

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'*

WHAT A TO-DO.

The 'to-do' list is enshrined in many a person's life. In some ways it has become a less dramatic form of the ancient custom of saints like Jerome being portrayed with a skull on their desk to remind them of their mortality. Listing things is a tacit acknowledgement and reminder that our time here is really limited and we ought to make the most of it. Prioritising things can be a tool for helping one actually to do so.

After all, the thought of death concentrates the mind wonderfully and what is complex suddenly becomes clear. The would-be disciples of Jesus have to decide if they will choose comfort or convention or custom or Christ. They are asked to look ahead, not back. No regrets, no excuses, no turning back, no giving up because it has become too costly or difficult, or demanding, or it interferes with our comfort zone, our activities, our lives.

We don't know if the trio continued with the Lord or were they turned away. More important however, is the kind of answer we will give.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - July 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 10 a.m. / Thursday 9 a.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Tom Keane.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Eileen O'Neill and Francis Hegarty.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Mulligan

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Sunday 11.30 a.m. Eimear Burke

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Joseph McNulty.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 7th July 8.00 p.m. Conor Stephens Liam Moran Keith Kavanagh Rebecca Cronnolly

Sunday 8th July 11.30 a.m. Kevin Rowley Eoin Gallagher Brid Rogers Erin Rochford.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromada-Duke) Sunday 10 a.m. The McNulty Family (Cullenaughton)

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

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE is available at the Church Doors. You are invited to take a copy and return it not later than next Wednesday. Sincere thanks to everyone who has returned one, which is a large number. Please continue to fill them and return at your convenience. Sincere thanks to everyone who has taken the time to fill them and return them already. Your responses have been very informative so far and will help greatly with the future work of the Parish Pastoral Council. Eventually, the information received will be analysed/collated and an overall picture/description of the responses will be published. The final date for returning completed Questionnaires will be Wednesday 4th July. We hope to have them analysed/collated before the end of July.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place in Killasser Church during July and August. It will resume again in September.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:

23rd / 24th June amounted to €1,545.

THE PETER'S PENCE (CENT) COLLECTION taken up last weekend amounted to €725. Sincere thanks for your contributions.

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 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / €300 / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500. These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING was held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday night 30th April. It was suggested that since work at Callow Church had concluded for the present, that Killasser Church and grounds should be looked at again. It was suggested that an immediate priority would be to upgrade the tarmac around Killasser Church, which would include new tarmac, new kerbing and an extension of the tarmac area on the Estate side of the Church.

AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING was held at Killasser Church on Monday evening 14th May. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the Church building inside and out and the church grounds with a view to drawing up a list of items that may need to be attended to. Having identified them, the next step is to put them in order of priority. **The following is a list that is not necessarily exhaustive or in order of priority: Tarmac and Kerbing around the Church / A low wall between the Church and Killasser Estate / Toilet upgrade / Swamp area in the Lawn on Community Centre side of Church / Painting of all Church Doors / Main Entrance Porch - Tile Floor, Put in Timber Ceiling, remove sliding doors and use original doors again / Re-design Porches at side doors of Church / Improve the Sanctuary Area of Church / New Furniture/Ceiling/Floor for Sacristy / Wall around perimeter of lower lawns near the road between Church grounds and Community Centre Car Park.**

THE SACRISTY IN KILLASSER CHURCH will be completely refurbished in the near future. New furniture is being made for the sacristy by Rory Conroy, Callow who did a beautiful job of the sacristy in Callow. Killasser will have the same design. A new ceiling will also have to be put into the sacristy.

THE TARMAC AT KILLASSER CHURCH is in a poor state and needs to be newly done. The kerbing will also have to be replaced. The tarmac area will also be extended on the Estate side of the Church. A price for this work will be available shortly as it was measured up during the past week.

THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT KILLASSER CHURCH will not mean a new Fundraising initiative. It does mean asking you to continue to support the present fundraising campaign which is going very well and which is for both sides of the parish. Improvements always need to be carried out on grounds and buildings, especially buildings that are very old like churches. The improvements inside and outside of Killasser Church will be done on a phases basis.

