

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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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 BEST IS YET TO COME.

The church sign reads: *'Man's way leads to a hopeless end - God's way leads to an endless hope.* How true, both long term and short term! Long term, because science tells us that ultimately the fate of our ever-expanding universe seemingly is to become frozen and lifeless. Short term, because life tells us that fate without faith has nothing lasting to offer. If everything ends for us at the moment of death then that's it - we've had it, all of it. And depending on one's circumstances during life, you could ask justifiably if the experience of living was really worth it. Not everybody enjoys more contentment than misery, more pleasure than pain. If what you see is what you get - and only that - then the 'accident' of birth might not be a blessing.

Today, the feast of All Souls, we publicly profess our belief that life is a precious gift because it places us at the entry to eternity. We go on record that there is more to life than meets the eye. We believe and proclaim that our family and friends are precious beyond life; and that they survive beyond this earthly life to experience that the best wine is indeed served last. And served, as our First Reading tells us, 'in a feast of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear'. No frozen wastes for us. Our jubilant cry of hope today can only be: *'The best is yet to come!'*

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom -November 2008)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 10 a.m. / Wednesday 8 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Thursday 10 a.m. / Friday 8 p.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. Fionnuala Neylon

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 10.00 a.m. Margaret McGowan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Pierce Rowley

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Shauna Burke.

#### ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Siobhan Tully Niall Armstrong Lorraine Kavanagh.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 11.30 a.m. Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde David Cronnelly Michelle O'Keeffe.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 a.m. Louise Mulligan Aoife Burke Sinead Timlin John McNulty.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromada-Duke)

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

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

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

#### THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> October amounted to €1,286

#### THE MISSION COLLECTION

was taken up recently and it amounted to €1,230. Sincere thanks for your contributions.

#### WEDDING:

Congratulations to Stephen Kieran and Noelle McGrath, both from Dublin who were married in Callow Church on this Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November. We wish Stephen and Noelle every blessing and happiness in their future married life. The celebrant of the Wedding Mass was Fr. John Kieran, uncle of the groom.

**ACCORD CHARLESTOWN** All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at [www.accord.ie](http://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.

**NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME USERS:** Members are advised that tests carried out recently by the HSE have shown that the water supply is unsatisfactory at present and consumers are advised that the water should be boiled before human consumption. This boil notice will remain in effect until further notice. The Committee apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE KILTIMGAGH:** Finished School early? Are you interested in learning new skills or gaining a qualification? Are you aged 16 - 20? If so, why not join Youthreach, we provide skills in Woodwork, Hotel and Catering, Metal Work, Welding, Car Mechanics, English, Computers, Literacy/Numeracy, Maths, Art, Childcare, Hair and Beauty and Work Experience. All students receive a training allowance for attending the course and if required a childcare allowance may be provided. For more information contact Tracey or Conor on 094-9381338 or e-mail [youthkilty@eircom.net](mailto:youthkilty@eircom.net)

**ANGER ISSUES:** Everyone knows what Anger is, but how do you express it without hurting others or hurting yourself? Uncontrolled anger can cost you your marriage, your job, relationships, health and the respect of your loved ones. The **Irish Association for Anger Management** is running a residential training programme on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Knock House Hotel**. Places are limited, so booking is essential. For more information, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant at the Irish Association of Anger Management on 094-9037677 / 087-7989253 / [www.difficultemotions.com](http://www.difficultemotions.com)

**A MEETING OF THE CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE** was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night last 30<sup>th</sup> October. There was a very full agenda including the following: Plans for the celebration of the Centenary of the birth of Fr. Peyton during 2009; Course for Ministers of the Eucharist - new and those who have been for many years; Cluster Newsletter to be published at Easter 2009; New Marriage Book published which will be available to all couples preparing for Marriage; Cluster Mass Card not going ahead, Praying the Scripture for Advent, Services of Penance etc. etc. More detail on some of those items at a later time.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** was held in Killasser Church on Wednesday Night 8<sup>th</sup> October. A very full agenda was dealt with including: Course for Ministers of Eucharist, Membership of the Council for the next year - four new members are required, Neighbourhood/Station Prayer Services - evaluation of these and what we might do for the future, Prayer Service for the Dead in November, The Global downturn in the economy and its implications, Altar Servers training etc, etc. **The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**

