

# 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'*

### MICROSCOPE TELESCOPE HOROSCOPE.

In his book *God is not Great*, Christopher Hitchens with near messianic fervour puts mankind on notice; keep to the straight and narrow of scientific exactitude when accepting anything as fact. Otherwise, God forbid (Oops, sorry!), you might end up thinking that there is more to life than science. And that, most certainly, would damage your health.

Really? Just what does science have to offer when it comes to understanding life? I don't mean the nature of living things or inanimate objects. I mean the why of it all. But then, why is not a scientific question. Does that mean we shouldn't ask it, or if we do that we shouldn't expect a worthwhile answer? I hope not.

So let's ask it: Why is there anything at all? Science, where art thou? Okay, let's change tack. How about the how question? How will the universe end? Here science can indicate a distant, if frightening feasible scenario: a frozen lifeless waste.

Give me instead the follow-up to what today's Gospel (Mt. 24: 29 - 44) describes. After the Second Coming, the New Heaven and New Earth.

Even were it sheer fantasy, let me die aglow with its promise rather than be numbed lifeless by the eternal emptiness of scientific scenarios.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - November 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

KILLASSER - Tuesday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8.00 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 10.00 a.m. Tom Keane  
Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson.  
Sunday 10 a.m. Joseph McNulty.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 10.00 a.m. Mary Mulligan.  
Saturday 8.00 p.m. Thomas Marren and Francis Hegarty.  
Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson      Sunday 11.30 a.m. Pierce Rowley

#### CALLOW

Saturday 10 a.m. Peter Noone.  
Sunday 10 a.m. Helen Timlin.

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

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 8.00 p.m.    Conor Stephen    Colin Hughes    Shane Cunney    Niall Armstrong.  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 a.m.    Kevin Rowley    Pierce Rowley    Eoin Gallagher    Erin Rochford.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m.    The Quinn Family (Dromada-Joyce)

Sunday 10 a.m.    The Mulligan Family (Callow)

Sunday 11.30 a.m.    The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

#### FEAST DAYS:

Monday - St. Francis Xavier.  
Friday - St. Ambrose.  
Saturday - The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7 p.m.

**PREPARATION/PRACTICE FOR CAROL SERVICE IN CALLOW** will continue on Sunday next 9<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 p.m. It is vital that everyone who is taking part in the Carol Service is present next Sunday. That not only includes the children but also everyone who is reading Prayers, Reflections, Scripture Passages, Narration etc. There has been a wonderful attendance of children at all the rehearsals so far, which is most encouraging. **There is not practice this Sunday.**

**THE ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE IN CALLOW CHURCH** will take place this year on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. We hope that it will be a very important part of our preparation for a prayerful celebration of Christmas.

**AN ADVENT CLUSTER MINI-VIGIL** will take place in Attymass Parish Church on next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. This will be an opportunity on the journey of Advent to prepare prayerfully for the celebration of Christmas. It will consist of Scripture Readings, Reflections, Music, Song and Silence. We hope that as many as possible will avail of the opportunity. It is hoped that Lasair - Darina Burke, Sarah Scully, Linda McNulty and Eimear Burke - will be present to play and sing as well as the Attymass Church Choir. It is hoped that this type of Service will rotate from Parish to Parish over the coming years. Everybody is welcome to attend and it is important to take advantage of these opportunities.

**THE NEXT CELEBRATION OF 'DO THIS IN MEMORY'** the programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Holy Communion, will be celebrated during the 8.00 p.m. Mass on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This year there are six Children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools preparing to receive these Sacraments. They are: Emma Howley / Courtney Groarke / Finn Stephens / Dara Kavanagh / Saoirse Warde / Jonathan O'Hara.

**COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH** will take place during the 8 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday next 8<sup>th</sup> December. The children to be commissioned are members of Fifth Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools. They are: Carramore - Chloe Meehan / Melissa Cronnolly / Brenda Carr / Hayden Harrold. Killasser - Mary Tully / Jonathan Burke.

**THE ANNUAL SWINFORD ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** was taken up before each Mass on the weekend, 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> November. On behalf of the Swinford Conference sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and if you have forgotten you can hand it in at your convenience. The amount collected to date is €8,000 approximately. We thank the Swinford Conference for the good work they do in our Parish.

