

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'*

KEEPING LOW COMPANY.

About forty years ago I read 'The Two-Edged Sword' by the Jesuit Biblical Scholar John L. McKenzie. At this remove I can recall only one sentence from it. One that's still as sharp today as the two-edged sword he was writing about then. It still penetrates deeply, and pains. That sentence reads: 'Jesus was often accused of keeping low company. Many of his followers, however, seem to have risen above that criticism.' *Ouch!*

Today's Gospel puts me in mind of it. 'I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' One way of knowing that it's God's word we're hearing and not our own, is when it's difficult to take. We hear what the word is saying, but don't like it. We try to explain it away, water it down, or ignore it - but we can't. It won't go away - now or ever. It packs the same punch forty years down the line.

When that word penetrates so does God's Spirit, directing it, planting it, nurturing it. It changes us when we trust it. Matthew trusted it as he heard Jesus call: 'Follow me.' And it changed him. From stagnating at a tax booth he became energised to journey into the unknown.

That's another way of knowing that it's God's word we hear: it's open-ended. It can take us anywhere - especially to places we would never dream of going on our own.

(Intercom June 2008 - Fr. Tom Cahill)

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

Fr. Michael Maloney - Charlestown 085-1510383.
Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday 10.00 a.m. / Friday, Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mid-West Radio.
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 10.00 a.m. Mary Mulligan.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan

CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mid-West Radio.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 14th June 8.00 p.m. Peirce Rowley Shane Cunney Chloe Meehan Melissa Cronnolly
Sunday 15th June 11.30 a.m. Ciara Hussey Jonathan Burke Brid Rogers Hayden Harrold.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Heaney Family (Derreen)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Durkin Family (Culduff)

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

31st May / 1st June amounted to €1,462.

PENTECOST COLLECTION:

Sincere thanks for your contributions towards the Pentecost Collection taken up at all Masses over the last three weekends. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

THE ANNUAL MASS AT ONE OF OUR OLD CHURCH SITES will be celebrated on Friday evening next 13th June at 8.00 p.m. at Cill Seschnen. We encourage as many people as possible to take time out to attend what is a very special celebration of Eucharist. As usual there will be some refreshments afterwards. It is a little earlier in June than usual but there is no evening free the following week.

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR KILLASSER CHURCH: There is now a rota of two people per month for the full twelve months. As well as filling the twelve months it would be good to have some substitutes in case somebody cannot be there on occasion. If you would like to be involved, you can give your name to Maureen Murphy 094-9251525 or Fr. O'Mahony.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH CALENDAR 2008 was produced last year as a fund-raising project for the parish renovation fund. It was hugely successful. The amount of money collected for Calendars was €18,950 and the cost of printing was €4,590. This gave a profit of €14,250. Sincere thanks to everyone involved in the project and to all who purchased and sold the Calendars. There were 3,000 copies printed and almost 2,000 were sold. It cost very little to print the extra thousand. There are still some copies available which people might still like to have as a souvenir.

THE DANA CONCERT which was a tremendous success musically, socially and in terms of community spirit was also a huge success financially. To date €7,320 has been collected and the expenses amounted to €4,080. This leaves a profit of €3,290 approx. There is still some money to come in and a final figure will be given very soon. Again sincere thanks to all who organised, who sold and bought tickets and to everyone involved in putting on such a spectacular show.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at 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.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Callow Church on Wednesday Night last 28th May. There was a very full agenda for the meeting. The Dana Concert was reviewed as a parish event as was the Youth Mass/Service. The possibility of organising a number of station Masses for Autumn was also discussed.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING took place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday evening 29th May. Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty are the Killasser/Callow representatives. The Marriage Preparation Booklet is ready for printing and will be available shortly. The possibility of having a Cluster Mass Card was also discussed. More details later.

BAPTISM MEETING: A meeting for all those in the cluster of Parishes involved in Baptism Preparation and Celebration Ministry will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Monday evening 9th June at 8.30 p.m. The representatives from our Parish are Helen Thomson (Graffy) and Siobhan Warde (Doontas)

OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER: Patient, Understanding and Considerate individual with mature attitude **WANTED** in small town in East Mayo to assist young children with basic reading, writing and arithmetic. If you feel that you could commit to one or two hours each week to this worthwhile project then contact Teresa or Breda at 094-9381494 or call in person to Volunteer point at INFO WEB Aiden Street, Kiltimagh for more information.

