

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'*

THE DEEP END - A DELUSION BY ANY OTHER NAME.

In the God Delusion Richard Dawkins states, '... one of the truly bad effects of religion is that it teaches us that it is a virtue to be satisfied with not understanding'. Seems there is more than one 'delusion' doing the rounds! Religion acknowledges mystery. Unlike a puzzle that can be solved, mystery is not for solving but exploring. And by definition, it can't be sucked dry by human intelligence. It's greater than anything the human mind could ever comprehend. Otherwise it's not mystery. Any religion worth its incense delves into mystery, but with humility in the face of unknowing. It's the humility bit that's the virtue not some spurious satisfaction with ignorance.

Take today's First Reading for example (Deut: 11 : 18, 26 – 28). 'Today I set before you a blessing and a curse.' (verse 26) That's not the mystery, however. The mystery is that some people choose the curse. Now why would they do that? Don't they know the stakes? Don't they believe in curses? Don't they care one way or the other? Seems not.

Shakespeare wrote in Hamlet that there is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so. If they were writing today he might upgrade that to: 'There is nothing good or bad but DNA makes it so@. Wouldn't it be great if that were true? Just a tweak of the old DNA spiral here and a zap of the old laser beam there and hey presto a new creation!

And if that is not a delusion, I don't know what is.

(Intercom June 2008 - Fr. Tom Cahill)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

Fr. Michael Maloney - Charlestown 085-1510383.

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 - Wednesday 8.00 p.m. / Friday 10.00 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. Aine Ni Ciaran.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Mary Stenson.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Anne Holleran and Mary Marren.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mary Mulligan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Marguerite Marren

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Mary Stenson

CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Aine Ni Ciaran.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 7th June 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Niall Armstrong Liam Moran Lorraine Kavanagh.

Sunday 8th June 11.30 a.m. Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde Kevin Rowley Erin Rochford.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Dunleavy Family (Killasser Estate)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Foubister Family (Carn)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Judge Family (Magheraboy)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will NOT be in Killasser Church on Monday next.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

24th / 25th May amounted to €1,255.

PENTECOST COLLECTION:

Sincere thanks for your contributions towards the Pentecost Collection taken up at all Masses over the last two weekends. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR KILLASSER CHURCH: There is now a rota of two people per month for the full twelve months. As well as filling the twelve months it would be good to have some substitutes in case somebody cannot be there on occasion. If you would like to be involved, you can give your name to Maureen Murphy 094-9251525 or Fr. O'Mahony.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at 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.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Callow Church on Wednesday Night last 28th May. There was a very full agenda for the meeting and more details of the discussions will be reported in next week's Newsletter.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING took place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday evening last 29th May. Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty are the Killasser/Callow representatives. A short report on this meeting will be given also in next week's Newsletter.

BAPTISM MEETING: A meeting for all those in the cluster of Parishes involved in Baptism Preparation and Celebration Ministry will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Monday evening 9th June at 8.30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER: Patient, Understanding and Considerate individual with mature attitude **WANTED** in small town in East Mayo to assist young children with basic reading, writing and arithmetic. If you feel that you could commit to one or two hours each week to this worthwhile project then contact Teresa or Breda at 094-9381494 or call in person to Volunteer point at INFO WEB Aiden Street, Kiltimagh for more information.

'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL' 11-day Pilgrimage & Cruise to Greece, Rhodes, Patmos, Ephessos. Sun. 29 June to Wed. 9 July. Celebration Travel with Aer Lingus ex Dublin costing €1,625 p.p.s, including half-board & all taxes. Contact Marian Maloney 087-2112555 for brochure.

REMAINDER OF PERIMETER WALL AT KILLASSER CHURCH DEMOLISHED The remainder of the perimeter wall at Killasser Church grounds at the corner on the Community Centre side of the Church has been demolished recently. It will be rebuilt and faced with stone - a continuation of the wall that is being newly built at present. Further grant aid has become available from Leader through Kiltimagh IRD. It will be built by the workers on the Rural Social Scheme and will look very well when finished.