**A SALE OF WORK IN THE FR. PEYTON CENTRE ATTYMASS** will take place on Sunday next 9<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 p.m. A variety of homebaking including Christmas Cakes and Christmas Puddings, Craft work: Patch work quilts, rugs, Christmas Wreaths etc. will be available. Raffle and Novelty Prizes. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**DEMOLITION AND REBUILDING OF WALL AT KILLASSER CHURCH:** The wall around the perimeter of Killasser Church Ground on lower side of the grounds near the Community Centre was demolished over a week ago. It has been in very bad condition in recent times. The new foundation was prepared during the past week. On Friday the readymix concrete was poured. It will be rebuilt under the Rural Social Scheme and hopefully will be faced with stone like the wall opposite the Killasser Housing Estate. The building of the block wall will begin on Tuesday. The material will be delivered on Monday and Tuesday. Some grant aid has been sanctioned by IRD Kiltimagh and the local County Councillors. We thank them for their support.

**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 / €2 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / ~~250~~ / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 / \$1,000 / €3,000 / \$500 / €2,000 / €100 / €1,000 / €50 These donations received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

**KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME:** The Annual Rent is now due and the Rent Collector will be calling to each household over the next few weeks.

**THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR** is still available from the Sacristy of each Church after Mass. Price €10. Again make sure you get your copy in good time. The Calendar can also be bought from Thomas Marren (094-9251327) Fr. O'Mahony (094-9251431), Maureen Murphy (094-9251525), Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox (094-9253603), Theresa Convey (094-9251364), Bridie Sheerin (094-9251062), Kevin Hughes and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

**BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL** is still progressing very well. The two new class rooms are now plastered inside and out. They have been painted inside and units have also been installed. New furniture has also arrived. The outdoor playing area beside the new General Purposes Building is now complete. The children are now able to play on it. It is an all-weather surface that can be used in all kinds of conditions. It is really state of the art.

**PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?** French language Courses for Primary and Post Primary Students are now available. The 15 Week Course is given by a highly qualified French Native Teacher with 20 years experience. The Course can tip the scales in your favour when exam times come around, getting the professional help you need now. For enrolment and full details please contact Jacqueline Duffy on 094-9861146.

**AT THE LAST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** on Wednesday evening last 21<sup>st</sup> November in Killasser Church. The following items were discussed as well as others: The analysis of the Parish Questionnaire - 71 were returned. / Cluster Baptism Preparation Team / Evaluation of Remembrance Service for the Dead, Donal Harrington Workshop, Killala Diocesan Liturgical and Music Workshop / Internal adjustment/reorganisation of Killasser Church / Loose Change Collection / 'Do This In Memory' / Bishop-Elect Brendan Kelly etc.

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR 2007 - 2008 ARE** Michael Fox / Collette Howley / Helen Thompson / Maureen Murphy / Anna Howley / Margaret McGowan / Mary Mulligan / Joe Kennedy / Joe McNulty / Bridie Sheerin / Marty Noone / Patricia Tansey

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING** took place on Wednesday last in Callow Church. A first draft of the analysis of the Parish Questionnaire Responses is now complete and this was looked at in detail at this meeting to make some adjustments that were necessary. The full meeting was devoted to this purpose apart from a few other minor details.

**THE ANALYSIS OF THE PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE** will be made available to everyone who wishes to see it at a later stage when it is ready for publication. This will probably be after the next Pastoral Council meeting and so you should have it before Christmas. After publication of it, the next step is to try and see what we can implement as a parish community to enrich our faith journey. That is a bigger challenge, but I am confident that we can take it on together and move forward step by step. It is very clear from it already that the majority of people who responded wish to have the Vigil Mass for Christmas at 12 Midnight as it has been for many years. It will be at Midnight again this year. There is also agreement to have a two-hour gap between the starting times of the Masses in Callow and Killasser on Christmas Day and Easter Sunday to allow sufficient time for the celebrant to travel from one to the other with a little less pressure of time. Mass this year on Christmas Day in Callow Church will be at 9.30 a.m. and in Killasser Church at 11.30 a.m.

**A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre Attymass on Thursday night last 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The possibility of having a group of people to work with the priests in the cluster in preparing Parents and Godparents better for the Baptism of their children was discussed again. **It is hoped to have two people from each parish for an information evening on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 8.30 - 10.00 p.m. in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. This will, hopefully, enable them to become involved in this ministry. We now have two volunteers and we would still like to have one more. Do think about it.** Other items discussed were: Marriage Preparation Booklet / Christmas Cluster Newsletter / Rationalisation of Parish Services / Preparation for Advent and Christmas / Services of Reconciliation / Bishop-Elect Brendan Kelly / Ecumenical Service.

