOBS CLUB:** Cosgallen in conjunction with Meitheal Mhaigheo will hold a Jobs Club in May. The course will be held from Tuesday 5th May until Friday 22nd May. The course will be held every morning from 10 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown. A small out of pocket expenses will be paid. If you are currently out of work and interested in taking part in the course contact the Office at 094-9255070.

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.

FOXORD 25 CARD GAME continues on Tuesday night next 31st March at 8.30 p.m. and continues each Tuesday. **This is the final Card Game for the present season.**

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.

'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.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTORS: The number of people who take up the Offertory Collection has decreased over time. Because of this more people are needed so that a rota might be drawn up. If you are willing to become involved, you might hand your name in at the Sacristy. Of course this ministry is open to men and women. It is important to mention this, because we might get the idea that it is only something that men do. So far one extra person has volunteered to be involved in this ministry in Killasser Church.

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.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: To book Killasser Community Centre for any activities, meetings, functions or events, please telephone the following number 087-6913271 to avoid disappointment or over-lapping.

ENROLMENTS are now being taken for Carramore and Killasser National Schools. You are asked to contact either School. Carramore School 071-9181435 and Killasser 094-925189.

A KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING will be held in the school on Thursday night next, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Centre on Wednesday Night next, commencing at 8.30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS OF KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME: Consumers of Killasser Group Water Scheme are advised that following a number of meetings discussing water quality issues and the introduction of new regulations governing the quality of water supplied by all water suppliers to do domestic consumers, the group has decided to commence chlorine treatment of all water supplied by Killasser Group Water Scheme in the immediate future. This treatment is necessary in order to comply with drinking water quality regulations and to eliminate the problem of intermittent coliform contamination of supply which the group has experienced for many years now. The group scheme has purchased the equipment necessary to treat the water and will begin commissioning it on a phased basis over the coming weeks. Consumers are advised that this work will be carried out by a specialist water treatment company which will provide the training necessary to operate the system safely as well as devising a quality control and testing system to ensure safe operation of the system, consumer safety and compliance with drinking water safety standards. This work may take a number of weeks to complete and consumers are advised to **continue boiling all water for human consumption until further notice.** Should any consumer have concerns or queries over this issue they are invited to contact Martin Noone (Chairperson) of the scheme at 087-2233225 to discuss them. The group wishes to thank consumers for their support over many years. **Issued on behalf of Killasser Group Water Scheme by Martin Noone (Chairperson), Gabriel Howley (Secretary) and Gerry Cronnelly (Treasurer)**

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.

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 prepared and installed over the next couple of months. It is planned to have this work complete by the end of May. 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.

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

ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY: Friday next 3rd April is Western Alzheimers Tea Day and they ask you once again to support them by holding a Tea Day in your home, place of work or community. Western Alzheimers is asking people to support their local Alzheimer charity by either hosting or attending a Tea Day. Donations towards the Tea Day will also be gratefully accepted. Maybe we could organise a Tea Day in the Parish. Any ideas, let us know. To register for the Tea Day or for more information contact the Head Office in Ballindine on 094-9364900 or e-mail info@westernalzheimers.ie

'FIBS FOR PHONES': Defibrillators, which can be used to help a patient who suffers a heart attack, are now available in many parishes. Each defibrillator costs €2,000. C and C Cellular have offered to supply a defibrillator free to any community that collects 500 used, unused or damaged mobile phones. It is felt that if everybody in the parish collects old phones from friends and family members, this community should reach that target. Boxes will be available for depositing the phones at each church over the next few weeks. Please make an effort ... it may save a life.

ALL-IRELAND FINAL DEFEAT FOR SCOIL MUIRE AGUS PADRAIG in the Girls Senior Football Final which was played in Bannagher on Friday last 27th March. Complements to the players and management for reaching the final and doing so well in the competition without being outright winners. They were beaten in a game they could and maybe should have won by a goal in extra time.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION was celebrated in Bonniconlon on this Saturday 28th March.

THE TROCAIRE BOXES FOR THE ANNUAL LENTEN COLLECTION have been delivered and are available at the church doors this weekend. **They are definitely have arrived for this weekend.** Every family is encouraged to take one home and to return it on Holy Thursday 9th April..

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night last 26th March. The Killasser/Callow representatives are Maureen Murphy, Carramore-Moy and Joe McNulty, Cullenaughton.

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER is due to be produced in time for Easter. It is currently at the printers. There will be a copy for every house/home in the Parish and for anybody who wishes to send one to relatives away from home.

MAYO U-21 FOOTBALL TEAM QUALIFY FOR CONNACHT FINAL: Congratulations to Mayo U-21's who beat Roscommon in Charlestown on Saturday 21st March to qualify for the Connacht Final. The final is scheduled for Sunday 5th April in Sligo when they will play Sligo.

FAS EVENING COURSES RE-COMMENCING on Thursday next 2nd. April. Courses include: **Introduction to Computers, Computerised Accounts (Level 2), Safety Health and Welfare at Work, Occupational First Aid and Craft Electrical up-skilling.** Enrolment evening is on Tuesday next 31st March at 7.00 p.m. in Ballina. For more information contact FAS on 096-24017.

INFORMATION EVENING ON ALZHEIMERS open to Carers and anyone with an interest in and/or concern about any aspect of Alzheimers in Hiney's, Crossmolina on Monday 6th April at 8.00 p.m. The main speaker is John Grant CEO Western Alzheimers. All are welcome. Western Alzheimers - Sharing the Care with the carers.

FUNDRAISER FOR WESTERN ALZHEIMERS in Digger Jays, Westport on Monday night next 30th March commencing at 9.00 p.m. Main Band is Michael and Breege Kelly. Special Guest is Sean Loughrey. M.C. is Michael McGlade. Spot Prizes galore. Ceol, Rince agus Craic. Tickets 10.

SUMMER-TIME BEGINS THIS WEEKEND: You are reminded to put your clocks forward one hour tonight.

USED CLOTHING COLLECTION DRIVE FOR HOMELESS AIDS ORPHANS IN KEYNA: Clothing will be collected at Car Park opposite Parish Church in Swinford on Thursday next before 12 Mid-Day.

PRAY FOR Dan Conlon, Boleboy and his wife Mary Kate Conlon, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Michael and Delia Kielty, Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Maureen Barry, Carramore, 1st Anniversary, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Michael and Brigid Barry, Dromada-Gore, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Anne and Tom Brennan, Drumada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Harry McNicholas, Callow, Months Mind, Sunday 5th April 10 a.m.
 Mary Sheridan (Nee McManus), formerly of Corley, Sister of Annie McNulty, Tierenanny and Aunt of Maureen Armstrong, Carramore who died in Blackpool, England on Friday 20th March. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday 28th March.
 Della Follman (Nee Flanagan), Cullenaughton who died in Chicago on Wednesday last 25th March., Uncle of Ita and Phillip Flanagan.
 Paddy McGurk, who lived with his family in Carroweena for some years, who died in Manchester During the week.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
