

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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'*

### HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART.

'O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.'

From a spiritual point of view, hardness of heart is one of the worst things that can happen to anyone.

To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to maim oneself.

A hard heart cannot feel, cannot respond, cannot love.

A hard heart cannot experience joy.

A hard heart is a closed heart.

A hard heart is a barren heart.

A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing.

A soft heart can receive and can respond.

It can be saddened but it can also be deliriously happy.

Softened by the rain of God's grace, and warmed by the sun of his love, the human heart can be turned from a desert into a garden.

( Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies - Flor McCarthy)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

KILLASSER - Monday, Wednesday 10 a.m. / Friday 7 p.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Marguerite Marren.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Aine Ni Ciaran.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Eileen O'Neill and Mary Marren.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mary McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Peter Noone.

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

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 8.00 p.m. Melissa Cronnolly Chloe Meehan Conor Stephens Paul Quinn

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.30 a.m. Jonathan Burke Siobhan Tully David Cronnolly Caoimhe Warde.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 a.m. John McNulty Sinead Timlin Saoirse O'Grady Aoife Burke.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8 p.m. The McHugh Family (Craigaballagh)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Conroy Family (Callow)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Horkan Family (Blackpatch)

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

in Killasser Church on Monday from 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

#### THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> August amounted to €1,525.

#### WEDDINGS:

Congratulations to Michael McCarthy and Ciara Butler, both from Dundrum, Dublin who were married in Callow Church on Friday last 5<sup>th</sup> September and Patrick Morgan, Garryduff, Belfast and Lynn O'Neill, Sweetwell, Swinford who were married in Callow Church on this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We wish both couples every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Sunday next 14<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00 p.m.

**ACCORD CHARLESTOWN** All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or by telephoning 094-9254944. Accord Counselling service for people experiencing difficulties within their marriage or relationship. Safe, professional and confidential. To make an appointment telephone 094-9254944.

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS:** It is planned to run a Computer Course for beginners in the new Computer Room at Killasser Community Centre. If you are interested in this course you should contact the following number 086-0564096 between 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. any evening during the week. This new room is state of the art so why not avail of the opportunity?

**FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE** will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> October, leaving from Knock. It will be for seven nights in Hotel Avenida. The cost is €35 plus €25 Insurance. Spiritual Director is Fr. John Maloney. For details contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640 or 086-8185153.

**WEST OF IRELAND 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND DIRECT FROM KNOCK** from 22<sup>nd</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October. Spiritual Director is Fr. Tomas Surlis. The cost is €1,190 fully inclusive of taxes and half board. For further information contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM STUDIES COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS:** If you are interested in returning to Education, improving your employment prospects, why not enrol on the Information Technology and Tourism Study Course at the Further Education Centre, Swinford which is due to commence in September 2008. The Course is free. Eligible participants are paid an allowance equivalent to a full Social Welfare payment plus meal and travel allowances. Childcare support is also available. For further information contact Emer at Swinford on 094-9251928.

**GRANTS** of up to €2,000 per household are now available for groups of houses looking to improve their energy efficiency. Five houses or more are encouraged to come together as a cluster, with energy assessments of each home available for €100. Further information is available through SEI's website [www.sei.ie/hes](http://www.sei.ie/hes) or by calling 1850 927 000

**ACHONRY AND ITS CHURCHES:** This is a beautiful book containing photographs of every Church in our Diocese as well as other places of worship and pilgrimage. There is also a list of all the bishops of the Diocese and other useful information. These books are available after each Mass in Killasser and Callow and they cost just €20. A lovely book for oneself and a lovely present for somebody else maybe away from home.

**ARAS ATTRACTA SWIMMING POOL:** Mayo County Council with the good will of the Health Service Executive are pleased to announce that there will be limited public sessions available in the Aras Attracta Swimming Pool, Swinford commencing on 11<sup>th</sup> August on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The hours of open sessions will be **7.00 to 7.50 p.m. / 8.00 to 8.50 p.m. and 9.00 to 9.50 p.m.** Prices are €4 per Adult and €2.50 per child. The numbers at the pool are restricted too between 16 and 20 people per session. Please note that bookings can only be made on the day preceding or on the day of the session you require. This is a pilot project which will require community support.