**BETTER PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** A meeting to discuss how we might do this was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Monday night last. The Priests and some people from each Parish discussed this topic at some length to see how we can help Parents and Godparents particularly to understand better the richness of the meaning of the Sacrament. A further meeting for this purpose has been planned for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January in Attymass.

**THE NEXT CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 8.30 p.m. The Killasser/Callow representatives are Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty.

**A CLUSTER NEWSLETTER** will be published again for Christmas this year. Maureen Murphy is a member of the editorial team and is looking for any articles or photographs of interest you might have. You can contact her on 094-9251525.

**THE FOXFORD CLUSTER ECUMENICAL SERVICE** will be held in January and this time it is the turn of Foxford to host the event. Last January it was celebrated in Killasser Church and was a most meaningful and enjoyable service. It will probably be held during the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> January. More details later.

**BUS TO TEA DANCE:** Would you like a Rural Transport Service from your area to the Tea Dance in Midfield, Swinford on Sunday afternoons? If you would like to use this service, please contact Anne-Marie Carroll on 094-9381494 as soon as possible. This pilot service will only run if there is a need and passengers using the route.

**NEW ARTS OFFICER FOR IRD KILTIMAGH:** IRD Kiltimagh Ltd. has recently appointed Anne Marie McGing as the new Arts Officer. Anne Marie hails from Killawalla and has been working in the arts previously in Galway and Mayo. She will be working throughout the year on developing a programme of arts activities in the Town Hall Theatre and other venues. You can contact Anne Marie at the IRD Kiltimagh by calling 094-9381494 or emailing [ANNEMARIEMCGING@IRD-KILTIMAGH.IE](mailto:ANNEMARIEMCGING@IRD-KILTIMAGH.IE)

**KILTIMAGH ARTS MAILING LIST:** IRD Kiltimagh Arts Office is in the process of updating its arts interest mailing list. If you are interested in receiving information about up-coming events in the East Mayo Area please contact the IRD Kiltimagh

Arts Officer, Anne Marie McGing with your contact details. You can e-mail the information to the above address or you can contact IRD on 094-9331494. Please include a contact name, address and e-mail address in e-mails.

**WRITERS' GROUP IN KILTIMGAGH:** Kiltimagh Writers' Group will have their next Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a 3 hour workshop with local poet Terry McDonagh on the night. Admission to the meeting is €5. If you are interested in creative writing, you may be interested in coming along. New members are always welcome. This will be held in the Old School House on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. For more details and to register please contact Anne Marie McGing at the IRD Kiltimagh on 094-9381494.

**'FLIGHT OF EARLS' PREMIERS IN KILTIMGAGH TOWN HALL THEATRE:** Kiltimagh Town Hall Theatre proudly presents 'Flight of Earls' on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8. p.m. This is the opening night of the play's tour of the county. The play will be followed by a post-play questions and answers session by playwright Phil Mac Giolla Bhain on issues raised. Although the title may suggest links to the past, 'Flight of Earls' is set in contemporary Donegal and tells the tale of two young men in modern Ireland. The play opens with the revelation that Peadar has become a father. His life-long friend Darragh looks on with a mixture of awe, jealousy and concern as Peadar's life is changed, changed utterly by becoming a father of a young son. As the play progresses we learn of the difficulties Peadar and Darragh have encountered in life, both past and present. 'Flight of Earls' addresses issues that are often forgotten, namely masculinity, fatherhood and the bond of male friendship in a tragic-comic style. The play takes place in Kiltimagh Town Hall Theatre, Kilkelly Road, Kiltimagh on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8 p.m. Tickets are €12 / €10 (concessions). Refreshments served. Early booking advisable on 094-9381494. Please note that the play contains adult themes and strong language throughout. For further information please contact Ann Marie McGing on 094-9381494.

**FOXFORD 25 CARD GAME** continues in Browne Memorial Hall on Tuesday next 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30 sharp. Usual Prizes, Spots and Raffle. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER** amounted to €4,860. Sincere thanks to everyone for your support and generosity for what was an excellent collection.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will take place in the Office of the Parochial House on this Saturday Night 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9.15 p.m.

**THE CONNACHT SEMI-FINALS OF THE READOIRI PIONEER TALENT COMPETITION** takes place in Crossmolina on this Saturday night 1<sup>st</sup> December. Killasser will be represented by Linda McNulty, Listernan. She participates in the Solo-Singing competition. We wish her good luck and a speedy recovery from her recent accident.

