

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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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'*

### 'EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR YOU'

I wonder if Jesus ever felt overwhelmed by the attention he was receiving as he ministered. People looked for him hoping to be healed, they looked for him curious to see a wonder-worker, and they looked for him to challenge his authority. No doubt some were jealous of him, but many were in awe.

In this Gospel passage Jesus is at home in Capernaum where people recognise him, and yet they seem to be getting to know him truly for the first time. He demonstrates compassion without pity and a sense of purpose without ambition. He recognises the need in front of him and he and he addresses it. For Peter's mother-in-law that meant healing.

Jesus is the 'go-to' man of the day. And his 'day' occurred not just in the ancient villages around Galilee. His day continues even in our own time. Every time we look for him, we are affirming that we want to see with our own eyes what he has done for others and will do for us. We are looking for him anticipating that he will recognise our need.

*'When I look for Jesus, what disposition do I bring? Am I confident, curious, anxious or doubting? Will I receive what he has to give me?'*

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Dan Borlik)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.  
Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr. Joseph Gavigan - Foxford 094-9256858.  
Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday, Sunday 10 a.m.  
KILLASSER - Wednesday 10 a.m. / Friday 11 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The McDonnell Family (Fross)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. 'Do This In Memory'

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 31<sup>st</sup> January / 1<sup>st</sup> February amounted to €1,230.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' the programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Holy Communion will have its next celebration during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

FOXORD 25 CARD GAME continues on Tuesday night next 10<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30 p.m. and continues each Tuesday.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME continues each Monday night at 9.00 p.m. It is always a most enjoyable game and your support will be very much appreciated.

CIRCUIT CLASSES AND FITNESS CLASSES will be held every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and Wednesday at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre. Everyone is welcome. Further information from Tommy on 087-2235337.

**A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night 15<sup>th</sup> January. Some of the items discussed were: **Ecumenical Service to mark Church Unity Octave / Cluster Newsletter / Fr. Peyton Centenary Celebrations including the Mass on R.T.E. on 4<sup>th</sup> January / Celebration of Baptism and preparation for the Sacrament.** The Parish representatives on this committee are Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty.

**THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER** will be published again this year before Easter. If you have any article, photograph or topic you think should be included, you are asked to contact Maureen Murphy who is a member of the Editorial Committee. **Items need to be ready not later than Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Just one week left for an article!** The Newsletter is always a nice record of the significant events within the cluster over the previous year.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** took place in Callow Church on Wednesday Night 21<sup>st</sup> January. Some of the items discussed were: **Neighbourhood Services/Masses to be held this Spring / Selecting New Members for the Council in accordance with constitution of the Pastoral Council / Further Training for Altar Servers / Mass from Attymass on Television / Ecumenical Service in Foxford Church of Ireland / Service for World Day of Sick / Scripture sharing for Lent etc.**

**ANGER ISSUES?** The Irish Association for Anger Management is running a residential training programme, 'Temper Your Anger' on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Knock House Hotel, Knock, Co. Mayo. Places are limited, therefore booking is essential. For further information, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant on 094-9037677 or on 087-7989253 or log onto [www.difficultemotions.com](http://www.difficultemotions.com)

**COSGALLEN NEWS - ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:** Cosgallen Adult Education Spring Classes will start shortly. The classes on offer this year are English for Foreign Nationals, Farm Accounts, Creative writing, Computers and Cookery. The Adult Education Classes run for sixteen hours, two hours per night, one night a week for eight weeks. The Course fee is €70. The Course is part funded by the VEC. / **HOMEWORK CLUB FOR PARENTS:** Cosgallen in association with the VEC are organising a Homework Club for parents. The Homework Club will look at ways of addressing issues that parents may have in relation to their children's study. The course will also help parents with any concerns they have in relation to certain subjects such as maths. Ideally the participants should be parents of students who are in third to sixth class. If you are interested in attending, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **GROW IT - COOK IT - EAT IT:** Cosgallen is organising classes in Horticulture. These classes are currently at the planning stage. If you are interested in taking part and have suggestions of what you would like the course content to be contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070. / **BRIDGE CLASSES:** Cosgallen is at present organising its Spring adult education classes. If you are interested in learning how to play Bridge contact them on 094-9255070 or call into them at the Enterprise Centre in Charlestown. / **CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on Wednesday next 11<sup>th</sup> February at the Cosgallen Office, Charlestown from 9.45 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. The Service is free and confidential.

**WESTERN ALZHEIMERS FINAL HEAT FOR ALL-IRELAND SINGLES 25 CARD CHAMPIONSHIP** will be held in:

**Diamond Coast Hotel, Enniscrone on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 p.m.**

Tickets will be available at the door in each venue.

**KILLASSER BOXING CLUB** held a very successful and most enjoyable Boxing Tournament in Killasser Community Centre on Saturday night last 31<sup>st</sup> January. There was a huge crowd present to enjoy the competition and the excitement. It was all run off with great efficiency and precision. To everyone involved in the Boxing Club, which has been recently reformed, complements and congratulations on a great show and hopefully more to come. Sincere thanks to everyone involved in the club for giving the young people of the parish and the wider area a healthy environment and outlet to use up their energy. Sincere thanks to everyone who provided the very welcome refreshments on the night. It was very much appreciated. Looking forward to the next show.

