

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

PARISH WEBSITE - www.killasser.com

FR. DAN O'MAHONY (094) 9251431. e-mail djomachonry@eircom.net

THE MOST HOLY FAMILY

31 DECEMBER 2006.

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'*

FINDING OURSELVES.

The last day of the year and if the reviews of the year that clog up our papers today are to be believed we're lucky to be here. But what should we remember of 2006 and carry into the New Year of 2007? Is it like being back at school; where we can now draw a neat line under the year, turn over to a new page, put in a fresh margin and begin again?

People will mark the moment differently. Some will head for the public squares and the prominent clocks, cheering away the seconds and welcoming in the new year with hugs, hooters and good cheer. Others will do so quietly, but however we mark it, be it an early night in bed or the early hours of the morning elsewhere, some part of us will reach back over the closing year. Almost unconsciously we will draw up a balance sheet. But what is our measure? Personal happiness and satisfaction will be high on our list. But so too will family well-being.

Jesus was busy about his 'Father's affairs' in the Gospel scene today we quaintly call 'the Finding in the Temple.' May 2007 be a time when we truly set about the Father's work and light the candles of care so that the New Year might be a little brighter.

Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - December 2006)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

KILLASSER - Wednesday 10 a.m. / Friday 7 p.m. / Saturday 8 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Friday 7 p.m. Francis Brennan
Saturday 10 a.m. Claire Conroy.
Saturday 8 p.m. Mary Stenson.
Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Friday 7 p.m. B. Sheerin and Eileen O'Neill
Saturday 10 a.m. Angela Conlon.
Saturday 8 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Anne Hollera.
Sunday 10 a.m. Mary McNulty.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Friday 7 p.m. Aileen Gallagher
Saturday 8 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Sunday 11.30 a.m. Eimear Burke.

CALLOW

Saturday 10 a.m. Niamh O'Grady.
Sunday 10 a.m. Helen Timlin.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Friday 7 p.m. Ronan Carr Niall Armstrong Conor Stephens Shane Cunney.
Saturday 8 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Keith Kavanagh Lorraine Kavanagh Cormac Warde.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Colin Hughes Erin Rochford Eimear Burke Eoin Gallagher.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Friday 7 p.m. Community Care.
Saturday 8 p.m. The Howley Family (Carramore)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Convey Family (Darnagh)

Saturday 10 a.m. The Hughes Family (Coolegrane)
Sunday 10 a.m. The McNulty Family (Cullenaughton)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church is cancelled until Monday 8th January 2007.

BAPTISM: We welcome Kate Therese Dunleavy, Rathunas, Swinford and Chicago and John Paul Dunleavy, Carrowleambeg into the Christian Community of Killasser, through the Sacrament of Baptism which was celebrated in Killasser Church on Friday last 29th December. We pray that they will grow up to be committed followers of Christ through the example of their Parents, Godparents, Family Members, Neighbours and Friends.

DONATIONS TOWARDS RENOVATION AT CALLOW CHURCH: Sincere thanks for the following donations towards the renovation at Callow Church and Killasser Parochial House - €5,000 / €1,000 / €1,000 / €250 / €100 / €50 / €100 / €100 / €50 / €50 / €50 / €200 / €1,400 / €150 / €400 / €1,000 / €250 / €100 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200 / €100. These donations were received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

SPONSOR A LIGHT ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE OUTSIDE CALLOW AND KILLASSER CHURCHES for a Family Member, Relative or Neighbour who is living away from home - in other parts of Ireland, England, U.S.A., Australia or anywhere in the world - who will be unable to return this Christmas. It could be an ideal present to inform them that a light is being lit for them at home this Christmas. **You could also sponsor a Light for somebody who has died More envelopes are available this weekend in both Churches and the suggested donation is €10. A special Mass will be offered for all those people, living and dead, for whom a light has been sponsored, early in the New Year. You can still sponsor a Light. Envelopes are still available at the Church Doors.** All proceeds will go towards Callow Church and Parochial House renovations. Your support and generosity will be very much appreciated.

