

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'*

A RIGHT FOCUS.

Notice in a parish newsletter 'Lost a black leather wallet containing precious family photos, personal ID documents and eight hundred and seventy five Euro in cash. Finder can keep the photos and ID, but please return the cash for sentimental reasons'. It didn't happen of course but the sentiment is closer to us than we care to admit.

It is a bitter-sweet truth that we will do anything for money and precious little for God at times. We have all seen that quarrels over inheritance can provide bitterness and enmity in the closest of families. Wisely, Jesus in today's Gospel refuses to take sides in a case and points out what often lies at the root of a quarrel - greed for gain, the love of money. We still have to learn the wisdom of the psalm where the 'shortness of our life... gains us wisdom of heart'.

SSIA dosh and Pension plans may offer a financial carpet for a more secure future. But what is it that assures life? It's not abundant reserves of grain storehouses. 'To be rich in the sight of God,' is to give and to share, to seek life where life is to be found. Go figure.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - August 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Tuesday, Friday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Sunday 1.30 p.m. / Monday, Wednesday 10 a.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Claire Conroy

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Anne Holleran and Sr. Margaret

Sunday 10 a.m. Anne Deacy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

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Sunday 10 a.m. Claire Conroy.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 11th August 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Lorraine Kavanagh Shane Cunney Paul Quinn

Sunday 12th August 11.30 a.m. Caoimhe Warde Cormac Warde Ronan Carr Colin Hughes.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Thomspson/Warde Family (Doontas) Sunday 10 a.m. The McGowan Family (Cullenaughon)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

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

WEDDING: Congratulations to Derek Barry, Milltown, Killasser and Sarah Boynton, Curry, who were married in Curry Parish Church on this Saturday afternoon 4th August. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM was celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday afternoon 4th August. Three children were baptised in this ceremony and so we welcome into the Christian Community of Killasser Michael Joseph Cunningham, Dublin and Doontas, Verity Kiera Grufferty, Carramore and Darragh Jiseph Hanley, Clooncleeveragh. We pray that they will grow up to be committed followers of Christ through the example of their Parents, Godparents, Family Members and Neighbours. This brings the number of children baptised in the Parish this year to 12.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 28th / 29th July amounted to €1,210.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW RENOVATION FUND for June amounted to €1,855. Sincere thanks for your 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 / €100 / €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.**

THE SACRISTY IN KILLASSER CHURCH has been completely refurbished. New furniture has been installed by Rory Conroy, Callow who did a beautiful job of the sacristy in Callow. Killasser has the same design. A new timber ceiling has also been put in place which looks very well. A new and better radiator has been installed behind the presses holding vestments etc to keep them in the best condition possible.

SINCERE THANKS TO RORY CONROY for providing and installing the new furniture in Killasser Church Sacristy free of charge as he did earlier in Callow Church. This is a most generous gesture and we thank him on behalf of the whole parish.

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.

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.

THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2007 - 2008 have been distributed over the past few weeks. 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.

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 Pilgrimages will recommence after 13th August and continue until towards the end of September. 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

THE WEEKLY SEISIUNS are being held again this year in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on each Thursday night at 9 p.m. during July and August. Sixth session on next Thursday Night 9th August. Admission €10. Children have free admission. Refreshments served. There was a wonderful night's entertainment on last Thursday night and a huge crowd in spite of the inclement weather. Well worth a visit. The tea/coffee and bunnies were beautiful.

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.

THE PARISH CALENDAR was launched on Thursday night last 2nd August in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. It is a beautiful production which will be a collector's item for the future. It has relevance for every townland in the parish, with the name of each townland included as a picture as well as twelve beautiful photographs of different areas in the parish. When it is on sale this weekend and over the coming weeks make sure you get your copy early as it is a once-off production. It will have a special appeal for people from the parish living in other parts of the country and world. Sincere thanks to everyone who has worked so hard over the past few months to produce the calendar and to Bernie O'Hara who performed the official launch on Thursday night.

WELCOME / CEAD MILE FAILTE / CUPAN TAE / BUNEEENS: Welcome to all our visitors and to make you feel even more welcome and to give you an opportunity to stay a while afterwards and chat, there will be a cup of tea served to everyone after all Masses this weekend. It is hoped that this can happen outside the Church provided the weather is suitable. Sincere thanks to everyone who has organised and will serve the refreshments.

THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Price €10. Again make sure you get your copy in good time.

CSKA KILLASSER COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB'S JULY SPORTS CAMP was a very enjoyable experience for all who took part. In spite of an extremely wet first day, forty nine children, including three Spanish children, who were holidaying in the area, enjoyed Gaelic football, Soccer, Rugby, Tae-kwon-do, Rounders, Athletics, Basketball and a host of fun and fitness games. Mr. Jack Charlton presented the certificates which all the children received. Jack Charlton posed for a photograph with each child and the signed all the certificates. The club wishes to thank the Chairperson of Killasser Community Centre, Mrs. Geraldine Burke and all the committee for their help and co-operation. The club will host another Camp from 13th - 17th August, inclusive. This promises to be another memorable week of activity and fun. Well done to everyone concerned with the running of the camp. It is wonderful for all the children to have this opportunity on their doorstep.