**ACCORD PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES - CHARLESTOWN CENTRE:** In 2008 they delivered 10 Courses to 149 Couples and a 'mini course' to Couples. There were 20 Couples on some Courses. In 2009 they are reducing to 9 Courses because of fewer facilitators. It is highly recommended and encouraged that every couple would do a Pre-Marriage at least 9 months before the wedding date. At certain times there can be a waiting list of 2 to 3 Months which, when couples delay in booking, can result in them taking their course too close to their wedding date. All dates of Courses for 2009 are on a notice on the Church Notice Board and also appeared on a recent Newsletter. The Phone No. of Accord Charlestown is 094-9254944

**ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE DEVELOPING PARISH 2009** will take place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Monday, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> February. The Title of the two day Seminar this year is 'Skills for the Contemporary Parish'. It is always a very interesting meeting and I hope to attend. If there is anybody who would like to attend, you can contact Fr. O'Mahony for further details.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** is on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. On that evening Mass will be celebrated in Callow Church at 7.00 p.m. during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated and administered. If you are sick at any age or if you are elderly you are very welcome to receive the Sacrament. Of course everybody is invited to attend. After Mass there will be a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit and maybe a buneeen! If somebody needs transport, you might be good enough to give someone a lift. Let us, once again, enjoy the spiritual and the social.

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION:** When there is a Months Mind or Anniversary for your family member, it is most likely some members of the family of the deceased will be scheduled to bring the Offertory Gifts to the Altar. Do look at the Newsletter the week previous to the Anniversary Mass to get details.

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS:** It is planned to run another Computer Course for beginners in the New Computer Room in 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.

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE:** To book Killasser Community Centre for any activities, meetings, functions or events, please telephone the following number 087-6913271 to avoid disappointment or over-lapping.

**DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR CONSECRATED LIFE FOR THE YEAR OF VOCATION** was marked on Thursday last 5<sup>th</sup> February in the Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen with a special celebration of Evening Prayer of the Church and the Eucharist. The majority of all the religious Sisters living and working in the Diocese were present along with many of the priests of the Diocese and a small number of unordained people. It was a very meaningful and thought-provoking ceremony which was lead Bishop Brendan Kelly. A special Sacred Space was prepared in front of the Altar reminding us of the work of the Sisters in the Diocese in the past and at present. The celebration was a celebration and a gesture of gratitude to all for the work that has been done in the past and what continues right up to the present. Some of the areas of involvement we were reminded of were: Education, Medical/Nursing Care, Pre-Sacramental Preparation, Music, Parish Visitation etc.

**CLOONLYON PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CHARLESTOWN** is holding a 25 Card Game on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 p.m. in Knock Airport Lounge. Entry is €8 per person or €15 for two people. Raffle will be held on the night. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**GIVE BLOOD AND JOIN IRELAND'S MOST EXTRAORDINARY CLUB:** There will be a Blood Donation Clinic at Aras Attracta, Swinford on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 4.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Your donation is vital.

**SWINFORD CREDIT UNION QUIZ:** Congratulations to all the pupils from Killasser and Carramore National Schools who participated in the Credit Union Quiz on Saturday last 31<sup>st</sup> January which was held in Swinford Secondary School. Sincere thanks to the Teachers for preparing and entering the teams in this annual event.

**A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday Night next 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

**NOTICE TO CONSUMERS OF KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME:** Consumers of Killasser Group Water Scheme are advised that following a number of meetings discussing water quality issues and the introduction of new regulations governing the quality of water supplied by all water suppliers to do domestic consumers, the group has decided to commence chlorine treatment of all water supplied by Killasser Group Water Scheme in the immediate future. This treatment is necessary in order to comply with drinking water quality regulations and to eliminate the problem of intermittent coliform contamination of supply which the group has experienced for many years now. The group scheme has purchased the equipment necessary to treat the water and will begin commissioning it on a phased basis over the coming weeks. Consumers are advised that this work will be carried out by a specialist water treatment company which will provide the training necessary to operate the system safely as well as devising a quality control and testing system to ensure safe operation of the system, consumer safety and compliance with drinking water safety standards. This work may take a number of weeks to complete and consumers are advised to **continue boiling all water for human consumption until further notice.** Should any consumer have concerns or queries over this issue they are invited to contact Martin Noone (Chairperson) of the scheme at 087-2233225 to discuss them. The group wishes to thank consumers for their support over many years. **Issued on behalf of Killasser Group Water Scheme by Martin Noone (Chairperson), Gabriel Howley (Secretary) and Gerry Cronnolly (Treasurer)**

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KILLASSER COMMUNITY ALERT** will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 p.m. As many people as possible are encouraged to attend.

