

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'*

GETTING IT RIGHT.

A sense of urgency in many lives today, with many minds sitting in church racing ahead to what tasks are for accomplishing over the weekend. We flit and fly around the place, but rarely stop and wonder.

In a real sense this 21st Century sense of hurriedness is mirrored in the readings echoing over 21 centuries of human experience. Paul and Barnabas cover impressive amounts of territory (First Reading). If they had our modern modes of transport available to them, we can only wonder how much more might they have achieved. Jesus picks up on this with words like 'now' 'very soon.' Why - because he won't physically 'be with you much longer.' Which should make us stop in our tracks without production line planning of the day. Suppose this was my last day - are my current preoccupations really that worthy? Probable not. We're told that the mutual love of all Christians is the greatest sign of the presence of the Risen One. What inheritance are we leaving behind to those who follow us? One hymn puts it, 'They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love.' In our case, we can only wonder - would they really?

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - May 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Tuesday 9 a.m. / Thursday, Sunday 10 a.m.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Ray Chuck.

Sunday 10 a.m. Claire Conroy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Eileen O'Neill and Francis Hegarty.

Sunday 10 a.m. Margaret McGowan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Eimear Burke Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Niamh O'Grady

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 12th May 8.00 p.m. Eimear Burke Keith Kavanagh Ciara Hussey Lorraine Kavanagh.

Sunday 13th May 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr Erin Rochford Brid Rogers Kevin Rowley

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The Hyland Family (Carramore-Moy)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Judge Family (Magheraboy)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will NOT be in Killasser Church on Monday 7th May.

THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

will be visited on Thursday next at the usual time. If there is anybody not on the list, you are asked to contact Fr. O'Mahony.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

should now have been distributed to every home in the parish. We would appreciate if you could return them by Sunday next 13th May at the latest. Sincere thanks to everyone who has taken the time to fill them and return them already. Your responses have been very informative so far and will help greatly with the future work of the Parish Pastoral Council.

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION: The amount handed in already has reached €3,007. Sincere thanks, once again, for your tremendous generosity. If you haven't handed in your contribution already, you can do so at your convenience so that it can be sent on to Trocaire not later than the week beginning 13th May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST will be celebrated during 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killassr on this Sunday 6th May. Thirteen children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive the Sacrament for the first time. There are nine from Carramore and four from Killasser. We pray for the children, their parents and families and their teachers at this time. **The following Children will receive Holy Commnion for the first time on this Sunday:**

CARRAMORE	Conor Kerrane (Carrownedan) Shauna Fallon (Prebawn)	Cathal Frain (Carracanada) Rachael Neary (Claddagh)	Fiachra Warde (Doontas) Emily Ronynane (Swinford)
KILLASSER	Meabh Peyton (Dromada-Gore) Thomas Stenson (Carrowleambeg) Emily O'Grady (Carroweena)	Rachael Howley (Dunmaynor) Mary Tully (Carroweena)	Dara Thompson (Graffy) David Gallagher (Ballinacurra)

Congratulations to all the children on reaching this spiritual milestone in their young lives. Sincere thanks to their Parents and Teachers for all you have done for them along the Christian Journey from Baptism to this point. We pray that through your efforts and the efforts of the whole community they will become even better followers of Christ for the journey ahead.

I wish to extend a very special welcome to the Thirteen Children who are receiving their First Holy Communion today. I also wish to extend a warm welcome to their Parents and Family Members, their Relatives and Friends, especially those who have travelled long distances and their Teachers. It is a very special Spiritual Landmark in the lives of these young Children, a very special occasion for all who have helped them to reach this Day and a very special Event for the Parish. We pray that for everyone it will be a grace-filled experience and that these Children will grow up to be committed followers of Jesus Christ. I congratulate the Children, their Parents, Family Members and Teachers and thank them for all their good work and good example. May God bless you for all your efforts.

THE CHILDRENS' TEACHERS ARE Ms Niamh Rutledge (Killasser) and Mrs. Anne Sharkey (Carramore). Thank you sincerely for your dedication, commitment, hard work and good example in preparing these Children for the Sacraments.

