

# 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'*

### PUTTING HEROD BACK INTO CHRISTMAS.

For many people, December represents an obstacle course of tasks to undertake, things to do at what is largely a sentimental moment. Maybe we need to bring back Herod. After all, he was there at the first Christmas. He reminds us that Jesus didn't enter a world of sparkly Christmas cards or a world of warm spiritual sentiment. Jesus enters a world of real pain, of serious dysfunction, a world of brokenness and political oppression.

*We come like children with a huge Christmas list, asking for all the gifts that we need. For the gifts of peace, understanding and love. We pray for the frustrated whose dreams lie in ruins, the deeply ashamed who cannot forgive themselves,*

*the haughty who need to look again at themselves,  
he overly busy who 'hide' among the clutter of incomplete tasks,  
he vain who try to make an impression to fill their own emptiness,  
the corrupt and morally decayed who crush and plunder other lives,  
the fearful, the confused, those who are wracked with guilt or pain,  
the secret hurts we won't let anyone else know about,  
the people of the world suffering with the effects of war and poverty.*

Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - December 2006)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday 10 a.m.

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

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Friday 10 a.m. Sean McLoughlin  
Friday 8 p.m. Patrick McNulty.  
Saturday 8 p.m. Ray Chuck.  
Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Keane.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Sean Thompson

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Friday 10 a.m. Angela Conlon  
Friday 8 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Sr. Margaret.  
Saturday 8 p.m. Mary Marren and Francis Hegarty.  
Sunday 10 a.m. Mary McNulty.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Friday 8 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara  
Saturday 8 p.m. Eimear Burke  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr

#### CALLOW

Friday 10 a.m. Deirdre Gallagher.  
Sunday 10 a.m. Helen Timlin.

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

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 8 p.m. Colin Hughes Siobhan O'Hara Steven Cunney Niall Armstrong.  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 8 p.m. Keith Kavanagh Liam Moran Rachael McDonnell Ciara Hussey.  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 a.m. Aileen Gallagher Christine Durkin Ronan Carr Eimear Burke.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8 p.m. The Quinn Family (Dromada-Joyce)  
Saturday 8 p.m. The Dempsey Family (Graffy)  
Friday 10 a.m. The Hughes Family (Coolegrane)  
Sunday 10 a.m. The Mulligan Family (Callow)  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

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

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY'** the Preparation Programme for First Confessions and First Holy Communion will have its next celebration on the Third Sunday of Advent 17<sup>th</sup> December, during the 11.30 a.m. in Killasser Church. The focus for this celebration will be the Nativity - Birth of Christ.

**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. These donations were received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

**ANOTHER OPEN MEETING** to discuss the renovation work at Callow Church and how extra money might be raised to pay off the cost of this work as soon as possible, took place in Callow Church on Monday week last 27<sup>th</sup> November. It was a very well attended and representative meeting, once again. Sincere thanks to everyone who made the effort to be there and for your ideas and suggestions, as to how we might raise the money to pay for the renovation at Callow Church and Killasser Parochial House. It is our collective responsibility to address this situation and to deal with it in the best way we can. Your willingness to be involved is very much appreciated. There will be further meetings in the future.

**SPONSOR A LIGHT FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE OUTSIDE CALLOW AND KILLASSER CHURCHES:** This is one of the suggestions from the first open meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November. An outdoor Christmas tree will be erected outside Callow and Killasser Churches and you can sponsor a light on either tree for €10. **Envelopes for this purpose and for your donation will be available in both Churches this weekend.** You can hand them in next weekend or at your convenience. Proceeds will go towards the renovation. The trees are being donated and erected free of charge. Sincere thanks to all who have offered to do this.

**SPONSOR A LIGHT ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE OUTSIDE CALLOW AND KILLASSER CHURCHES** for a Family Member, Relative or Neighbour who is living away from home - in other parts of Ireland, England, U.S.A., Australia or anywhere in the world - who will be unable to return this Christmas. It could be an ideal present to inform them that a light is being lit for them at home this Christmas. More envelopes are available this weekend in both Churches and the suggested donation is €10. All proceeds will go towards Callow Church and Parochial House renovations. Your support and generosity will be very much appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AT THE HUGHES HOME IN COOLEGRANE:** Each year the Hughes Family erect very decorative Christmas lighting outside their home which attracts many people. At the gate there is always a donation box and the money is given to different charities and for different causes each year. At the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November, the Hughes family offered to give this year's proceeds to the Callow Church Renovation Fund. We thank them sincerely for this most generous gesture and we encourage as many as possible to go along to see the lighting /decoration when it is erected. We will let you know when this happens.

