

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'*

SEEING AND PARTLY SEEING.

In the world of personal communication making eye contact is held to be important. Along with body language, it's seen as an important tool in helping to create a bond between people. We've even brought technology in to assist. That speaker looking soulfully into camera or at a public meeting could very well be reading an autocue.

However in Japanese culture, things are exactly opposite. It is a country where people studiously avoid making eye contact; when walking down the street or even in crowded train stations. Why? We're not sure. Maybe it's because of the crowded public spaces in Japan, that this unwritten rule has developed to give everyone a small measure of privacy.

It's a place where you see but you don't see. But the Japanese can't claim exclusive rights on that skill. It's a technique we've mastered ourselves. We even talk of 'seeing through' a person and in a real sense we have become morally or intellectually blind to what is happening around us, even though we technically see everything.

Traditionally Mother's Day was one marked by the homecoming of children working elsewhere. What home truths ('sin' as the Gospel puts it) do we need to glimpse in this second part of Lent?

'.....He guides me along the right path.' (Psalm).

Fr Tom Cox - Intercom, February 2005

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.
Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr. Michael Maloney - Charlestown 085-1510383.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Aine Ni Chiaran.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Francis Hegarty.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Margaret McGowan.
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. Ronan Carr

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Aine Timlin.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 9th March 8.00 p.m. Lorraine Kavanagh Paul Quinn Niall Armstrong Ciara Hussey.
Sunday 10th March 11.30 a.m. Kevin Rowley Erin Rochford Brenda Carr Eoin Gallagher.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Stenson Family (Knocks)

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

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

DANA CONCERT There will be a meeting in Killasser Church on Tuesday night next, March 4th at 8.00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of organising a concert by Dana in Killasser Church sometime in May. As many people as possible are asked to attend so that the best course of action can be decided upon.

THE WEEKLY KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME for this week only will be held in **Carramore National School** at the usual time of 9.00 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated for what is always a most enjoyable game.

BAPTISM CELEBRATED The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday, March 1st to welcome Gemma Holly Ginty, Rubble, Killasser into the Christian community. We welcome her and congratulate her parents and family and wish them every blessing for the future.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS) The MS Church Gate Collection will take place at Masses next weekend, March 8th & 9th. Please support generously.

SWINFORD VARIETY GROUP presents "Daughter From Over The Water", a three act comedy by M.J.Molloy in the **Brown Memorial Hall, Foxford on this Friday night, March 7th** commencing at 8.30 p.m. sharp. A good night's entertainment is in store for all. This is the final performance of the play. All proceeds go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Brown Memorial Hall. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

SWINFORD & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION hope to organise a **Confined Draw** and to have a car as top prize. Any member wishing to be part of this draw should call in to the office to sign up. Usual terms and conditions apply. Application for the draw closes at the end of March.

TROCAIRE'S LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2008:CLIMATE CHANGE - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: BLINDNESS Our inner blindness has, in the past, prevented us from seeing the damage we have been doing to Creation. Nowadays the information we have on Climate Change and the devastating effect it is having on those who are least able to cope in the developing world surely means that we can no longer claim "blindness" as an excuse. The question for each of us is "What am I going to do with this gift of new sight and understanding. What Can I do to help those most in need?" For more information on Trócaire's Lenten campaign please log on to www.trocaire.org.

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.

THE NATIONAL PIONEER BALL will take place in the Belmont Hotel, Knock on **Saturday, 29th March**. It begins with Mass at 7 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock. The guest speaker is John O'Mahony, Mayo Football Manager. Music is by Kay and the Country Stars. Tickets cost €30 and are available from Thomas Marren on 087-2344338.

SOUVENIR DVD OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BRENDAN KELLY is now available. It may be ordered through the parish or directly from the Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen. Please send a S.A.E. (DVD size) to "Acadh Chonaire", The Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon and include cheque/postal order for €20 payable to "Acadh Chonaire". See www.achonrydiocese.org for further details.

'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.

CHOIR PRACTICES IN KILLASSER CHURCH in preparation for St. Patrick's Day, Holy Week and Easter continue on each Monday evening during Lent at 7.30 p.m. This is an opportunity for new members to join the choir and become involved in the Ministry of Music. You will be most welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICES IN CALLOW CHURCH also take place every Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. New members are always very welcome to join.

'LIFE IN THE SPIRIT' SEMINARS The final two gigs in this series takes place on Tuesday, March 4th & 11th in Swinford Parish Church Commencing at 8.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome
THE FOXFORD 25 CARD GAME continues in the Browne Memorial Hall each Tuesday Night, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Lots of Prizes and your support will be very much appreciated.

PRAY FOR P.J. Gallagher, Tulleague & his daughter Gertie Kelly, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Saturday 1st March, 8 p.m.
Deceased members of the O'Neill & Kelly families, Creggane & Carroweena, Saturday 1st March, 8 p.m.
Elizabeth Tansey, Dunmaynor and Charlestown, Saturday 1st March, 8 p.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 2nd, 11.30 a.m.
Ada McNulty, Cullen, Sunday 9th, 10.00 a.m.
Catherine Meehan, Sunday 9th, 10.00 a.m.

A Mother's Love

Erma Bombeck

Some day when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a mother, I will tell them:

I loved you enough to ask about where you were going, with whom and what time you would get home.

I loved you enough to insist that you buy a bike, that we could afford to give you, with your own money.

I loved you enough to make you return a chocolate bar— with a bite out of it—to the shop and to confess "I stole this."

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes.

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, disgust and tears in my eyes.

I loved you enough to admit I was wrong and ask for your forgiveness.

I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall and hurt.

But most of all, I loved you enough to say NO when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

Wishing all Mothers a very happy Mother's Day