**FARMERS' MARKET:** The Farmers' Market is now open in Foxford at the Mill Car Park. It takes place each Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. For further information contact 071-9181847.

**SWINFORD SHOPPING BONANZA:** The Annual Swinford Shopping Bonanza which aims to promote business in the town will commence on Thursday last 29<sup>th</sup> November and will continue until Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, when the Great Giveaway Day will be held with Music, Song, Carol Singing, Santa's Visit and the Christmas Lights switch-on. Shop in Swinford and you could win some wonderful prizes.

**WATERPOINT ENNISCRONE - GIFT VOUCHERS:** Gift Vouchers are now available at Waterpoint and Sunset Spa. Receive a 10% discount off membership with the purchase of a Christmas Membership Voucher. Phone 096-36999.

**COOLEGRANE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING:** The Hughes Family in Coolegrane will, once again, be erecting their display of Christmas Lights at their home. The Lighting Project this year will be bigger and better. The proceeds from this project go to Rock Rose House Cancer Support Centre, Castlebar. A Donation Box will be placed at the gate. We hope as many people as possible will come to see this colourful display of Lights. The Cancer Support Centre would be grateful for any donations.

**A FUND-RAISING TABLE QUIZ** will be held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on this Saturday Night 1<sup>st</sup> December. The proceeds are in aid of a Childrens' Orphanage in Tanzania. Teams of 4 and admission is €10 per person. Your support will be very much appreciated for a very worthy cause.

**KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH CALENDARS AT FOXFORD CRAFT FAIR:** We have booked a stand at the Craft Fair in Foxford this weekend. We are looking for volunteers to sell the Calendars for a few hours each day. If you are free at any of the following times and would like to help, please give your name to Eithne McLoughlin (094-9256155) or Maureen Murphy (094-9251525 - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 12 Noon - 6.00 p.m.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR** 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> November amounted to €1,662.

**NEW LEADER FOR THE DIOCESE:** The waiting is over and the silence has been broken since Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. It was announced that Fr. Brendan Kelly, Parish Priest of Spiddal, Co. Galway is to be the next Bishop of Achonry in succession to Bishop Flynn. Bishop Flynn's retirement was also confirmed. He will be Apostolic Administrator until the new

Bishop is installed, probably at the end of January. We warmly welcome Brendan Kelly to Achonry and wish him every blessing and happiness with us in the diocese. We also wish Bishop Flynn a long and happy retirement after over thirty years in office. He deserves a good rest. The reaction of the priests of the diocese to the appointment is very positive and we look forward to working with our new leader as priests and unordained people of the diocese.

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SWINFORD AND DISTRICT CREDIT UNION** will take place in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00 p.m. All members are requested to attend and anybody who would like to know more about their local Credit Union are welcome to come along and hear how a Credit Union operates. The benefits of your local office and how all money is used locally for the benefit of the local community.

**THE IRISH SOCIETY FOR AUTISM CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION** taken up recently amounted to €146. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported and collected.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** will be celebrated in each Parish of the Cluster during the Third Week of Advent. It will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00 p.m. It will be celebrated in the other Parishes on the following dates: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Foxford / Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Straide / Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Bonniconlon / Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Attymass. You will be welcome to receive the Sacrament in any of the Parishes. It will be celebrated at 8 p.m. in each parish.

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH TROCAIRE'S CHRISTMAS GLOBAL GIFTS:** 'It is more blessed to give rather than receive' (Acts 20 : 35). If we reflect on this simple Bible quote, it really sums up the concept of Christian giving and sharing with our sisters and brothers wherever they may be. Trocaire's Global Gifts offer a range of ethical gifts that people can purchase for friends and family this Christmas, which Trocaire will distribute on their behalf to vulnerable families and communities in the developing world. This year's Global Gifts include chicks that will provide eggs for families devastated by HIV and AIDS in East Africa, school packs for Burmese refugees, seeds and trees for families in central Africa, survival kits for refugee families in Uganda returning home having been driven out by war, the gift of care for mothers and newborn babies in Somalia, weaving looms to help women in Guatemala earn a living, the gift of a brighter future for young people in Liberia through skill training, the gift of water to help communities all over the world and houses for families in India. It is easy to make a difference this Christmas. To purchase a Trocaire Global Gift log onto [www.trocaire.org/globalgift](http://www.trocaire.org/globalgift) or call 1850 408 408 or (NI) 0800 912 1200. Trocaire's Global are also on sale in Veritas and Avoca outlets nationwide or at Trocaire centres in Maynooth, Dublin, Cork or Belfast.