**FOXFORD SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE - PILATES CLASSES:** Foxford Sport and Leisure Centre are now running Pilates Classes between 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. and Spin Cycle Classes from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Cost is €60. Come along or phone 094-9257684 for more information. **Anyone interested in setting up a Volley Ball Team in Foxford should ring the above number.**

**THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR NEW MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST** for all the parishes in the cluster took place during a special Mass in Attymass Parish Church on Tuesday evening last 28<sup>th</sup> October. The principal celebrant was Bishop Brendan Kelly. The following people from Killasser and Callow were commissioned: Mary Stenson (Carrowleambeg), Kathleen McNulty (Carrowedan), Theresa Convey (Darnagh), Joe McNulty (Cullenaughton) and Jacinta Gallagher (Callow)

**NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** are also required at the present time for the year ahead. Each year four members have to step down and be replaced by four new members according to our constitution and the guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils. This means that the Pastoral Council will continue to be renewed and, hopefully, as representative as possible. Each year ten meetings are held with a break for July and August. Do think about it.

**KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS:** have been put on hold for the present due to circumstances that were unforeseen. The first Fundraiser for the project was a Sponsored Walk on Monday last 27<sup>th</sup> October. Quite a large number of people participated and it was a most enjoyable event which was held in beautiful weather conditions for this time of year. Sincere thanks to all who took part and all who sponsored. Sponsorship cards and money can be given to Breege Peyton, Dromada-Gore as soon as possible. Refreshments were served at the Community Centre after the walk.

**THE JOHN HEALY MEMORIAL WEEKEND** will be officially launched by well know journalist John Waters in the Town Hall Arts Centre in Charlestown on 30<sup>th</sup> October. The Memorial Weekend will run from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November. The Festival will also commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Maypole Mining disaster. The Festival opens with a cheese and wine reception in the Town Hall Arts Centre and the films 'On a Wing and a Prayer' and 'My own Place' will be screened. This will be followed by the R.T.E. Radio Show 'The Late Debate'. A number of guest speakers will be in attendance over the three days and these will include the already mentioned John Waters, Dr. Seamus Caulfield, Bernard O'Hara and Sinead McCool. The Festival will also include a tour to Tom Hennigan's Heritage Farm, the launch of a photographic exhibition compiled by Cathal Henry and introduced by the editor of the Western People, James Laffey. The Presentation of

awards for the Young Writers' Competition sponsored by the Western People and activities for the children in the Charlestown Library will also take place. Joe Beirne will bring the Festival to a conclusion with a night of music and fun. All events are free and everyone is welcome

**SMALL COIN COLLECTION:** At all Masses over the last two weekends, there were buckets at the church doors for all that loose change which you might wish to donate to our twin diocese of Meki in Ethiopia. If you have forgotten you can still hand it in. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed.

**THE SWINFORD CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION** will be taken up at Killasser Church on next weekend 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> November. Your generosity and support will be very much appreciated. Envelopes for this collection will be available in the Church this weekend. You are asked to take one and to be as generous as you can. We are very grateful to the St. Vincent De Paul Conference, Swinford for all the good work they do in Killasser Parish.

**NOVEMBER ENVELOPES FOR MASSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** are available at the church doors at all Masses this weekend, once again. 12 Masses will be celebrated for the reposed of their souls during the month of November.

**A SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTED** will be celebrated during the month of November on a date to be arranged. A special candle will be lit for every person who died in the parish during the past year since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007. A candle will also be lit for those natives of the parish who died elsewhere during the same period. Hopefully some family member of each departed person can be present at this ceremony to pray for their relative and receive the candle to bring home. For those who cannot have a representative the candle will be sent on to them. More details later.

**THE ROSARY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** will be recited in Killasser Cemetery on this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November after the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser.

**FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2008 - 2009** will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009. We hope that this date is suitable for all concerned.