TO THE CHOIR / READERS / CHILDREN IN OFFERTORY PROCESSION AND ALTAR SERVERS in advance Thanks for making the First Communion Mass so special and so meaningful through your combined efforts. Thanks especially to Mrs. Fallon and Ms. Gallagher for preparing the Childrens' Choir.

SINCERE THANKS to Ms. Geraldine Warde, School Secretary for preparing and producing, once again, a beautiful First Communion Booklet for each Child, for the Teachers and for myself. Thanks for this, for the Booklet for First Confessions and for all your good work in both National Schools. It is very much appreciated. These Booklets are very nice souvenirs of these very special occasions.

A FIRST COMMUNION PARTY for the thirteen First Communicants will take place in Killasser Community Centre immediately after Mass on this Sunday. All the Childrens' Parents, Family Members and Relatives are invited to the Centre for refreshments. All this is being organised and prepared by Killasser Community Care Group. We deeply appreciate their thoughtfulness and generosity.

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. / ~~€30~~ / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100. These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

AN OPEN MEETING was held in Callow Church on Monday night 23rd April to evaluate the success of the James Kilbane Concert in all its aspects. With that done, it was time to look forward again and plan other projects. The first to be taken on is the production of a Parish Calendar. It is hoped to have this ready for sale by August. A small group have agreed to take on responsibility for getting this done. Later on it is hoped to have a Parish Christmas Card printed. These, it is hoped, would be ready for sale well before Christmas. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended this meeting for your ideas, interest and willingness to be involved. More news as it becomes available. **The next open Meeting will be held in Callow Church on Monday 21st May.**

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING was held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday night last. It was suggested that since work at Callow Church had concluded for the present, that Killasser Church and grounds should be looked at again. It was suggested that an immediate priority would be to upgrade the tarmac around Killasser Church, which would include new tarmac, new kerbing and an extension of the tarmac area on the Estate side of the Church.

AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING will be held at Killasser Church on Monday 14th May at 8.30 p.m. to discuss the above suggestion of upgrading the grounds and all other items that need to be attended to. It will then be a matter of prioritising the items suggested in order of importance. Maintenance and upgrade of grounds and buildings is never totally finished. Everyone welcome.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:28th / 29th April amounted to €1,456.

THE CAR PARK AT CALLOW CHURCH has now been lined for parking. This will mean that parking should be more organised for the future. Sincere thanks to everyone who used the new system so well last Sunday, the first time it was in operation. There is now a **NO-ENTRY** sign at the gate on the Swinford side and exit sign on the Foxford side. Everyone is asked to follow this instruction for safety reasons. Beside the entrance gate, there is an area for **NO PARKING** which is marked yellow. This will also improve safety. More parking space is still required at Callow Church and will have to be looked at in the near future.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE: Five women from Achonry Diocese have recently completed two years training in Spiritual Direction with the Jesuit Centre for Spirituality, Manresa. They are now available to meet with individuals. Spiritual Direction/Guidance offers a reflective look at life and working of the Holy Spirit in it. For more information, Phone Patricia McCarthy on 086-1021532 or Frances Mellett on 087-7813926. You can get a brochure in the Sacristy.

INFORMATION SERVICE: A service providing information and advice to members of the community will be available each Monday from 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre.

MOY DAVITTS G.A.A. CLUB Training: **Minor Training on Thursday at 7.00 p.m. and U-16 Training every Sunday at 12 Noon.** All new players welcome. Please come out and support your local G.A.A. Club.

Underage Teams are now back training. Times of training sessions may vary. Any queries - please contact the following: U-10 Michael Gaughan 087-2656754 / U-12 Paddy Langan 085-1227460 / U-14 Declan Prendergast 086-3724713 / U-16 Joe McNulty 087-2451028 / Minor Miko Sheridan 087-6548021.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN is recruiting Marriage Care Facilitators for their Pre-Marriage Courses. They are looking for people who have been married for at least 5 years, who are warm and caring and relate easily to others. If you think you can help them, please join them for an information evening regarding training and working as a Facilitator for their Pre-Marriage Courses. This meeting will be in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday 17th April at 8.00 p.m. There you will meet Accord members and find out about the work they do. For further information please phone Patricia at 094-9254944. Office hours are Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Find out more about their work on their website www.accord.ie

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.