**A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG** will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. You are asked to give your names to Fr. O'Mahony as soon as possible on 094-9251431. Even if you have already indicated your interest you might confirm that. This year, like last year, the cost will cover Travel and Lough Derg Fees. The cost will be €55 per person - €27 for Lough Derg and €28 for transport. In Lough Derg, tea and scones will be provided on arrival in the morning and a light lunch in the middle of the day. For any food early in the morning or after we leave Lough Derg, it will be up to each person to decide what they wish to have. This will not be included in the price and is not pre-arranged. This can be decided on the day. The bus will leave Swinford at 6.30 a.m. / Callow Church at 6.45 a.m. and Killasser Church at 7.00 p.m.

**2009 CALENDAR OF OLD SWINFORD:** If you are looking for the ideal souvenir of Swinford then you won't do better than the lovely Calendar which has been produced by Swinford Show Society towards the development of their show at Swinford Amenity Park. The Calendar will bring back memories of Fair Days in Swinford long ago and features many of the famous buildings of the town which are sadly no longer standing. The Calendar will be very much appreciated by Swinford people at home and abroad and is available in local shops or from the show committee.

**A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING** was held in the Centre on Wednesday evening last. There was a very full agenda for what was a very successful meeting. It was decided to commence the indoor soccer and basketball in the very near future - details elsewhere in this week's newsletter. The Boxing Club also commenced training on Thursday evening last. The possibility of putting up some form of barrier(s) at the entrance to the Community Centre Car Park

was also discussed. This is a safety measure to prevent cars entering the car park late at night and conducting activity that is dangerous and also very damaging to the tarmacaddam.

**NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME USERS:** Members are advised that tests carried out recently by the HSE have shown that the water supply is unsatisfactory at present and consumers are advised that the water should be boiled before human consumption. This boil notice will remain in effect until further notice. The water pipeline will be scoured/ flushed through in the near future. This could mean that some users of the water will have dirty water for a few days. The Committee apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**THE MAYO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION** will take place at Callow Church on this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. It will also take place at both Masses in Killasser on 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**KILLASSER BOXING CLUB** opened on Thursday last from 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. It will be open at this time each Tuesday and Thursday for the season ahead. President and Coach is John Farren Snr, Coach Jon Farren Jnr, Treasurer Lorraine Groarke, Child Protection Officer Tommy Groarke. Contact 087-9637012 or 087-7646729.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Parish Office on this Saturday Night 6<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15 p.m.

**TO FR. DAN AND KILLASSER PARISHIONERS:** A simple few words of thanks are very inadequate and insufficient to express my gratitude to you and the parishioners for the Mass, welcome and reception you have given to me on my 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I have been away from Killasser for many years - yet 'home is where the heart lies' and you certainly made me feel at home through your welcome, your presence, gifts, prayers and reception. How thoughtful and kind of you to gift me with such blessings and remembrance. May the Good Lord continue to share his gifts and blessings on each and everyone of you and on your loved ones who are now with the Lord. Most sincerely, Fr. Jimmy O'Grady, Carroweena 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008.

**NEW TEMPORARY TEACHERS:** Mrs. Mary Brogan will be the temporary resource teacher for Carramore and Killasser National Schools while Ms. Kelly is away on a Course for a number of weeks. Ms. Kathleen Ginley, Attymass is a temporary teacher in Killasser National School until next March while Ms. Gibbons is away on maternity leave. We welcome both teachers to the parish and hope their time in our schools will be pleasant and fulfilling.

**FAS EVENING COURSES** will begin on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September in the FAS Training Centre, Ballina. Enrolment Evening is 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 p.m. For further information contact FAS on 096-24017. Courses include: Introduction to Computers, SAGE Accounts and Payroll; Introduction to Internet/E-mail; Basic Arc Welding; Improver Welding; Roofing/Cutting and Calculating; Occupational First Aid; Word Processing Advanced and Safety Health and Welfare at Work.

**THE IRISH HEART FOUNDATION CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION** taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €169.84c. Sincere thanks to all who contributed and collected.

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**PRAY FOR** Marty Joe Hegarty and Parents Margaret and Frank Hegarty, Carrrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 10 a.m.  
 P. J. Nash, Carrrowleambeg and Swinford, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 11.30 a.m.  
 Pat, Willie, Matt Thompson and Sister Mary, Doontas and their Parent, Saturday 9 p.m.  
 John McHugh, Craigaballagh, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Tom Horkan, Blackpatch and Parents Pat and Nora Horkan, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.30 a.m.

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