SINCERE THANKS TO A SPONSOR who has donated €500 towards Christmas Lights on one of the outdoor Christmas Trees. A most generous contribution which is very much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AT THE HUGHES HOME IN COOLEGRANE IS NOW SWITCHED ON: Each year the Hughes Family erect very decorative Christmas lighting outside their home which attracts many people. At the gate there is always a donation box and the money is given to different charities and for different causes each year. At the meeting on 13th November, the Hughes family offered to give this year's proceeds to the Callow Church Renovation Fund. We thank them sincerely for this most generous gesture and we encourage as many as possible to go along to see the lighting /decoration **which is now switched on. It is well worth seeing and you are encouraged to go along and see it for yourselves.**

A SPONSORED WALK FOR CALLOW CHURCH took place on St. Stephen's Day. It was a tremendous success with over 200 people taking part. Weather conditions were ideal and it was a great social occasion. A plentiful supply of refreshments were served afterwards in the Church. Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the walk, those locally and all who travelled from many other areas and for your contributions to the Church Renovation Fund. Total Amount will be given next week. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to organise the event and to all who provided and served refreshments. Sincere thanks to David Heaney and John O'Mahony who also participated in the walk as guests.

A CONCERT OF SPIRITUAL MUSIC AND SONG will take place in Callow Church on Sunday 15th April - the Sunday after Easter Sunday. James Kilbane and his musicians will be performing on the night. More information later.

ANOTHER REMINDER TO PAYE WORKERS TO RETURN YOUR REVENUE FORMS: Sincere thanks to everyone who has returned a tax form. If you have overlooked it, you are encouraged to return it at your convenience. It is important to remember that this does not affect your tax in any way. It does not cost you as a taxpayer but it can greatly assist the Church renovation fund. **Take Note: You do not have to put in any money with the Tax Form - you just write down how much you contributed to the Church in 2005.** If you still need a form or if you have any query you can contact 087-6305936 or Fr. O'Mahony.

THE NEW SEATING FOR CALLOW CHURCH was ordered last Monday and should be available for early March.

NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME MEMBERS: Members are advised that the annual water rate is now due and will be collected in the coming weeks. Rate for domestic use - €70 Rate for domestic and agricultural use €120.

KNOCK MARRIAGE BUREAU: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 Marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying? For further information contact the Bureau at Knock. Phone 094-9375960 or visit their website at www.knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the bureau.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE: Five women from Achonry Diocese have recently completed two years training in Spiritual Direction with the Jesuit Centre for Spirituality, Manresa. They are now available to meet with individuals. Spiritual Direction/Guidance offers a reflective look at life and working of the Holy Spirit in it. For more information, Phone Patricia McCarthy on 086-1021532 or Frances Mellett on 087-7813926. You can get a brochure in the Sacristy.

THE ANNUAL KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MASS will be held on Friday 5th January 2007. Mass will be celebrated in Killasser Church at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a party in Frank's Place after Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

THE ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR CHURCH UNITY WEEK is being hosted this year by Killasser Parish. Church Unity week is from 18th - 25th January. At the Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th December, it was

decided to have it on Wednesday 24th January. The Service will commence at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Church and it will be followed by refreshments in Killasser Community Centre afterwards. People of all faiths and none are invited and welcome to attend. This will be the first time for Killasser to host this event which was always held in Foxford until the formation of our cluster.