**CHILDREN TO RECEIVE FIRST CONFESSIONS AND FIRST COMMUNION** this school year are the following:

<b>CARRAMORE</b>	Nevin Grufferty (Carramore)	Shane Cronnolly (Dunmaynor)	Conor Meehan (Dunmaynor)
	Chloe Tuffy (Dunmaynor)	Laura McNulty (Dunmaynor)	Kevin O'Hara (Lisheen, Aclare)
	Eoghan Leonard (Claddagh, Aclare)		
<b>KILLASSER</b>	Keisha Groarke (Killasser Estate)	John Farren (Killasser Estate)	
	Jack Igoe (Killasser Estate)	Alan Hughes (Carramore-Moy)	

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will not be celebrated in Killasser Parish this school year as we celebrated it in May 2008. However the other parishes in our cluster will be celebrating the Sacrament this school year - Foxford, Straide, Attymass and Bonniclon.

**KILLASSER AND CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOLS** will re-open on Monday next 3<sup>rd</sup> November for the next term. Hopefully, pupils, teachers and parents had a restful time over the past week.

**SWINFORD CREDIT UNION NEWS FOR SCHOOLS:** Once again it is time for the Annual Poster Competition. The theme this year is 'The Credit Union - CU At Your Place'. Details have been circulated to each school and the closing date at Swinford Credit Union is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November. There are also application forms in the Office and this can be entered on an individual basis. At the end of January the Credit Union Quiz will take place. More details later.

**A ROSARY SERVICE FOR OCTOBER** was celebrated in Callow Church on Sunday evening last 26<sup>th</sup> October. About 20 people attended what was a very calm, peaceful and prayerful experience.

**THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE WEEKLY 25 CARD GAME** will begin on Monday night next 3<sup>rd</sup> November, commencing at 9.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and your support will be greatly appreciated.

**25 CARD GAME:** Cloonlyon Parents' Association are holding a card game on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Knock Airport. Game starts at 9.00 p.m. and admission is €8 per person. A Raffle will be held on the night with lots of prizes. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**CLUSTER CHOIR MEETING:** A Meeting of the Cluster Choir will take place in Foxford Parish Church on next Wednesday evening 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30 p.m. This meeting is to begin preparations for the Mass on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January in Attymass Church which will be televised live on R.T.E. as part of the celebrations to mark the centenary of the birth of Fr. Peyton.

**A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday night at 8.30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**THE KILLASSER WATER SCHEME ANNUAL RENT** is now due and will be collected over the coming weeks.

**A SPECIAL MEETING/TRAINING EVENING FOR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS** entitled 'The Board as a Corporate Entity' / Function and Role of the Board in Action, will be held in Swinford National School on Tuesday next 4<sup>th</sup> November from 8.00 - 9.30 p.m.. All board members are encouraged to attend.

**THE NEWMAN INSTITUTE BALLINA** is about to enter its next phase of development. In January 2009 a **Diploma in Applied Theology (Pastoral Studies)** will commence at the institute. In order to provide more information on this course and other proposed developments, there is a meeting for all who are interested on Thursday next 6<sup>th</sup> November at 8 p.m. in the Institute.

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**PRAY FOR** Delia and Hugh O'Neill, Creggane and Daughter Bernie Browne, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Denis Moran Carrowleamore, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Mary Rowley, Drumagh, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Patrick and Mary Cregan, Drumagh, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 John and Annie May Doherty, Doontas and their son Martin, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Thomas and Catherine Monaghan, Cullenaughton, and Sons Tom and Anthony, Sunday 10 a.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Faithful Departed, Monday, Thursday 10 a.m.  
 Faithful Departed, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Tom Browne, Cullenaughton, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10 a.m.  
 Lena Deacy, Callow, Months Mind, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10 a.m.  
 May McGowan, formerly Cullenaughton and Kilmovee, who died during the past week.  
 Angela Ivin, Clonmel, Sister of Mary Filan, Dunmaynor, who died on Monday last 27<sup>th</sup> October.  
 Jim Campbell, Brother of Tom Campbell, Carrabeg who died in Yorkshire recently.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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