FURTHER REFURBISHMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL HOUSE IN KILLASSER is being carried out over the past few weeks and will soon be complete. What is being done is necessary to bring it into the 21st Century. The day of one single plug (round) in one room is now over as is a Parish House without an office - the garage was converted into an office last year. Allowing any building to deteriorate is of no service to anyone. If it comes to a situation in the future when there may not be a resident priest in this parish, the house will be more valuable either to sell or use for Parish business. Being realistic and with present numbers of priests and their age profile, there will not be a resident priest in every parish indefinitely. We have had no ordination for the past four years. We have one student in Maynooth at present. If he is to continue, he will not be ordained for another four years. That is a big change from the situation where up to 2003 there was one priest ordained almost every year and some years more than one. That situation is unlikely to return. Of course what needs to be discussed and debated is the whole nature of priesthood and indeed ministry in general within the church. Unfortunately the institutional church does not want to hear of this. No debate, no change is their motto. Unfortunately the world is passing them by. The voice of the people on the ground needs to be heard and listened to.

THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2007 - 2008 have been distributed over the past few day. If you haven't received a box yet, it will be delivered during the coming week. You will also receive a letter and a Statement of Accounts for 2006. Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed over the past year and in anticipation thanks for your continued support in the year ahead. The money from the Offertory Collection each week goes towards the general maintenance/running costs of Killasser and Callow Churches and the Parochial House.

COSGALLEN NEWS - MONEY ADVICE AND BUDGETING SERVICE: This service provides a free and confidential service that has expertise for people who may require help and advice in working their way out of serious debt. Cosgallen provides an outreach by appointment with MABS whenever the need arises. The MABS telephone number is 096-79902 or 094-9028888.

COSGALLEN NEWS - MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL BLUE FLAG BEACH PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION which has a Beach/Coast Theme to promote awareness of the Blue Flag Beach in Ireland and throughout Mayo. The categories

under which entries should be submitted are Primary School Children, Secondary School Students and General Public. The closing date is Friday 7th September.

WALKING MEETING: Following the success of the Mayo in Motion Walking Month a meeting will be held in Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown on Wednesday 4th July at 8 p.m. with a view to continuing and expanding the existing groups. All are welcome.

NEWS - WALK: The Barnacouige Walking Group has arranged another Walk on Thursday 5th July at 7.30 p.m.. The meeting place is at the gates of Knock Airport. All are welcome.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW LAUNCH: Swinford Agricultural Show Society will launch this year's show at a reception in the Gateway Hotel on Friday next at 7.30 p.m. sharp. The guest speaker will be Mr. Des Mahon, Mayo County Manager. The date for the show is Saturday 18th August. The venue has been changed to the more spacious grounds of Swinford Amenity Park. For the first time there are classes for horses and ponies as well as the All-Ireland bantam chicken championship final. Everyone is welcome to the launch on Friday 6th.

INFORMATION SERVICE: A service providing information and advice to members of the community will be available each Monday from 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre.

NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME CONSUMERS - WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS REPORT: The HSE has recently taken samples of Killasser Group Water Scheme water for analysis. The laboratory report of Analysis in respect of those samples indicates that the Bacteriological Results are satisfactory with **no Coliforms, no E.coli and no perfringens** detected. Chemical analysis of Killasser Group Water Scheme water has consistently shown that the chemical properties of the water are excellent for drinking water. A copy of the bacteriological test report on the Church Notice Boards.

KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME - PRECAUTIONARY BOIL NOTICE: Notwithstanding the above quality results, the management committee are required to advise users of untreated water i.e. Water which has no added disinfectant; that the water should be boiled prior to human consumption. This notice is to remain in effect until further notice.

THE KILLALA/ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2007 takes place from 23rd - 28th August. The Pilgrimage will be jointly led by Bishop Fleming of Killala and Bishop Flynn of Achonry. It would be important to book in good time. Details on each of the Church Notice Boards.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON commenced on Tuesday 1st May with the One-Day Pilgrimages. The Three-Day Pilgrimages began on Monday 1st June and run until Monday 13th August. Phone No. 071-9861518. The One-Day Retreat costs €27 and a reservation should be booked in advance. The Three-Day Pilgrimage costs €45 and it is not necessary to book.