TROCAIRE - THANKS FOR GLOBAL GIFT SUPPORT: Congregations all over the country have been tremendously supportive of Global Gift this year as in previous years and there is still some time to purchase gifts on behalf of family and friends. These gifts make a life-changing difference to their recipients in developing countries. For example in 2004 the public bought over 30,000 clutches of chicks for families in Central America. In the village of San Juan Pueblo, a close-knit community in northern Honduras, 47 families received chicks. When they received news of their gift the community worked together to build hutches from wood and corrugated metal with individual pens of sticks and mud. The chicks have provided an extra source of food and income for the whole community and this has made life easier for all 200 people who live in the village. There are four easy ways to purchase your gifts: **By Post:** Post completed order form with payment to Trocaire, FREEPOST, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (or fax it to +353-1-505 3295) or Trocaire, FREEPOST, BEL 1230, Belfast, BT1 6BR. **By Phone:** CALLSAVE, Trocaire at 1850 408 408 (ROI) or FREEPHONE 0800 912 1200 (NI) with details of your order, your address and your credit/debit card details. **On-Line:** Order your gift on-line at www.trocaire.org/globalgift or through 02 I-mode on enabled mobile phones. **In Person:** At Trocaire Offices in Maynooth; 12 Cathedral Street, Dublin; 9 Cook Street, Cork and 50 King Street, Belfast or at your nearest Veritas store in Dublin, Cork, Ennis, Sligo, Letterkenny, Derry or Monaghan.

THE MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL 2007 CALENDAR contains photographs of Stained Glass Windows from Churches in Mayo that came from the Harry Clarke Studios. We are very interested because the window over the Gallery in Callow Church, of St. Patrick, is one of those windows. It is included in this 2007 Calendar which is a beautiful production.

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTMAS 2006 has been published again this year and is a bumper edition of sixteen pages. It contains news, articles and photographs from all five parishes in the cluster. There is a copy for every family in the Parish and for visitors who are here for Christmas. You may also wish to send a copy to your relatives in other parts of the country or world. **Please take one.**

SINCERE THANKS to everyone who has prepared both Churches for Christmas so beautifully, to all our organists, musicians and choir members of both churches who prepared so diligently for the Christmas Masses and who added so much to our celebration of this great Feast. It is all so much appreciated and never taken for granted, I hope. It added so much to our enjoyment of the church celebrations. I say thanks for Christmas and indeed for all occasions during the past year. Complements, congratulations and sincere thanks to all who decorated the churches for Christmas and who do so throughout the year. Sincere thanks to everyone involved in ministry in the parish for your willingness to give of your talent and time during the past year. I feel it all helps us to get closer to being a ministering parish which is the goal of our faith journey together.

LARGE CROWDS AT CHRISTMAS MASSES: It was wonderful to have such large congregations for each of the Christmas Masses which included so many visitors. Hopefully, the spiritual side of worshipping together was meaningful for all of us. We thank God for his goodness to us over the past year and we ask for his help and guidance for the year ahead.

PARISH FUNCTION: Killasser Community Care Group will hold its Annual Parish Function on Friday next 5th January. The event will commence with Mass at 7.00 p.m. This Mass will also be the Parish Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany. Just note the earlier time than the usual evening Mass time. The Party will be held afterwards in Frank's Place.

PARISH FUNCTION: Killasser Community Care Group will hold its Annual Parish Function on Friday next 6th January. The event will commence with Mass at 7.00 p.m. This Mass will also be the Parish Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany. Just note the earlier time than the usual evening Mass time. The Party will be held afterwards in Frank's Place.

WEDDING: Ms. Ena Kilcoyne, former Teacher/Principal of Carramore National School will be married to Oliver Corr, in Curry Church on this Sunday 31st December. We wish them both every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

PRAY FOR Willie and Vera Peyton, Dromada-Gore, and deceased Family, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Deceased Members of the Walsh Family, Tiernanny, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Noel Crowley, Toorard, Saturday 8 p.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Patrick and Annie O'Hara, Dromagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tom and Nora Howley, Carramore, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Jimmy Durkin, Cullenaughton, at request of Tommy Hughes, Askilaune, Sunday 4th February 10 a.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**I WISH YOU ALL A VERY HOLY, HAPPY,
HOLY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.**