**A SPONSORED WALK FOR CALLOW CHURCH** will take place on St. Stephen's Day to raise funds for the renovation work. A route has been planned out. If you remember we had a most enjoyable walk last St. Stephen's Day to raise funds for the earthquake victims in Pakistan. We hope you will mark this into your diary and come out in large numbers on that day. There will be refreshments and music etc. afterwards. **The walk will begin and finish at Callow Church.**

**A CONCERT OF SPIRITUAL MUSIC AND SONG** will, hopefully, take place in Callow Church, possibly around Eastertime. No definite arrangements or details yet but it will be worked on over the coming weeks.

**ANOTHER REMINDER TO PAYE WORKERS TO RETURN YOUR REVENUE FORMS:** Sincere thanks to everyone who has returned a tax form. If you have overlooked it, you are encouraged to return it at your convenience. It is important to remember that this does not affect your tax in any way. It does not cost you as a taxpayer but it can greatly assist the Church renovation fund. **Take Note: You do not have to put in any money with the Tax Form - you just write down how much you contributed to the Church in 2005.** If you still need a form or if you have any query you can contact 087-6305936 or Fr. O'Mahony.

**TILING OF CALLOW CHURCH:** The tiling of Callow Church was completed during the past week. This work has been carried out by Vincent Broderick, Dunmaynor, who has done an excellent job in very quick time. The small tiles obviously made it a much more time-consuming and tedious job. Compliments on a job very well done.

**THE CARPETING OF THE MAIN BODY OF THE CHURCH AND SANCTUARY IN CALLOW** was also carried out during the past week. This work was expertly done by Gerry Cronnolly, Doontas and his team of workers on Thursday/Friday. Not only that, but the material and labour have been given free of charge, which is a most generous gift to the Church and the Community. Sincere thanks on behalf of everyone. Compliments on your expertise and your generosity.

**CARPET COLOURS:** Sincere thanks to all who helped last Sunday to choose the colours of the Carpet for the Sanctuary and the main body of the Church. I think you chose very well. Hope you all like it.

**COMPLETION OF PAINTING OF CALLOW CHURCH:** The painting of Callow Church will be completed during the week ahead. The doors have still to be painted, also the red line around the windows and some timber has still to be varnished. Even before the completion of painting, the church was looking beautiful for the Wedding on this Saturday. It will be looking even better for Christmas.

**ADVENT - 'THE WONDER OF THE INCARNATION':** A Reflection on the Advent Liturgy was given by Fr. Dermot Meehan on Wednesday last in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. Sincere thanks to the large number of people from the parish who attended. It was an excellent presentation and gave us much to reflect on for Advent and Christmas.

**FEAST DAYS:** Thursday - St. Ambrose. Friday - The Immaculate Conception.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR** 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> November amounted to €1, 643.

**NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME MEMBERS:** Members are advised that the annual water rate is now due and will be collected in the coming weeks. Rate for domestic use - €70 Rate for domestic and agricultural use €120.

**SWINFORD AND DISTRICT CREDIT UNION A.G.M.** will take place in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Tuesday 12<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 will be explained.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT BANADA** takes place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 p.m. Santa will be there. Bring your letter along and there will be prizes for the best letters. Great Prizes including Turkeys, Hams, Wine and Bottles of Whiskey. Draw for 500 Litres of Heating Oil and Coal. Support appreciated.

**CLUSTER NEWSLETTER:** It is hoped to publish a Cluster Newsletter again this year before Christmas. A sub-committee with a representative from each of the five parishes is being formed to edit and put it together. Maureen Murphy, Carramore-Moy is the Killasser representative. If you have any news item or photograph that you think should or could be included, you might pass it on to Maureen not later than Monday next 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**MEELICK CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** A Christmas Bazaar will be held in Meelick Community Centre on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December commencing at 3.00 p.m. There are lots of Prizes on the Big Wheel. It promises to be a great day for all the family. Santa will be there. Great Raffle Prizes also. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**LADIES KEEP-FIT:** Keep-Fit for ladies continues in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday Night at 7.00 p.m. Start your exercise regime for Christmas and the New Year by joining up. Admission Cost €4 per class.

**FR. PEYTON CENTRE SALE OF WORK:** The annual sale of work will be held on Sunday next 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3 p.m. This year's sale of work will be bigger and better than ever with lots of Christmas baking and a great variety of freshly baked cakes, scones, apple tarts, sponge cakes, brown bread and pastries. Beautiful craft work and Christmas wreaths also on sale. Not to be missed. Your support will be much appreciated.