KILLASSER CHOI KWANG DO: It has been a very busy year for Killasser CKD. Three gradings have been held. Two of these gradings involved a visit from Mrs. V. Mackie 111 Dan and Mr. K. Mackie 111 Dan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mackie were very pleased with the standard of the students. The last grading was in June and the following people were graded: Pierce Rowley White Snr., Breege Rogers Yellow Snr., Fergus Ward Orange Snr., Oisín Broe White Snr., Caoimhe Ward Gold, Sonncha Broe White Snr., Cormac Ward Orange, Emer Loftus Yellow, Siobhan Ward 11 Dan Gold. Congratulations to all the students and they are encouraged to keep up the good work. Classes took a two week break and are now back in the Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.00 p.m. All ages from five years are welcome.

RE-DEDICATION OF CURRY PARISH CHURCH: Curry Parish Church, which was completely renovated/refurbished during 2006 will be re-dedicated on this Sunday 5th August. This ceremony will be performed by Bishop Flynn during concelebrated Mass which commences at 2.00 p.m. After the Mass and ceremony, a commemorative Book, edited by Brian Cahill will be launched, followed by light refreshments in a marquee on the church grounds adjoining the church. Congratulations and complements to everyone who has been involved in this huge project.

CLOONLUMNEY FOOTBRIDGE ACCESS 6 MILE SPONSORED WALK will take place on this Bank Holiday Monday, commencing at the Footbridge at 2.30 p.m. It will go through Cloonlumney, Cloonacannana, Carrabeg and Carramore-Moy. Afterwards at approximately 4 p.m., everyone is invited to a picnic at the bridge and to join in the excitement of a duck derby on the river. Refreshments will be provided. This is an opportunity for visitors and friends to meet up and enjoy an evening of fun. All proceeds will be used to improve the official access to the bridge.

CAKE SALE AND BRING AND BUY in Killasser Community Centre after Mass on Sunday 12th August in aid of Bone Marrow For Leukaemia. Items can be left into the Community Centre on Saturday evening between 7.30 and 8.00 p.m. or Sunday morning from 11.00 a.m. onwards. Further information from Noreen Shovlin on 087-2263737. Your support will be very much appreciated.

KILLASSER CEMETERY: Killasser Cemetery has been substantially improved in recent years. Footpaths have been tarmacadamed. A new Altar/Shrine and Crucifix have been erected. A wall was built, which has recently been plastered and fitted with capping. This year a remembrance space for unnamed children has been set aside. Gates have been refurbished and flowers planted. The old cemetery which was completely overgrown has been cleared. A new amplification system for use at funerals and Masses was purchased. This work has been carried out through the generosity of parishioners and friends and the voluntary work of many craftsmen/women. Stuart Durkin and Richard Hughes, employed under the Rural Social Scheme, have worked hard to make sure it is looking its best for the Annual Cemetery Mass on Tuesday 14th August at 8.00 p.m.

CEMETERY COLLECTION ENVELOPES will be available at all Masses before the cemetery Mass. They will be available in the Churches. You will then be able to make a contribution towards the upkeep of the cemetery. We rely on your generosity and on your support in helping to keep the cemetery free of litter by taking home all old wreath etc.

THE ANNUAL KILLASSER CEMETERY MASS will be celebrated in the on Tuesday 14th August at 8 p.m. You are encouraged to spread the word among your family members away from home to give them an opportunity to attend. It will be the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. On Wednesday 15th August, there will be just the one Mass in Callow Church at 10 a.m.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN CRAGGAGH FOXFORD is being celebrated on this Sunday 5th August, commencing at 3.00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in Toomore Cemetery on Saturday next 11th August at 6.00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN KILCONDUFF SWINFORD will be celebrated on Tuesday evening next 7th August at 8.00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in Midfield Cemetery on Tuesday 14th August at 7.00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN TEAMPALL MAOIL will be celebrated on Friday 24th August at 7.30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL SIAMSA SRAIDE STREET FESTIVAL IN SWINFORD takes place again this year. It is being officially opened on this Saturday evening 4th August. Compliments to the organisers for putting it on each year and in this way giving people at home and those on holiday to meet in a very welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere. There is a huge programme of entertainment for all age groups and you are encouraged to support the festival by your presence at the various events. It will continue until Wednesday 8th August.

COMMISERATIONS TO SLIGO IN CROKE PARK THIS SATURDAY: Unfortunately Sligo weren't strong enough for Cork in the All-Ireland Quarter Final in Croke Park today (Saturday). However they can look back on the year with great satisfaction, having won the Connacht Final for the first time in 32 years.

FAMILY TREE MASS in Curry Parish Church on Thursday next 9th August at 8.00 p.m. Confessions beforehand from 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. The Celebrant will be Fr. Dan O'Connell M. H. M. Everyone welcome.

COSGALLEN OFFICE only open from 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. each day from Tuesday 7th to Friday 17th August.

PRAY FOR: P.J. Cronnolly, Doontas, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tom Monaghan, Callow and Cullenauthton, Sunday 5th August 10 a.m.
 Maggie Ellen and Martin Loftus, Gurteen and Grandson Michael McNulty, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Mary Rowley, Fross and Deceased Family, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Willie Gildea, Knocks, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Edward and Ellen Thompson and Deceased Family, Doontas, John Henry and Michael Durkan, Saturday 8 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.



