

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10 FEBRUARY 2008.

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'*

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

Fr. Michael Maloney - Charlestown 085-1510383.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Claire Conroy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sr. Margaret and Mary Marren.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Pierce Rowley

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Deirdre Gallagher.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 26th January 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Siobhan Tully Hayden Harrold Paul Quinn

Sunday 27th January 11.30 a.m. Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde Jonathan Burke Brid Rogers

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromada-Duke)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Conroy Family (Lismorane)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Judge Family (Magheraboy)

PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE - PEOPLE AVAILABLE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN MINISTRY: This was a very encouraging aspect of the questionnaire, to know that quite a number of people indicated their willingness to become involved in the various ministries in the Church. As the questionnaires were not signed, the Pastoral Council would appreciate very much if those people who wish to become involved would contact any member of the Pastoral Council. New people are always needed and are most welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICES IN KILLASSER CHURCH in preparation for St. Patrick's Day, Holy Week and Easter will take place each Monday evening during Lent at 7.30 p.m. These practices will begin on Monday 11th February at 7.30 p.m. This is an opportunity for new members to join the choir and become involved in the Ministry of Music. You will be most welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICES IN CALLOW CHURCH also take place every Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. New members are always very welcome to join.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place in Killasser Church on Wednesday 24th February at 8.30 p.m.

THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR 2007 - 2008 ARE Michael Fox / Collette Howley / Helen Thompson / Maureen Murphy / Anna Howley / Margaret McGowan / Mary Mulligan / Joe Kennedy / Joe McNulty / Bridie Sheerin / Marty Noone / Patricia Tansey

THE FOXFORD 25 CARD GAME continues in the Browne Memorial Hall each Tuesday Night, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Lots of Prizes and your support will be very much appreciated.

THE WEEKLY KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME re-commenced on Monday night 21st January at 9.00 p.m. It will continue each Monday Night for the next few months. Your support will be very much appreciated for what is always a most enjoyable game.

MASS TO BE BROADCAST ON MID-WEST RADIO: The 10.00 a.m Sunday Mass from the parish will be broadcast live on Mid-West Radio on Sunday 18th May. It seems that it is the turn of Callow this time as it has been broadcast from Killasser on the last two occasions. Callow was due to broadcast live in the Summer of 2006 but the Church was under renovation at the time, which meant we used Killasser instead.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION DATES 2008: Brendan Kelly, Leader of Achonry, will soon arrange for this year's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was decided by Bishop Flynn, some months ago, that due to the imminent appointment of a new Leader, no dates would be arranged prior to Easter 2008. The Parishes of the diocese in Co. Sligo along with a small number of other parishes, including Killasser, will celebrate Confirmation this year. Most ceremonies will take place during April and May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 2008 will be Sunday 27th April. Hopefully, that will be a suitable date for Children, Families and Teachers.

FIRST CONFESSIONS will be celebrated on Thursday 13th March at 7.00 p.m. in Killasser Church.

BAPTISM The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated in Killasser Church today (February 9th) to welcome Evan Connor Rowley, Ballanacurra, Killasser into the Christian community. We welcome him and congratulate his parents and family.

TROCAIRE ANNUAL FAST CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED During Lent we are called to pray and fast and to share with those who are poor or in need. When we deny ourselves the comforts we are used to it reminds us of the suffering of those who each day live without the most basic resources. This year's Trocaire 24-Hour Fast takes place on February 22nd and 23rd and will raise essential funds for life-changing development projects in the world's poorest countries. Speaking about this year's Trocaire Fast, Bishop John Kirby, Chairman of Trocaire said, "In just 24 hours Irish people can make a real difference to the lives of communities overseas. Support for Trocaire's work is needed more than ever in helping communities that now face the combined effects of poverty and climate change. 700 million people in 43 countries are living without enough water and many of the world's poorest people are struggling to survive in extreme weather conditions which are preventing them from growing food and making a living." To register for the Fast or get a free Fast pack log on to www.trocairefast.org, lo-call 1850 408 408 or text 24HR to 51727.

JAMES KILBANE CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION will be held in the Castlecourt Hotel, Westport on Sunday next, February 17th at 7.30 for 8 p.m. Tickets cost €15 from (094) 9044877.

SCOIL MUIRE & PADRAIG, SWINFORD, NIGHT CLASSES in Yoga, First-Aid, Digital Photography, Computers and Gardening commence on Wednesday 20th February at 8p.m. For details contact Marie at (094) 9251481.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Annual General Meeting of Cosgallen Community Development Project will be held on Monday 11th February at 8.00 p.m. in the Cosgallen Office, Charlestown. All are welcome.

2008 SPORTS CAPITAL PROGRAMME The Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism is now inviting applications for funding under the 2008 Sports Capital Programme. Its objectives are to assist voluntary and community organizations, national governing bodies of sport, VECs and local authorities to develop high quality, safe well designed and sustainable facilities in appropriate locations and to provide appropriate equipment to help maximise participation in sport and physical recreation. They also prioritise the needs of disadvantaged areas in the provision of sports facilities. Closing date for completed application form is Friday February 29th 2008. For more information contact Cosgallen CDP on 094-9255070.