**THE ANNUAL CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL FUND-RAISING SOCIAL** will take place in Frank's Place, Killasser on this Saturday Night 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Tickets for very valuable Prizes are now on sale. The main Prizes are: Lynch Group Hotel Voucher / Portable D.V.D. and Accessories / Large Bottle of Brandy / O'Hara's Bakery Hamper. There will be numerous other raffle prizes on the night. Your support will be very much appreciated. It is always a most enjoyable night.

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE ANNUAL 25 CARD DRIVE** will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday next 4<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 8.45 p.m. There will be €600 in Prizemoney as well as many valuable spot prizes. Admission is €8. Your support will be very much appreciated. The proceeds will help Killasser Community Care to continue the good work they have been doing over so many years.

**KNOCK MARRIAGE BUREAU:** The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 Marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying? For further information contact the Bureau at Knock. Phone 094-9375960 or visit their website at

[www.knockmarriagebureau.com](http://www.knockmarriagebureau.com) and read about the workings of the bureau.

**SHOPPING BONANZA BEGINS IN FULL SWING:** Swinford Shopping Bonanza continues this week and will conclude on Saturday next 9<sup>th</sup> December. Saturday is Santa Saturday - The Great Giveaway Day where the man himself will in his Grotto from 3 - 5 p.m. He invites all boys and girls to come and visit him. Live music will commence at 2 p.m., the draw will be held at 4.30 p.m. and of course the Christmas Lights will be switched on. The evening will conclude with Carol Singing. The organising committee of Swinford Shopping Bonanza is delighted at how successful the event is going so far, but in order for it to be successful it needs the support of all the community. For hassle-free shopping with plenty of parking, Swinford is the place to be. See you all on Saturday for a super day.

**THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** will be held in Callow Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Practice for the Service has already begun. All children and young people wishing to take part in the Carol Service are asked to come to Callow Church on Tuesday evening next at 7.30 p.m. You are also asked to bring along your musical instruments.

**A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday next 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY ALERT COMMITTEE** has been sanctioned for a Grant of €5,840 for extra security equipment. This will be given by the Department of Community and Rural Affairs. It is expected in about two weeks time.

**COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS IN KILLASSER CHURCH:** This ceremony will take place during the 8 p.m. Mass on Friday evening next 8<sup>th</sup> December. The following children will be commissioned: Caoimhe Warde, Cormac Warde, David Cronnelly, Sinead Timlin (All 5<sup>th</sup> Class in Carramore School) and Kevin Rowley, Pierce Rowley, Brid Rogers, Lorraine Kavanagh, Conor Stephens, Shane Cunney and Paul Quinn ( All 5<sup>th</sup> Class in Killasser School). We wish them well in their new Ministry.

**FOXFORD'S NEW SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE** will be officially opened on Saturday next 9<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are on sale for a draw to raise funds for equipment for the Centre. Your support will be much appreciated. Everyone is welcome to the opening. We wish all concerned well with the new centre which will be of great benefit to the area.

**THE FOXFORD CRAFT FAIR** continues in the Woolen Mills on this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Support appreciated.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to Seamus Quinn, Athlone and Ballisodare and Adeline McEnroe, Athlone and Ballisodare who were married in Callow Church on this Saturday afternoon. The celebrant was Fr. Jim Murray, Carraroe, Sligo. We wish the newly married couple every blessing and happiness for the future.

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**PRAY FOR** **Martin McManus, Carramore and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
**Kathleen O'Grady (Nee Hyland), Carramore-Moy, Parents Pat and Mary and Brother Paddy, Saturday 8.00 p.m.**  
**People of the Parish, Sunday 10 a.m.**  
**John Browne, Boleboy and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11.30 a.m.**  
**Tommy Kerrane, Carrownedan, Michael and Teresa Kerrane, Carramore, Sunday 11.30 a.m.**  
**May, Tom and Tommy Reynolds, Foxford, Wednesday 10 a.m.**  
**Martin Quinn, Dromada-Joyce, Friday 8 p.m.**  
**Vincent Cunney, Dromada-Gore and Vera Cunney, Carrowleamore, Friday 8 p.m.**  
**Michael Dempsey, Graffy and Deceased Members of the Dempsey/Huges Families, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
**James Adams, Cloonfinnish, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
**Helen Murphy (Nee McNulty), Cullenaughton, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10 a.m.**  
**John (Dan) Mulligan, Callow, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10 a.m.**  
**Margaret Convey, Tumgesh, Aunt-in-law of Michael Fox, Lismorane, who died last weekend.**  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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