'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL' 11-day Pilgrimage & Cruise to Greece, Rhodes, Patmos, Ephessos. Sun. 29 June to Wed. 9 July. Celebration Travel with Aer Lingus ex Dublin costing €1,625 p.p.s, including half-board & all taxes. Contact Marian Maloney 087-2112555 for brochure.

REMAINDER OF PERIMETER WALL AT KILLASSER CHURCH DEMOLISHED The remainder of the perimeter wall at Killasser Church grounds at the corner on the Community Centre side of the Church has been demolished recently. It will be rebuilt and faced with stone - a continuation of the wall that is being newly built at present. Further grant aid has become available from Leader through Kiltimagh IRD. It will be built by the workers on the Rural Social Scheme and will look very well when finished.

THE ARAS ATTRACTA ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE took place last Saturday 31st May, beginning on Saturday morning in brilliant sunshine from Killasser Community Centre. Sincere thanks to everyone who organised it, all who participated in it, all who sponsored the event and all who helped out in the Community Centre with refreshments and all who helped along the route. Later on Saturday Night a Cycle Function was held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford which was a most enjoyable gathering. Music was provided by Jivan Ivan and the food was sponsored by the Gateway Hotel, for which we are most grateful. **Anybody with sponsorship cards and money are asked to return them as soon as possible to Fr. O'Mahony, Bridie Sheerin, Danny Gill or Pat Thompson. All the proceeds of the Cycle will go towards the Parish Renovation Fund. The full amount raised will be published as soon as it is known.**

ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ST. PIO PIETRELCINA: It is a 7 Night Pilgrimage beginning on 23rd May. Special Group Price is €29 PP. Group Leader is Michael Garret. For itinerary contact Michael Garret on 071-9162714 or Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410816.

FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE will take place from 7th October, leaving from Knock. It will be 7 Nights in Hotel Avenida. The cost is €335 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 22nd September - 1st 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.

SPANISH STUDENT PLACEMENT: Interested in having a Spanish Student come to your home for the month of July? You must have a child/children between 12 - 17 years of age and be a friendly family. The child will take part in all your family activities for that month. An allowance is given to participating families. For more information, contact Marie on 087-6563527.

ANNUAL PIONEER MASS AND PRIZEGIVING: On Wednesday last 4th June Mass was celebrated in Killasser Church for all living and deceased Pioneers in our Parish. New members received their pins and prizes were presented to the winners of the essay competition at local and diocesan level. Congratulations to all who received their awards and indeed to everyone who participated. Music and singing in the Church for Mass was provided by the children of Carramore and Killasser National Schools. Sincere thanks to them and to their teachers Mrs. Fallon and Ms. Gallagher. Sincere thanks to everyone who provided the refreshments afterwards in the Community Centre. A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE ANNUAL CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION will be take up before each of the Masses next weekend, 7th / 8th June, in Killasser and Callow Churches. Your support will be very much appreciated and it will enable this group to continue the good work they have been doing over several years.

MISSIONARY WORK: A visiting speaker will be speak at all Masses in the Parish this weekend. This will be a pleasant break from the usual voice. You always deserve that.

MASS ON MID-WEST RADIO: It is planned to broadcast the 10.00 a.m. Mass from Callow Church on Mid-West Radio on Sunday next 15th June. The Callow Church Choir have been practising for several weeks now in preparation for this celebration. It will also be possible to tune in on the Internet anywhere in the world. You might like to inform your relatives in other parts of the world.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY GAMES ATHLETICS took place on Sunday 18th May at the Community Centre Sports Field. A large crowd of children and their parents enjoyed an afternoon of fun and sport in ideal weather conditions. The medal winners were as follows:

GIRLS: Laura McNulty Chloe Tuffy Antoinette Peyton Lorna Kavanagh Courtney Groarke Rachael Howley Michelle O'Keeffe Emily O'Grady Lorraine Kavanagh Brid Rogers Anne-Marie O'Keeffe Samantha Doherty Yvonne Skeffington Holly McNulty Megan Rowley Emma McNulty
MOTHERS' RACE: (1) Regina Tuffy (2) Bridie Rowley (3) Helen Thompson.

