

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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'*

'SUDDENLY, LOOKING AROUND, THEY NO LONGER SAW ANYONE BUT JESUS ALONE WITH THEM'

The account of the Transfiguration is recorded by each of the three synoptic gospel writers - Matthew, Mark and Luke. We hear this story every year on the second Sunday of Lent. This should alert us to the importance of this event in the lives of the apostles and in our lives today.

The three disciples looked around and saw Jesus in the fullness of his glory. They realised that they were in their deepest being ALONE with him, regardless of outward circumstances. This is the essence of Christian Faith. Christ is Lord; he is the totality of faith.

Prayer and meditation foster this clarity of vision. It might require going apart from the everyday, 'up to a high mountain,' whether that high mountain is a prolonged time of retreat or simply the faithful practice of daily devotion.

Every year a friend of mine makes her New Year's resolution on the feast of the Epiphany because, she says, too many resolutions are broken in the first week of the year. Perhaps this works for her. The Second Sunday of Lent is not too late for us to begin anew and resolve to make time to spend alone with Jesus on a daily basis.

'How is my prayer life giving me the opportunity to experience the fullness of glory in Jesus?'

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Jerre Roberts)

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

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Stenson Family (Carrowleambeg) Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Conlon Family (Cullen)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 28th February / 1st March amounted to €1,450.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church and Callow Church on Saturday next at 1.00 p.m and 3.00 p.m. respectively. You are more than welcome to attend either or both of the ceremonies. We can have the impression that Baptism is a private ceremony that involves the individual family and those invited to attend. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is a community celebration and it is the worshipping community that welcomes the newly baptised member into that community. Everyone should feel as welcome and as free to be present at a Baptism Ceremony as you would feel about being present at Sunday or weekday Mass. In fact it seems very strange that members of the Christian community are not present to welcome the new member and that it is left to the priest to represent them and speak on their behalf. I feel it is very important to look on Baptism from this perspective.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: Eleven children in second class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation in Callow Church on Wednesday next 11th March at 7.00 p.m. The Childrens' Parents and family members are invited to attend and indeed there is an open invitation for anyone who can and would like to be present. Again, like the Sacrament of Baptism and the other Sacraments, it is a public celebration/ceremony. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony for the children and all present.

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF PENNANCE/RECONCILIATION:

CARRAMORE SCHOOL	Eoghan Leonard (Aclare) Chloe Tuffy (Dunmaynor) Neven Grufferty (Carramore)	Kevin O'Hara (Aclare) Laura McNulty (Dunmaynor) David Cronnelly (Dunmaynor)	Conor Meehan (Dunmaynor) Jack Igoe (Killasser Estate)
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KILLASSER SCHOOL	Alan Hughes (Carramore-Moy)	John Farren (Killasser Estate)	Kiesha Groarke (Killasser Estate)
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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR continues in the Church of the Assumption, Collooney, Co. Sligo each Monday night at 8.00 p.m. Everybody is more than welcome to attend. The following will speak at the seminar - Joan Geraghty, John Delaney, Marie Byrne, Joe Dalton, Fr. Owen Gorman, Fr. Tommy Johnston and Frank McGuinness. Further information is available from Sr. Sheila on 086-3821810.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN KILLASSER CHURCH: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held in Killasser Church on Monday evenings between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m. More people are needed to spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. If you can make a commitment for Half an Hour or an Hour, please sign your name in the folder placed at the church door opposite the time most suitable to you.

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 KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING took place in Killasser Church on Wednesday night 18th February. Five of the existing members of the council are standing aside according to the constitution of the Council. Three new members have already agreed to become new members for the year ahead and two more are needed. It is felt that this can be achieved. Sincere thanks to Renee McDonnell, Fross, Tommy Doyle, Carramore and Philomena Rowley, Dromada-Gore who attended Wednesday's meeting for the first time.