**SWINFORD VARIETY GROUP** will stage the Pantomime 'Cinderella' in Scoil Mhuire agus Padraig School Hall, Swinford on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. This pantomime is full of colour, romance, fun with plenty of

dancing and singing. A good night's entertainment not to be missed. They would appreciate your support. The pantomime commences each night at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

**PARISH STATISTICS 2008:** The following are the Parish Statistics for 2008:

<b>BAPTISMS</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>MARRIAGES</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>FIRST COMMUNION</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>DEATH</b>	<b>12</b>

**BAPTISMS:** The following children were baptised in Killasser and Callow Churches during 2008:

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>Evan Conor Rowley (Ballinacurra)</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>Gemma Holly Ginty (Rubble) Jack Michael Loftus (Toorard) Sarah Maria Gilgunn (Knocks)</b> <b>Alena Patricia Healy-Lloyd (Cartron) Aisling Burke-Walsh (Shanwar, Foxford)</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Gavin Sean Tuffy (Carracanada, Swinford)</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Cian Sean Doherty (Killasser Estate) Daragh Cian Stenson (Dublin)</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>Ross Michael Hughes (Knockmullin)</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>Senan Jacob Pracht (Fross)</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Carolann Grace Sheerin (Carrownedan)</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>Datihi Joseph Keeshan (Cullenaughton) Laragh Kathy Ivan (Waterford).</b>

**MARRIAGES:** The following couples were married in Killasser and Callow Churches during 2008:

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>Aidan McNulty (Listernan) and Sinead Culkin (Ballina) in Killasser 4<sup>th</sup> January.</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Aidan Molloy (Dublin) and Eimear McMahon (Dublin) in Callow 31<sup>st</sup> May.</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Dermot Delaney (Dublin) and Fiona Pardy (Dublin) in Callow 19<sup>th</sup> July.</b> <b>Rory O'Malley (Dublin) and Deirdre Roache (Dublin) in Callow 27<sup>th</sup> July.</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>Nikki Williams (Lincolnshire, England) and Sharon Conlon (Cullen) in Callow 2<sup>nd</sup> August.</b> <b>Kieran Doherty (Tierenanny) and Kathryn O'Hara (Warrington, England) in Callow 10<sup>th</sup> August.</b> <b>Thomas Madden (Harrow, Middlesex) and Anne Marie Tiernan (do.) in Killasser 14<sup>th</sup> August.</b> <b>Kieran O'Grady (Carroreena) and Jessica Daley (Philadelphia, U.S.A.) in Killasser 15<sup>th</sup> August.</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>Michael McCarthy (Dublin) and Ciara Butler (Dublin) in Callow 5<sup>th</sup> September.</b> <b>Patrick Morgan (Loughlinisland, Co. Down) and Lynn O'Neill (Sweetwell) in Callow 6<sup>th</sup> September.</b> <b>Denis O'Connor (Dublin) and Aoife Jordan (Dublin) in Callow 26<sup>th</sup> September.</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>Daryl Gaughan (Limerick and Crossmolina) and Cara Callaghan (Limerick) in Callow 17<sup>th</sup> October.</b> <b>Alex Durkin (Swinford) and Estella Igoe (Corley) in Killasser 25<sup>th</sup> October.</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Stephen Kieran (Dublin) and Noelle McGrath (Dublin) in Callow 1<sup>st</sup> November.</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>Mark Fahey (Navan) and Grainne Doherty (Swinford) in Callow 18<sup>th</sup> December.</b>

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<b>PRAY FOR</b>	<b>Michael Hegarty, Creggane and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.</b> <b>Maureen Gallagher, Midfield and Deceased Members of Walsh and McGeever Families, Saturday 8 pm</b> <b>Mary Kate, Conlon, Boleboy, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.</b> <b>Martin Hegarty, formerly of Cornageltia who died in Burnley, England, recently, First Cousin of</b> <b>Maggie Brennan, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.</b> <b>Bernie Durkin, Doontas, Saturday 8 p.m.</b> <b>People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.</b> <b>Frank Thompson, Carn, Callow, Monday 10 a.m.</b> <b>Paddy Ruane, Doontas, Months Mind, Friday 11 a.m.</b> <b>Josie and James Boran, Saturday 11 a.m.</b> <b>Margaret, John, John Junior, Mary and Baby Niall Marren, Fross, Saturday 8 p.m.</b> <b>Mary Rowley, Carrabeg, Saturday 8 p.m.</b> <b>Pat and Mary McAndrew and Deceased Family, Culduff, Saturday 8 p.m.</b> <b>Kathleen Tansey, Cartron and husband Pat Joe, Saturday 8 p.m.</b> <b>Hugh and Nora Carr, Craigaballagh, Sons Joe, Bill and Hugh, Sunday 11.30 a.m.</b> <b>Julia Fox, Oak Drive, Swinford, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass in Swinford 8<sup>th</sup> February.</b> <b>George Wood, Brother-in-Law of Tom Linehan, Dunmaynor and relative of Linehan Family,</b> <b>Charlestown who died in London on 5<sup>th</sup> January.</b> <b>MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.</b>
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