LADIES' MINI MARATHON: Cancer Action Mhaigh Eo is looking for volunteers to take part in the ladies' mini marathon on the Bank Holiday Monday 4th June next. All proceeds will go towards the MRI Scanner campaign for Mayo General Hospital. For further information, please contact 087-2224442.

A 10 KILOMETRE WALK in aid of the upkeep of Historic Teampall Maol Cemetery will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May, commencing at 1.00 p.m. The walk will begin at Teampall Maol Cemetery - via Coolegrane, Cullen, Prebane, Askilawn, Attymachugh, Corleyle, Leckee, Laraganmore, Muckroe, Churchpark and finishes at Teampall Maol. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Your support will be very much appreciated.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the Community Centre on Wednesday Night last. The following Officers were elected: Chairperson Geraldine Burke, Vice-Chairperson Jimmy Tully, Secretary Renee McDonnell, Assistant Secretary Marie Horkan, Treasurer Theresa Hennigan, Assistant Treasurer Paraic O'Hara. The following are the committee members: Teresa Rowley, Martin Peyton, Anthony Hanley, Tom Linehan, Philomena O'Hara, John Burke, Michael Howley, Louise Avery and Fr. O'Mahony. Sincere thanks to everyone who puts in such a huge effort to keep the centre operating and providing such an important service to the community. This is something we can so easily take for granted and only miss if it wasn't there. This year will be a very busy one in terms of renovation and improvement of the building. A new roof is to go on the Centre in the very near future. An all-weather sports area is also being prepared for at the moment which will be a great outdoor facility and also enhance the area around the centre. Well done to everyone for securing grant aid and organising the latest developments. Sincere thanks to our local councillors for their help.

ST. BENEDICT'S PRIORY - RETREAT HOUSE COBH CO. CORK: Their Retreat House is available for Private individual or group retreats and private day retreats. Accommodation is 6 Single Rooms and 2 Double Rooms. Retreatants are welcome to share in their Liturgical Life - Mass, Liturgy of the Hours and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Retreat House is situated in quiet peaceful surroundings and has a lovely Bible Garden. There are magnificent views of Cobh Harbour and Cobh Cathedral. Suggested donation is €40 per night, including all meals.. Phone No. 021-4811354.

VOTE RUTH SCOTT FOR RTE'S CELEBRITY JIGS n'REELS AND SUPPORT TROCAIRE: D.J. Ruth Scott is one of the contestants taking part this year in Celebrity Jigs and Reels on RTE 1 and she has picked Trocaire as her charity of choice for the show. Ruth has travelled to the Philippines to see Trocaire's work first hand. The new series of Celebrity Jigs n'Reels will run over eight weeks and viewers will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite dancing celebrity each week. Each celebrity has a chosen charity and all monies raised during the course of the show will go directly to that charity. In 2006 Celebrity Jigs n'Reels raised over €150,000 for the chosen charities. By voting for Ruth people will be supporting Trocaire's work in the developing world. 'Trocaire is delighted to have been nominated by Ruth as her charity for Celebrity Jigs n'Reels' said Justin Kilcullen, Director of Trocaire. 'Ruth has travelled with Trocaire and has seen our work in the Philippines, so it's great that she thinks so much of the work we do to pick Trocaire as her charity. Everyone in Trocaire will be cheering her on and I hope our supporters will get behind her too. We wish her the best of luck with the show'. To cast your vote during the live programmes text **voteruth** to **53600** or call **1513717110**. All the money raised from the texts and votes goes to charity.

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.

THE ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place this year on Sunday 20th May. This year Killasser Parish is being requested to provide a Minister of the Word, a reader of the Prayer of the Faithful and a Family to bring up the Offertory Gifts at the Mass in Knock on that day. Volunteers will be welcome. It will be nice to be involved.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON commenced on Tuesday last 1st May with the One-Day Pilgrimages. There is a Quiet Day on Wednesday 9th May. The Three-Day Pilgrimages begin on Monday 1st June and run until Monday 13th August. Full details in this week's Newsletter.