COSGALLEN NEWS - THEORY TEST: COMPUTER CLASSES: There are still a few places left for a computer class which will be held in the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown. The course will be held one night a week, two hours per night for eight weeks. The cost is €70 This course is part funded by the VEC. / **DRAMA CLASSES:** A week long session of Drama Classes will be held as part of the Soogroo Childrens' Arts Festival during the Easter Holidays in the Arts Centre, Charlestown. There will be two classes each morning, one for children aged 6 - 9 years and one for children aged 9 - 12 years and they will be held Monday - Friday mornings starting on Monday 6th April. The cost per day is €3. The children will perform what they have learned at the launch of the Soogroo Festival on Sunday 19th April in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. To book, contact Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown on 094-9255070 / **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The Annual General Meeting of Cosgallen Community Development Project will be held on Monday 9th March at 8.30 p.m. in the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown. / **HEALTHY HEART DAY:** Heart Smart is a FREE cardiovascular check up that is available to everyone over 40 years who have not attended their G.P. in the last year for a cholesterol test. It will be held on Tuesday 24th March in Cosgallen Community Development Project in the Office in Charlestown from 9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. A Heart Smart Cardiac Risk Assessment includes a Cholesterol and Glucose Check, A Blood Pressure check, BMI (Body Mass Index) and Waist Circumference, Nutritional and Physical Activity Advice. **Places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.** Each Assessment takes 25 minutes and fasting is not required. For further enquiries contact Dolores McNicholas, Co-ordinator, Cosgallen on 094-9255070 or Ailish Houlihan, Croi Heart Smart Co-ordinatory on 094-9049055. 'Heart Smart' Mayo is a partnership between Croi the West of Ireland Cardiology Foundation and Mayo PCCC. / **INFORMATION EVENING ON BREAST CHECK AND CERVICAL CANCER:** An information evening will be held in Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Tuesday 24th March at 8 p.m. on Breast Check and Cervical Screening. This event is FREE and all are welcome to attend. For more contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an outreach on Wednesday 11th March at the Cosgallen Office from 9.45 - 11.30 a.m. / **BODHRAN CLASSES:** A week long session of Bodhran Classes will be held as part of the Soogroo Childrens' Arts Festival during Easter holidays in the Arts Centre, Charlestown. Two Classes each morning, one for children under 8 years and one for children over 8 years and they will be held Monday - Friday mornings starting on Bank Holiday Monday 13th April. Cost €3 per day. The children will perform what they have learned at the launch of the Soogroo Festival on Sunday 19th April, in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford.

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.

FOXORD 25 CARD GAME continues on Tuesday night next 10th March at 8.30 p.m. and continues each Tuesday.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTORS: The number of people who take up the Offertory Collection has decreased over time. Because of this more people are needed so that a rota might be drawn up. If you are willing to become involved, you might hand your name in at the Sacristy. Of course this ministry is open to men and women. It is important to mention this, because we might get the idea that it is only something that men do.

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.

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 Cronnelly (Treasurer)**

ACHONRY REGIONAL P.T.A.A. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE will take place in the Park Hotel, Kiltimagh on Friday next 13th March at 8.00 p.m. sharp. Music is by Kay and the Country Stars. Tickets for the function are €30 and are available from **Thomas Marren and Margaret McGowan.**

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: Fr. Patsy Kelly, Sacred Heart Missionary, based at 'Croi Nua', Galway will continue to lead us in reflecting on the Gospels of Lent on Thursday 12th and 19th March at 8.00 p.m. each Thursday evening. Sincere thanks to the large number of people from the parish who attended on Thursday night last. It was a very interesting, enjoyable and deeply reflective experience of the word of God for this time of year. It is highly recommended and could be a very important part of our preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Tell your friends! Better still, bring them along. If you miss the final two nights you could regret it. If you didn't make it last Thursday come along for the next two nights. You will not be disappointed.

LENTEN TROCAIRE COLLECTION: The Annual Lenten Trocaire Collection will be taken up again this year during Lent. Collection Boxes will also be available shortly for every home.

SCOIL MUIRE AGUS PADRAIG ENROLMENT OF PUPILS will take place on Monday 9th March between 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. in the School. Parents, Guardians who already have enrolment forms should return them to the school before that date.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was cancelled on Wednesday night last. It was a mistake that the notice was placed in last week's newsletter. It will be held at a later date.