THE WESTERN REGION DRUGS TASK FORCE invites applications for once-off funding from Voluntary and Community groups who are working to tackle drug misuse in Counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. Application forms can be obtained by phoning 091 865865. Further information is available from Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown on 094-9255070. Closing date for receipt of application is Friday February 29th 2008.

COSGALLEN NEWS - ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES: Cosgallen Adult Education Spring Classes will start shortly. If you are interested in taking part in Sketching, Sewing or Bridge please contact the office on 094-9255070. This is a sixteen hour course, two hours per night, one night a week for eight weeks. The Course Fee is €70.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED: Household items in good condition are needed for a worthy cause! If you have an item you wish to donate please contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: If you have an interest in local environmental issues such as Pollution, Litter or Composting and would like to get involved in local issues contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

'LIFE IN THE SPIRIT' SEMINARS continue in Swinford Parish Church on seven consecutive Tuesday Nights, commencing each night at 8.00 p.m. It began on Tuesday 29th January. A different speaker will speak each night. Everyone is welcome. The Speakers are the following: Marie Byrne / Fergus McGloin / Fr. Eamonn O'Connor / Miriam McGee / Fr. John O'Gorman / Mike Shortt / Frank McGuinness.

'KNOW GOD BETTER' is the title of a series of meetings taking place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass during Lent. They began on Thursday 7th February at 8.00 p.m. and continue each Thursday Night during February, four meetings in all. All those attending will view a Video for a half and hour and then discuss the subject matter over a cup of tea. We will learn about: **Knowing God Better / Knowing God's Forgiveness / Knowing God's Help / Knowing God's Word / Knowing God's Spirit / Knowing God's Hope.** These evening are highly recommended. They will provide nourishment for our spiritual lives and should prove to be very enjoyable social occasions as well. All from the cluster of parishes and beyond are welcome. It is an ideal opportunity to do a little extra for Lent. Do consider coming along to what will be a most welcoming atmosphere

THE TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION ENVELOPES AND BOXES are available at all the church doors this weekend. This Lent Trócaire's campaign highlights how the developing world is struggling to cope with changes in the climate. Global warming impacts on every one of us, but the effects are not felt equally and people living in poverty are bearing the brunt. It's time the world's poorest people got the support they need to help them cope with global warming. To support Trócaire this Lent please take a Trócaire box home with you. Each family is encouraged to take one and to return your offering at Mass on Holy Thursday.

WBCO IT TRAINING - Spring Courses resuming on 16th February 2008 - Special Total Beginners' Course. For more information contact 087-9723641.

SWINFORD VARIETY GROUP presents "Daughter from Over the Water", a three act comedy by M.J. Molloy in Scoil Muire & Padraig School Hall, Swinford on Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th February. Doors open at 8pm. Show starts at 8.30 pm sharp. All proceeds are in aid of Swinford Variety Group. All support very much appreciated and a good night's entertainment for all the family is assured.

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION will hold a Church Gate Collection in this parish this week-end. Your support will be greatly appreciated. The Association provides emotional support and practical help to people living with cancer, their families and friends. All services provided are free of charge.

PRAY FOR

Sr. Agnes Warde, Doontas and Balydoyle, Saturday 8 p.m.
Johnny Kerrane, Carrownedan and Mary Kate Dunne, Cloonfinnish, Saturday 8 p.m.
Michael Hegarty, Creggane, Saturday 8 p.m.
Annie and Martin Howley, Milltown and Deceased Family, Saturday 8 p.m.
Mary Rowley, Carrabeg, Saturday 8 p.m.
Martin Henry, Corley, Months Mind, Sunday 10th 10 a.m.
John McNulty and Joe Joyce, Derreen, Sunday 10th 10 a.m.
Hugh and Nora Carr and Deceased Family, Craigaballagh, Sunday 10th 11.30 a.m.
Seamus Vizzard and Deceased Family, Carrowleanmore and Michael McNulty, Saturday 16th, 8 p.m.
Kathleen Tansey and her husband Pat Joe, Cartron, Saturday 16th, 8 p.m.
Anthony Monaghan, Bokeen, Sunday 17th, 10 a. m.
Johnny Tully, Months Mind, Sunday 17th, 11.30 a.m.
Patricia Crowley, Toorard who died yesterday 8th February. Her remains arrive in Killasser Church on Monday evening at 8.45 p.m. Her funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, 12th at 11 a.m. with burial in Killasser cemetery afterwards.
Willie Molloy, Rubble who died in Coventry on February 1st. His funeral takes place in Coventry this Monday, 11th February.
Julia Fox, who died yesterday, 9th February, mother of Michael Fox. Her remains arrive in Swinford Church on Wednesday evening from St Anne's Nursing Home at 7.30 p.m. Funeral Mass on Thursday at 11 a.m.
Winifred McGowan, Meelick who died during the week, sister of Pake O'Grady, Carroweena.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