APPEAL FROM SWINFORD NATIONAL SCHOOL: The Autism Class in Swinford National School (Scoil Muire agus Treasa) has been shortlisted as one of three deserving groups for a €10,000 award through the AIB Better Ireland Programme. To get the award the school has to top the poll in a public text vote between Tuesday 6th May and Friday 6th June. You can help by texting **SWINFORDA** to 50399. The more texts sent the better chance the school has. Votes cost 60cent and proceeds of the voting will be donated to the Autism Classroom. So from 6th May on, please, please, please - vote and get everyone you know voting.

THE ARAS ATTRACTA ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE took place earlier this Saturday 31st May, beginning on Saturday morning in brilliant sunshine from Killasser Community Centre. Sincere thanks to everyone who organised it, all who participated in it, all who sponsored the event and all who helped out in the Community Centre with refreshments and all who helped along the route. A longer report in Next Week's Newsletter. **Check out the photos on the webpage.**

A DANA CONCERT MEETING will be held during the week ahead if at all possible. It hasn't been possible up to now with various people not being available at various times. It may take place on Monday Night at 9 p.m. in Killasser Church if that is suitable.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT FOR MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST will take place during the 10 a.m. Mass and 11.30 a.m. Mass on this Sunday 24th May which is the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. For those whom the vigil Mass is more suitable it will happen on Saturday 31st May at 8.00 p.m. This is on account of the Special Mass for Youth on next Saturday 24th May.

THE FINAL CEREMONY/CELEBRATION OF 'DO THIS IN MEMORY' was celebrated in Callow Church on Sunday last 25th May. Sincere thanks to all the children and their parents who participated in this programme in such a committed way over the past year. We hope that it has been a worthwhile experience for everyone. Sincere thanks also to the children's Teachers, Ms. Gibbons and Mrs. Sharkey for all their support and guidance.

ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ST. PIO PIETRELCINA: It is a 7 Night Pilgrimage beginning on 23rd May. Special Group Price is €29 PP. Group Leader is Michael Garret. For itinerary contact Michael Garret on 071-9162714 or Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410816.

FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE will take place from 7th October, leaving from Knock. It will be 7 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.

WEST OF IRELAND 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND DIRECT FROM KNOCK from 22nd September - 1st October. Spiritual Director is Fr. Tomas Surlis. The cost is €1,190 fully inclusive of taxes and half board. For further information contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640.

ENROLMENT NIGHT for Children in Magic Moments Pre-School, Aclare for September 2008 on Wednesday June 6th from 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. All are welcome.

SPANISH STUDENT PLACEMENT: Interested in having a Spanish Student come to your home for the month of July? You must have a child/children between 12 - 17 years of age and be a friendly family. The child will take part in all your family activities for that month. An allowance is given to participating families. For more information, contact Marie on 087-6563527.

A BIRTHDAY MASS was celebrated in Killasser Church on Friday evening last for Delia McManus, Carramore who celebrated her 80th Birthday on Thursday. The Mass was followed by a social gathering with refreshments and music afterwards in the Community Centre for Delia, her family, friends and neighbours. We congratulate her on reaching this milestone. We wish her many more years of good health and every blessing for the future.

ANNUAL PIONEER MASS AND PRIZEGIVING: On Wednesday next 4th June Mass will be celebrated in Killasser Church at 8 p.m. for all living and deceased Pioneers in our Parish. New members will receive their pins and prizes will be presented to the winners of the essay competition at local and diocesan level. Anybody who wishes to receive a Gold or Silver Pioneer Pin should give their name to Thomas Marren as soon as possible so that the pins can be ordered. Contact him on 094-9251327

A SPONSORED CYCLE FUNCTION will take place in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on this Saturday Night 31st May to bring the day's events to a conclusion. Tickets for the Function are €10 each and Music is by Jivin Ivan. Refreshments will be served, compliments of the Gateway Hotel for which we are most appreciative. Your presence at and support of this function will be very much appreciated. It can be another very enjoyable parish occasion.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE ANNUAL CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION will be take up before each of the Masses next weekend, 7th / 8th June, in Killasser and Callow Churches. Your support will be very much appreciated and it will enable this group to continue the good work they have been doing over several year

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE GROUP wishes to thank O'Hara's Bakery Foxford for their sponsorship of products for the First Communion Party held recently in Killasser Community Centre.

THE CONQUER CANCER CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION taken up recently at Callow Church amounted to €154. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and collected.