BOTHAR FUNDRAISING TREK IN OCTOBER TO ASSISI: Join Bothar on a week long trek following the footsteps of Francis of Assisi this October. Bothar use livestock in development aid projects throughout the developing world. For further details contact Bothar on 071-20100 or by e-mail at events@bothar.ie

ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY: Friday 3rd April is Western Alzheimers Tea Day and they ask you once again to support them by holding a Tea Day in your home, place of work or community. Western Alzheimers is asking people to support their local Alzheimer charity by either hosting or attending a Tea Day. Donations towards the Tea Day will also be gratefully accepted. To register for the Tea Day or for more information contact the Head Office in Ballindine on 094-9364900 or e-mail info@westernalzheimers.ie

CONNACHT FINAL SUCCESS FOR SCOIL MUIRE AGUS PADRAIG: Congratulations to Scoil Muire agus Padraig, Swinford Girls Senior Football Team who won the Connacht Colleges Final Replay on Friday last 6th March in Swinford. They defeated Strokestown Secondary School from Co. Roscommon. Swinford now go forward to meet the Ulster Champions in the All Ireland Semi-Final. We wish them continued success.

MASSES FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN KILLASSER AND CALLOW will be as follows and at the following time:

CALLOW CHURCH	ST. PATRICK'S DAY 10.00 A.M
KILLASSER CHURCH	ST. PATRICK'S DAY 11.30 A.M.

Please note that there will not be a Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day. This decision was taken at the last meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council. It was felt that two Masses in the Parish is sufficient for this feast as it can mean a larger gathering at each Mass. This also ensures that there will be music and singing at each of the Masses and a better atmosphere overall. Hopefully, you can see the reasoning and rationale connected with this decision. However, it would be very good to hear your opinion on this or any other item at any time. The Children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools will provide the Music and Singing for the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on St. Patrick's Day.

'FIBS FOR PHONES': Defibrillators, which can be used to help a patient who suffers a heart attack, are now available in many parishes. Each defibrillator costs €2,000. C and C Cellular have offered to supply a defibrillator free to any community that collects 500 used, unused or damaged mobile phones. It is felt that if everybody in the parish collects old phones from friends and family members, this community should reach that target. Boxes will be available for depositing the phones at each church over the next few weeks. Please make an effort ... it may save a life.

THE PIONEER CHURCH GATE COLLECTION amounted to €80. Sincere thanks for your contributions which will be used to promote the aims of the association locally.

AN CEOL IN OIRTHEAR MHAIGH EO: Joe Beirne of Mid West Radio will give a talk in Mellett's, Swinford on Monday next 9th March at 8 p.m. as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge. If you are interested in the traditional music of this area or in the Irish language, beidh failte romhat.

PRAY FOR William and Annie Scully, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Mary Kate Dunne, Cloonfinnish and John Kerrane, Parkroe, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Winnie McNulty, Gurteen, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Jim Hughes, Corley and Luke O'Hara, Ballycastle, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Patrick and Margaret McGowan, Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Martin and Kate Ruddy, Ballinaleck, Sunday 10 am.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Michael and Catherine Stenson, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Eda McNulty, Cullen, Sunday 15th March 10 a.m.
 Harry McNicholas, Callow, who died in Castlebar Hospital on this Saturday 7th March. His remains
 repose in Clarkes Funeral Home, Foxford from 5.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. to arrive in Callow Church at
 7.30 p.m. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11 a.m. Burial afterwards in Craggagh Cemetery, Foxford.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

MAYO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION invites you to a public seminar entitled 'CONFRONTING BULLYING' in the Failte Suite, Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar on Thursday next 12th March commencing at 7.30 p.m. sharp. The Panel of Speakers are the following: **John Lonergan, Governor of Mountjoy Prison / Sr. Kathleen Maguire, Author and Lecturer, PBVM, MA / Dr. Tony Byrne, Author and Lecturer. Guest Chairperson is Angelina Nugent, Mid-West Radio.** Admission is free and all are welcome. A Mayo Mental Health Association Promotion.
