

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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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'*

IMMERSING IN FAITH.

The place of the font in church architecture is a troubled one. In the past we allowed ourselves to use fonts often little bigger than bird-baths. Now that adult baptism is becoming more common (just like in the early church), a rethink is in process. In a strange parallel the early baptism of infants is similarly delayed as it is regarded as more important that you gather a dispersed family than that you actually have a child baptised.

The two (and it can be no more than 1 male and 1 female) Godparents can tend to be still chosen because they are relatives, rather than for being a role model in faith.

But the importance of early baptism is still stressed in Church Law: 'Parents are obliged to see that their infants are baptised within the first few weeks' (canon 867. 1. Why is this? Because through baptism one becomes a child of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. Why on earth would you delay? That surely beats all the baby shower presents in the world.

We would rightly criticize people who would allow a child to play with a dangerous toy that might deprive them of their physical life. So why put off giving them the greatest gift - eternal life with God through a friendship forged in baptism.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - January 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday 10 a.m.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Mary Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Tom Keane.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Theresa Hennigan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Mary Marren.

Sunday 10 a.m. Margaret McGowan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8 p.m. Rachael McDonnell Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford.

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Deirdre Gallagher.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Rachael McDonnell Eimear Burke Pierce Rowley Lorraine Kavanagh.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ciara Hussey Caoimhe Warde Brid Rogers Aileen Gallagher.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Howley Family (Carrowleambeg)

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7.00 p.m.

BAPTISM: We welcome Aoife Tuffy, Carracanada, Swinford into the Christian Community of Swinford/Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated in Killasser Church on Sunday last 31st December. We pray that she will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of her Parents, Godparent, Neighbours and Relatives.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

will be held in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening next 10th January at 8.30 p.m.

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 / €250 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. These donations were received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

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 need a form, you can contact 087-6305936 or Fr. O'Mahony.

THE NEW SEATING FOR CALLOW CHURCH will be available in a few weeks, probably in early February. The final measurements were taken on Thursday evening last. Those who wish to confirm their willingness to sponsor Church furniture might do so as soon as possible. A definite list needs to be drawn up.

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.

THE ANNUAL KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MASS was held on Friday Night last and it was a most enjoyable for all present. Sincere thanks to all who accepted the invitation to be there. Thanks also to all who provided the musical entertainment. A very special thanks to all the members of Community Care for organising the function and providing such a beautiful meal. Long may they continue such good work in our community.

THE ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR CHURCH UNITY WEEK is being hosted this year by Killasser Parish. Church Unity week is from 18th - 25th January. At the Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th December, it was decided to have it on Wednesday 24th January. The Service will commence at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Church and it will be followed by refreshments in Killasser Community Centre afterwards. People of all faiths and none are invited and welcome to attend. This will be the first time for Killasser to host this event.

THE MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL 2007 CALENDAR contains photographs of Stained Glass Windows from Churches in Mayo that came from the Harry Clarke Studios. We are very interested because the window over the Gallery in Callow Church, of St. Patrick, is one of those windows. It is included in this 2007 Calendar which is a beautiful production.

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTMAS 2006 has been published again this year and is a bumper edition of sixteen pages. It contains news, articles and photographs from all five parishes in the cluster. There is a copy for every family in the Parish and. You may also wish to send a copy to your relatives in other parts of the country or world. **Please take one.**

PILATES CLASSES are starting in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday next, 10th January, from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. Anyone interested in losing a couple of inches from the waistline is more than welcome.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:

	23 rd December amounted to €1,129.
24 th / 25 th	December amounted to €3,051.
30 th / 31 st	December amounted to €1,182.

CARRAMORE AND KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOLS re-open on Monday next 8th January. We hope all pupils and teachers had a restful holiday and we wish you every success and enjoyment for the new school term.

FAS EVENING COURSES commence on Thursday 25th and Tuesday 30th January at the FAS Training Centre, Ballina in the following subjects: **Introduction to Computers / SAGE Accounts and Payroll / Introduction to Internet and E-mail / Basic Arc Welding / Improver Welding / Interior Design and Occupational First Aid.** Enrolment Evening 18th January at 7.00 p.m. For further information contact FAS at 096-24017

PRAY FOR Tom and Nora Howley, Carramore, Saturday 8 p.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Pake Howley, Carrowleambeg and Granddaughter Ciara, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Kathleen McGrath, Swinford, Sister of Maureen Barry, Carramore, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Eileen McNulty, Foxford, formerly Cullenaughton, has died in St. Anne's N. H. Charlestown on this Saturday, 6th January. Funeral arrangements later.
 John O'Hara, Foxford, Brother of Martin O'Hara, Cullenaughton, died suddenly on this Saturday 6th January. Remains to Foxford Church on Monday at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 1.00 p.m.
 Jimmy Durkin, Cullenaughton, at request of Tommy Hughes, Askilaune, Sunday 4th February 10 a.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