**SPONSOR A LIGHT FOR CHRISTMAS:** You will have the opportunity to sponsor a light on a Christmas Tree outside Callow and Killasser Churches again this year. This can be done in memory of family members, relatives or neighbours who have died and also for family members living away from home in Ireland or particularly overseas. The Christmas trees will be erected before Christmas and switched on in Callow, probably after the Carol Service and after the Vigil Mass in Killasser on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The cost of sponsoring a light will be €10 as it was last year. Envelopes for this purpose will be available from next weekend. A Mass will be offered in Callow and Killasser early in 2008 for all the living and dead who are remembered. The sponsorship money will go towards the Parish Renovation Fund.

**THE CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND-RAISING SOCIAL** will be held in Frank's Place, Killasser on Saturday Night next 8<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 9.00 p.m. Tickets are on sale for the main Prizes which are very valuable. Tickets are €2 each or a Book of 12 for €20. The Prizes are - €500 Home Heating Oil / Berg Go Kart / Nintendo Wii and Game / Satellite Navigation System / €200 Lynch Group Hotel Voucher. Draw will take place at the Social. Lots of other Raffle Prizes to be raffled on the night. Your support will be very much appreciated for what is always a most enjoyable function.

**FOXFORD FARMERS' MARKET:** Foxford's New Farmers' Markets runs every Saturday morning from 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. in the Car Park of the Foxford Woolen Mills. Items available include fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, home-baking - orders can be placed now for puddings and Christmas Cakes, also catering to any dietary requirements. Hot soup available. Also available in the market is a wonderful selection of cheeses and there is even an opportunity to purchase some seasonal plants and festive wreaths. This weekend the Foxford Craft Fair takes place in the Sports Centre and the Farmers' Market, for this week only, will run on Saturday and Sunday. This is an ideal opportunity to purchase local produce, organic vegetables and home-baking so come along and support the traders. It is a very pleasant and sociable experience.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD CELEBRATION:** Fr. Heribert Wolf, who has been visiting Foxford for many years and now spends much more time there in recent years will celebrate the Golden Jubilee (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) of his Ordination to the Priesthood during the 7.30 p.m. Mass in Foxford Parish Church on Saturday next 8<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a presentation social afterwards in the Browne Memorial Hall. We congratulate him on reaching this milestone in his life and wish him every blessing, happiness and good health for many years to come. Fr. Wolf is a native of Germany.

**THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** is next Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December and is a Holy Day. There will only be a 10.00 a.m. Mass in Callow Church for the Feast. This decision was taken by the Parish Pastoral Council as it

was felt that one Mass was adequate. The rest of the weekend Mass schedule will be as usual - Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. in Killasser on Saturday / 10.00 a.m. Sunday Mass in Callow and 11.30 a.m. Sunday Mass in Killasser on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

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**PRAY FOR**     **Martin McManus, Carramore, and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
**Martina Shovlin, Dromada-Duke, Grandparents John and Winnie Peyton, Dromada-Gore, Uncle John Peyton, Dromada-Gore, Aunt Mary Power, Kiltimagh and Deceased Members of the Peyton and Shovlin Families, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
**Patsi, Delia and Jim Noone, Culduff and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 10 a.m.**  
**Mary Ellen Loftus, Oulogue, Sunday 10 a.m.**  
**People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.**  
**James Adams, Cloonfinnish, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
**Michael Dempsey, Graffy and Deceased Members of the Dempsey and Hughes Families, Saturday 8 pm.**  
**Kathleen McGrath, Park Road, Swinford, Sister of Maureen Barry, Carramore, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
**Martin and Geraldine McNulty, Listernan and Norman Donoghue, Athlone, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
**Vincent Cunney, Dromada-Gore, Sister Vera, Parents Patrick and Brigid, Nephew Martin, Saturday 8.**  
**Martin Quinn, Dromada-Joyce, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
**Tom Kavanagh, Carramore and Deceased Members of Kavanagh and Kilbride Families, Saturday 8pm.**  
**Dan (John) Mulligan, Callow, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 a.m.**  
**Katie Doyle, Sister of Brigid Holleran, Dunmaynor, who died in Mill Hill, London on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**  
**Mass will be offered on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 8 p.m.**  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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**CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL  
 ANNUAL SOCIAL IN FRANK'S PLACE ON  
 SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 9.00 P.M.  
 TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR THE BIG  
 DRAW WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THE  
 NIGHT. TICKETS €2 EACH OR BOOK OF  
 12 FOR €20. YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE  
 VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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