A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG will take place in September if there is sufficient interest. More about that anon.

BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL is progressing with the foundation and steel structure of the general purposes room in place. This will be wonderful facility for the school in the future.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY: This is Good Shepherd Sunday, where Christ is described in the Gospel at the Good Shepherd. It emphasises the ministry of care for every individual. Traditionally this ministry may have been seen as the task of the ordained only and of men. Now, we see every baptised Christian as a minister of God's love to other people, male and female.

THE ALL-IRELAND ROSARY RALLY in honour of Fr. Patrick Peyton will take place in Knock on Saturday 2nd June. It begins on the day with Rosary at 2.00 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross and Concelebrated Mass at 3.00 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Blessing. The main celebrant of the Mass is Fr. Pat Peyton P.P., Bunninadden nephew of the late Fr. Peyton.

WBCO I.T. TRAINING: Summer ICT Training Courses starting on 9th June. Total beginners, Juniors, Seniors - all welcome. Range of Courses. Contact Christine 087-9723641.

A HEALING MASS will be celebrated in Swinford Parish Church on Tuesday evening next 8th May at 8.00 p.m. The celebrant is Fr. Thady Doyle from Wexford. All are welcome.

AN EVENING OF PRAYER will take place in Collooney Parish Church on Friday evening next 11th May commencing at 7.00 p.m. It will consist of Sacrament of Reconciliation, Healing Service and Mass. The speaker will be Eddie Stone. All are welcome.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY GAMES 2007 will take place in the Sports Field at Killasser Community Centre on Sunday 13th May, commencing at 3.00 p.m. Track and Field events for boys and girls from under-8 to under-16 will be held. Competitors must be under the stated age on 31st July. This will be strictly adhered to. The Local Community Games is a selection process for athletes who wish to represent their parish at the county and national finals. Recently there have been very disappointing numbers prepared to go forward to the County Finals. The organisers hope that this will not be so this year as it is a great experience. So join everybody in the Sports Field for what is always a great afternoon.

THE VOCATIONS COLLECTION taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €810. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed for your generosity. At the moment there is one student studying for the priesthood for the diocese.

A GALA VARIETY CONCERT will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Friday Evening next 11th May, commencing at 8.00 p.m. This concert is being held to honour and acknowledge the great achievement of Lasair - Darina Burke, Sarah Scully, Linda McNulty and Eimear Burke - in winning the All-Ireland Readoiri Group Singing competition. The concert will feature Lasair, Brenda Grealis - a former All-Ireland Readoiri winner of the Solo Singing competition - Cooneal Novelty Act - All-Ireland Readoiri Winners 2007, together with a host of talented stars from near and far. Special surprise guest. Admission €8 for Adults and €3 for Children. All profits will be shared between Church and Community Centre funds. Your support will be greatly appreciated for what promises to be a great night's entertainment.

PRAY FOR John Timlin, Corley, Brother of Rita Haran, Knocks, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tom and May Tuffy, Dunmaynor, Grand-daughter Jennifer, Daughter-in-law, Andrea, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Martin McDonnell, Tiernanny and Deceased Family, Saturday 8 p.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Martin and Mary Agnes Deacy, Cloonainra, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Michael Melvin, Cornageltia, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Paddy Hyland, Carrowleamore and Carramore-Moy, and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Kitty Hanley, Clooncleeveragh, Kathleen Hanly and her Parents Michael and Elizabeth, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John Kerrand, Boleboy and Lismorane and Deceased Members of Kerrane and Conlon Family,
 Saturday 8 p.m.
 Jimmy Lynskey, Carn, Callow, Sunday 13th May 10 a.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**SPONSORED WALK
 IN AID OF
 TEAMPALL MAOL CEMETERY
 TAKES PLACE
 ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 7 MAY
 COMMENCING AT 1.00 P.M.
 BEGINS AND ENDS AT CEMETERY
 REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTERWARDS
 YOUR SUPPORT VERY MUCH
 APPRECIATE**