GREEN FLAG AWARDED: Congratulations to St. Joseph's Secondary School, Foxford, the first Secondary School in Mayo to be awarded the Green Flag. A lovely celebration to mark the occasion was enjoyed by Pupils and Teachers of the School, Parents and the general community on Thursday last 29th May to mark the award. Bishop Brendan Kelly was the chief celebrant of a special Mass celebrated in the Foxford Parish Church. Marvellous work has been done around and in the school. Well done to all concerned for heightening our awareness to care for our beautiful environment.

A NEW PLAYGROUND was also opened in Foxford on Thursday last by Mayo County Council. It is adjacent to the Church Car Park, the National School and the Church. Well done again to all concerned.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Aidan Molloy, Dublin and Eimear McMahon, Dublin who were married in Callow Church on this Saturday afternoon 31st May. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life. The celebrant of the Wedding Mass was Fr. Muredach Tuffy C.C. Rathduff.

YOUTH MASS IN KILLASSER CHURCH: A very nice celebration of the Eucharist with the main theme being 'Journey' took place in Killasser Church on Saturday last 24th May. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended a number of Meetings to plan this event and to all who attended and participated on the evening. A special thanks to Teresa Costelloe, Music teacher in Swinford Secondary School who coordinated the celebration. Some people expressed disappointment that there weren't more young people present but it was a start and hopefully more will follow. The idea of having such an event came mostly as a result of the questionnaire that was answered and analysed last year.

MISSIONARY WORK: A visiting speaker will be speak at all Masses in the Parish next weekend. This will be a pleasant break from the usual voice. You always deserve that.

A SPECIAL FR. PEYTON MASS will be celebrated in the Peyton Centre, Attymass on this Sunday 1st June, commencing at 3.00 p.m. A special feature of the celebration will be the singing of the Cluster Choir. They will also be in Knock on Saturday next to sing at the Special Rosary Rally - all details elsewhere in this week's Newsletter.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY GAMES CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION amounted to €232. It is a big help towards the cost of local registration and the purchase of medals. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY GAMES ATHLETICS took place on Sunday 18th May at the Community Centre Sports Field. A large crowd of children and their parents enjoyed an afternoon of fun and sport in ideal weather conditions. The medal winners were as follows:

GIRLS: Laura McNulty Chloe Tuffy Antoinette Peyton Lorna Kavanagh Courtney Groarke Rachael Howley Michelle O'Keeffe Emily O'Grady Lorraine Kavanagh Brid Rogers Anne-Marie O'Keeffe Samantha Doherty Yvonne Skeffington Holly McNulty Megan Rowley Emma McNulty

MOTHERS' RACE: (1) Regina Tuffy (2) Bridie Rowley (3) Helen Thompson.

BOYS: Jack Igoe Alan Hughes Ewan O'Grady Shane Cronnolly David Cronnolly Pierce Rowley Shane Cunney T. J. Groarke Darren Groarke Martin Cassidy Kyle Rowley Daragh Kavanagh Daragh Thompson Hayden Harrold.

FATHERS' RACE: (1) Patrick McNulty (2) Tommy Tuffy (3) Bob Tuersley.

The following have qualified for the Finals in Claremorris in July. **GIRLS:** Laura McNulty U-8 60 M / Chloe Tuffy U-8 80 M. / Courtney Groarke U-10 100 M. / Michelle O'Keeffe U-12 600 M / Lorraine Kavanagh U-14 800 M / Anne-Marie O'Keeffe U-16 100 M / Brid Rogers U-14 Long Puck. **BOYS:** David Cronnolly U-14 100 M / Daragh Kavanagh U-10 60 M Hurdles / Shane Cronnolly U-10 200 M / Pierce Rowley U-14 Long Puck / Brian Kavanagh U-16 Discus. Competitors must not reach the age of competition before the 31st July.

PRAY FOR Michael and Mary Convey, Darnagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Pat Joe Tansey, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Mary Connell, Galway, Sister of Josie McDonnell, Lismorane who died recently.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Michael Dunleavy, Killasser Estate, First Anniversary, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Rita Brogan, Upper Main St. Foxford and formerly Cloontubrid who died on this Saturday 24th May.
 Funeral Mass on Monday 26th May.
 Hazel Fletcher, Kilmactigue and Carramore N.S. 6th Class who died on Tuesday 27th May.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
