

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

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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'*

THOSE PRECEEDING HIM AS WELL AS THOSE FOLLOWING KEPT CRYING OUT: 'HOSANNA.'

As I envisioned the original Palm Sunday procession, Jesus on a donkey seems strange. Had I been directing this liturgical procession I would have chosen a white stallion. Yet the donkey fits the humble stance of this Servant Leader, so different from the great ones of this earth.

We broke off branches from the palm trees, waving them with loving excitement proclaiming him our King. A spirit of praise pervaded the atmosphere. Love ran wild. Well! We thought it was love!

Looking back on all of this now that the mood had changed for the Good Friday procession I wonder, what happened? How could those who were waving palm branches with such devotion slink into the crowd as silent spectators on Good Friday? How could their joy become indifference, fear, betrayal and even hate?

As a twenty-first century person reflecting on this I, too, find myself wondering about the processions in my life that begin with joyful presence, yet end with unconscious living. In my daily communion procession to receive the Bread of Life I often experience a contemplative stirring. Yet as my procession through the day begins my fervour falls away.

'Has something happened to that first movement of the Spirit in my life? What happened between Palm Sunday and Good Friday?'

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB))

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

HOLY WEEK CALLOW:
Wednesday Mass 10 a.m.
Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper **7 p.m.**
Procession to the Altar of Repose after Mass and Adoration until **10 p.m.**
Good Friday Meditation around the Cross **8 p.m.**

HOLY WEEK KILLASSER:
Tuesday Mass 10 a.m.
Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper **9 p.m.**
Procession to the Altar of Repose after Mass and Adoration until Midnight.
Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion **3 p.m.**
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil begins at **9 p.m.** followed by the first Mass of Easter.
No 8 p.m. Mass.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD CALLOW:
Holy Thursday 7 p.m. Fionnuala Nealon.
Easter Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone / Claire Conroy

MINISTERS OF THE WORD KILLASSER:
Holy Thursday 9 p.m. Claire Stenson.
Holy Saturday 9 p.m. Mary Stenson / Marguerite Marren
Patrick McNulty.
Easter Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck / Francis Brennan

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 9 p.m. The McNulty Family (Carrownedan)

Easter Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Hurst Family (Carramore-Moy)

Easter Sunday 10 a.m. The Deacy Family (Callow)

ALTAR SERVERS are asked to arrive at the Church a little earlier than usual to become more familiar with the ceremonies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. If you are unable to attend the ceremony you are named for, you are asked to get another Server to replace you.

PALM SUNDAY is this Sunday 5th April. If the weather is suitable we are assembling at Killasser Community Centre before the Vigil Mass this Saturday evening at 7.45 p.m. approx to bless the Palm Branches and then move in procession to the Church for Mass. At Callow Church on Sunday morning you are invited to assemble at 9.45 a.m. at the entrance on the Swinford side of the Church for the blessing of Palm and then process into the Church. This is a more meaningful way of celebrating this special occasion and more in keeping with what happened on the first Palm Sunday. For those unable to walk this distance, Palm Branches will be available inside both churches.

HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER IN KILLASSER CHURCH: Hopefully, like other years, we can have a meaningful Offertory Procession which will involve a number of people. At Mass on Holy Thursday everybody will have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion under both species

HOLY THURSDAY IN CALLOW CHURCH: Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7 p.m. An Offertory Procession will be part of the Liturgy. **At least six people are needed to bring up gifts, so we are asking for volunteers.**

GOOD FRIDAY - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION IN KILLASSER CHURCH will be celebrated in the traditional way at 3.00 p.m. People from all areas of the Parish and beyond are more than welcome to attend.

GOOD FRIDAY - A MEDITATION AROUND THE CROSS IN CALLOW CHURCH will be celebrated in Callow Church on Good Friday Evening, commencing at 8.00 p.m. We are confident that you will find this ceremony meaningful as it has been over the past few years. **Many people will be needed to participate in the ceremony, so hopefully, anybody willing to be involved will be able to come along to a practice on Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m.** People from all over the Parish and beyond are most welcome to attend on Friday Evening.

EASTER VIGIL - HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT: Before the Ceremonies begin a Candle and holder will be available for each person. They are lit at the beginning from the Pascal Candle and during the renewal of Baptismal Promises. **You are welcome to bring them home with you afterwards**

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION; It is hoped that at least some Trocaire Boxes could be returned on Holy Thursday so that they can be brought to the Altar in the Offertory Procession. **I do realise that we were late receiving the Boxes, so you are being given extra time to return them if you need it.**

PRACTICE AND PLANNING MEETING FOR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES will take place in Callow Church on this Tuesday Evening next at 7.30 p.m. and in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. All those who are involved in any way in the Ceremonies as Ministers of the Word, Readers of the Prayer of the Faithful, Participants in the Offertory Procession in Killasser and Callow on Holy Thursday, those involved in presenting the Meditation around the Cross on Good Friday in Callow and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Killasser on Good Friday as well as Ministers of the Word for Holy Saturday, are asked to attend whichever meeting is relevant for you. For the Meditation around the Cross in Callow, people from both sides of the Parish are welcome to participate. It is very important to attend on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, whichever is applicable to you, if we are to celebrate the Ceremonies well.