BOYS: Jack Igoe Alan Hughes Ewan O'Grady Shane Cronnolly David Cronnolly Pierce Rowley Shane Cunney T. J. Groarke Darren Groarke Martin Cassidy Kyle Rowley Daragh Kavanagh Daragh Thompson Hayden Harrold.
FATHERS' RACE: (1) Patrick McNulty (2) Tommy Tuffy (3) Bob Tuersley.

The following have qualified for the Finals in Claremorris in July. **GIRLS:** Laura McNulty U-8 60 M / Chloe Tuffy U-8 80 M. / Courtney Groarke U-10 100 M. / Michelle O'Keeffe U-12 600 M / Lorraine Kavanagh U-14 800 M / Anne-Marie O'Keeffe U-16 100 M / Brid Rogers U-14 Long Puck. **BOYS:** David Cronnolly U-14 100 M / Daragh Kavanagh U-10 60 M Hurdles / Shane Cronnolly U-10 200 M / Pierce Rowley U-14 Long Puck / Brian Kavanagh U-16 Discus. Competitors must not reach the age of competition before the 31st July.

A FUN WALK will take place on next Saturday afternoon 14th June, commencing and finishing at Killasser Community Centre. It will begin at 2.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

A MULTI-SPORT SUMMER CAMP will be held at Killasser Community Centre and Sports field from 7th to 11th July. More details in next week's Newsletter. Enquiries to Martin on 087-9377644 or Michael on 087-9144910.

THE FR. PEYTON ROSARY RALLY took place in Knock on this Saturday afternoon 7th June. A large crowd attended and the Singing for the Concelebrated Mass was performed by the Cluster Choir. As usual they excelled. Bishop Brendan Kelly was the chief celebrant of the Mass.

CLUSTER CHOIR TO SING IN RAMADA HOTEL BALLINA: You can next catch up with the Cluster Choir in the Ramada Hotel, Ballina on Saturday evening 11th July. More details of that event later but just to remind you to keep that date free. The Choir sang beautifully at the Mass for the Anniversary of Fr. Peyton's Death in Attymass on Sunday last 1st June. Bishop Flynn was the main celebrant of this Mass.

CLUSTER CHOIR FOR THE UNITED STATES IN 2009?: Next year 2009 is the centenary of the birth of Fr. Peyton. To mark this special year, celebrations will be held in Attymass and in the United States. Many people will be travelling over in September 2009 and the possibility of the Cluster Choir travelling is very real.

CARRAMORE SCHOOL TWINNING: The School near Newcastle, England where Carramore National School visited just a couple of weeks ago are visiting Ireland during the week ahead and will be visiting Carramore on Tuesday next 10th June. We extend a very warm welcome to all who are travelling.

A BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING OF KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL will probably be held during the coming week to discuss possible developments and improvements in the grounds of the school. More details later.

A BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING OF CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL will be held in the School on Monday 16th June at 8.00 p.m.

A GRADUATION MASS AND CELEBRATION FOR SIXTH CLASSES IN CARRAMORE AND KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOLS will take place in Callow Church on Wednesday evening 18th June at 8.00 p.m. More details later in next week's Newsletter.

A CLUSTER CHOIR PRACTICE will be held in Foxford Church on Thursday evening at 8.30 p.m. to prepare for Ballina.

A CYCLE MEETING will be held on Thursday evening next in Parish Office at 9.00 p.m. to count money etc. All sponsorship cards and money should be handed in before this meeting if at all possible.

PRAY FOR Michael Dunleavy, Killasser Estate, First Anniversary, Saturday 8 p.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Nellie Holleran, Magheraboy and Deceased Members of the Holleran and Ormsby Families, Saturday 8.
 Mollie, Jim, J.P. and Pat Heaney, Derreen, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Jim Hughes, Corley, Luke O'Hara, Ballycastle, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Michael and Sarah Durkin, Culduff, Sunday 15th June 10 a.m.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