A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG will take place in September if there is sufficient interest. For those who may wish to make more long-term arrangements, can I suggest Monday 10th September as suitable date. Speaking to some people, this date is suitable for them, so you can take it that this will now be the date for the pilgrimage. More details later.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI will take place from Thursday 25th October to Thursday 4th November. There will be four nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi. The company is Celebration Travel. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Joe Caulfield, Carracastle. Price depends on number booking. Further information from Marian Maloney on 087-2112555 or 094-9288229

TARMACADDAM HAS BEEN LAID on the new playing area at Killasser Community Centre. It looks beautiful now that it has been finished and hopefully it will be respected and used well in the future.

PHOTOGRAPHS: The recent appeal for photographs by the Foxford Community Book Committee has been most successful with over 300 submitted to date. All have been scanned, placed on disc and returned. If you are from Callow area and have photographs suitable for publication, please contact Anne Deacy or any member of the committee.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION for May amounted to €5,452. Sincere thanks for your contributions, your generosity and your support.

THE IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION CHURCH GATE COLLECTION taken up recently at Callow Church amounted to €114.75c. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported and collected.

ANGEL CITY CHORALE COMES TO SWINFORD: The Angel City Chorale Gospel Choir from Los Angeles will perform in Swinford as part of a unique tour of Ireland. The choir, conducted by Sue Fink, will present their concert in Swinford Parish Church on Friday 13th July at 8 p.m. Proceeds of the event, which is in association with Music Hibernia, will go to

Cancer Action Mhaigh-Eo. Tickets are €10 and are available from the committee (Phone 087-7809792) or at the door on the night. Come along and enjoy what is sure to be a remarkable night of entertainment.

RICHARD KING REMEMBERED: The 12 Noon Mass in Swinford Church on Sunday 8th July will recognise the centenary of the birth of the liturgical artist, Richard King. Swinford is the only Church where his art is displayed under two media - oil and glass - in the colourful stained glass windows and the stations of the cross. During the Mass the story of the local benefactors and Canon Stenson's commission will be remembered. Refreshments to follow. All welcome. On Friday 3rd August a talk on Richard King will be given by Ruth Sheehy, TCD. More information to follow.

MICHAEL DAVITT - FREELANCE RADICAL AND FRONDEUR BY LAURENCE MORLEY is a book that will be launched in the Michael Davitt Museum, Straide on Monday 2nd July at 8.30 p.m. This book will be launched by Enda Kenny.

THE WEEKLY SEISIUNS will be held again this year in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on each Thursday night at 9 p.m. during July and August. First session on next Thursday Night 5th July. Admission €10. Refreshments served.

LECH WALESA VISIT TO MAYO: The former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize Winner Lech Walesa, will visit Co. Mayo from 6th - 8th July. On Saturday 7th July Mr. Walesa will attend Mass at Knock Shrine at 12 Noon and on Saturday night he will be guest of honour at a Dinner Dance in Breaffy House Hotel. For tickets contact 094-9022770.

THE BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER MENTORING PROGRAMME which is operated by Foroige needs volunteers, both male and female, from the Swinford area. Volunteers are asked to share their time, interests and hobbies with a young person for about one hour each week. Volunteers receive training and are fully supported by a professional youth worker. For brochures and application forms contact Big Brother Big Sister Office, The Mall, Castlebar. Phone 094-9060417.

PRAY FOR Catherine and Brian Groarke, Carrowleambeg and Son Bernie, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Joe Carr, Graffy and Parents Patrick and Mary Anne Carr, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Anne and Tom Brennan, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tom McNulty, Tiernanny, Tom McNulty, Culduff/Tiernanny, Nora Rawcliffe (Nee McManus) Corley,
 And Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Mary Kenny (Nee Cranston), Dunmaynor and Dublin, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Michael and Mamie Flanagan, Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Nora Gannon (Nee O'Hara), Cloonfinnish, Aunt of Noel Brennan, Cloonfinnish, who died in Boston on
 Friday last 29th June.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.