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.

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 27th / 28th March amounted to €1,007

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 this Sunday 5th April - Palm (Passion) Sunday.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER was celebrated in Callow Church on Monday night last in a lovely atmosphere of appropriate music and song, candlelight, listening to the Word of God and reflecting on our lives in the light of the Scripture Readings. Sincere thanks to everyone who prepared for and participated in the ceremony. A similar ceremony was celebrated in each of the parishes of our cluster on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last. This ceremony was also celebrated in each of our national schools.

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 the last 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 25th March. 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.

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 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.

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 two extra person has volunteered to be involved in this ministry in Killasser Church.

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 COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Centre on Wednesday Night next, commencing at 9.00 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

'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.

THE TROCAIRE BOXES FOR THE ANNUAL LENTEN COLLECTION have been delivered and are available at the church doors 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 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

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.

THE PRIESTS CONCERT IN THE TF THEATRE: Choir Members from Killasser and Callow attended this Concert in Castlebar on Sunday night last. It was a most enjoyable evenings entertainment.

A CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION IN AID OF BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA took place in Killasser and Callow at all Masses on 21st / 22nd March. The Bone Marrow For Leukaemia Organisation wishes to thank all those who contributed so generously and all who helped with the Collection. **A total of €231.20 was raised in Killasser and €175.93 in Callow.**

THE SOUTH SLIGO WALKING FESTIVAL will be held on 18th / 19th April 2009. Further information from: Breege Mullarkey on 087-1381770, Michael Rochford on 087-2246416 and Therese Sheerin e-mail tshe@hotmail.com

ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Accord, Charlestown is recruiting Marriage Care Facilitators for Pre-Marriage Courses. They are looking for people who have been married for at least five years, are warm and caring and can relate well to others. They invite you to join them for an information evening regarding training and working as a facilitator at the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday 21st April at 8 p.m. Successful applicants will be fully trained and will work as part of a team. Further information can be got by phoning 094-9254944.

MONSTER 25 CARD DRIVE will be held in Scoil Muire agus Pdraig School Hall, Swinford on Good Friday Night 10th April at 9.15 p.m. There will be a €1,000 in Prizemoney. Proceeds are in aid of Meelick Community Centre. Your support will be very much appreciated.

THE ANNUAL ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place on Sunday 17th May.

A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING in honour of Servant of God, Fr. Patrick Peyton, marking the centenary year of his birth will take place on Sunday 26th April. Mass will be celebrated in Attymass Parish Church on that day at 3.00 p.m. The Principal Celebrant will be Cardinal Sean Brady, followed by the unveiling of a Statue of Fr. Peyton in the grounds of the centre. There will be refreshments and entertainment afterwards.

MAYNOOTH SEMINARY - OPEN DAY INVITATION: All those discerning a vocation to the Catholic Priesthood are welcome. No booking is necessary. This will take place on Vocation Sunday 3rd May 2009. It commences on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. and concludes with Mass at 5.00 p.m. More information available from: www.maynoothcollege.ie / seminary seminary.openday@may.ie

WEDDING: Congratulations to Yvonne Judge, Magheraboy, Killasser and John Molloy, Glencolumcille, Co. Donegal who were married in Killasser Church on this Saturday afternoon 4th April. We wish Yvonne and John every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND will be visited on Tuesday next 7th April at the usual time. If there is anybody not on the list that would like a visit, please contact Fr. O'Mahony.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH are asked to come to the church on Wednesday next at 12 Noon for more training.

PASSION PLAYERS is the title of a series of discussions/reflections which will be broadcast on RTE Radio 1, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Holy Week at 9.00 p.m. each evening. The presenter of the programmes is Gay Byrne. He will be joined each evening by Sean Freyne and Margaret Daly-Denton, both Scripture Scholars, as well as other guests. **The following will be under discussion on the following nights - Tuesday - Judas / Wednesday - Pontius Pilate / Holy Thursday - Mary / Good Friday - Jesus.**

MAYO ARE CONNACHT U-21 CHAMPIONS FOR 2009: Congratulations to Mayo who won the Connacht U-21 Title on this Saturday 4th April for the fourth successive year. They defeated Sligo in the Final which was played in Sligo.

PRAY FOR 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.
 Kieran Murphy, Ballinrobe, Brother of Mairin Ni Murchu, Rubble, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Harry McNicholas, Callow, Months Mind, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Michael and Anne Dunleavy, Monday 13th April, 11 a.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.