

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'*

BEGINNING TO SINK, PETER CRIED OUT, 'LORD SAVE ME'

Peter is a risk taker, often finding himself 'in over his head,' as when he walked out on the water towards Jesus. Peter speaks out about Jesus, 'You are the Christ,' 'Truly you are the Son of God,' 'but Lord, to who would we go?' He sees and says many things about Jesus but mostly seems to misinterpret them. He is first to profess his faith but eventually abandons Jesus and even denies that he ever knew him.

In the Gospel today Peter cries out to Jesus, 'Lord, save me!' Over and over, Peter realises how much he needs Jesus. When he is near to the Lord, when he listens to Jesus and follows him, he is safe. Without him he is drowning in the sea of life, or rather, death.

Isn't it rather ironic that the Gospel stories about the 'Rock,' the one to whom Jesus entrusted the keys to the Kingdom, include so many accounts about his ignorance, his misunderstanding and his failures? Perhaps, rather than Peter's courage, confidence or charisma, what Jesus admires most about Peter is his transparency. In Jesus, Peter has found someone whom he does not have to hide and does not want to hide from. That is freeing, transforming, salvation.

*When I pray, am I truthful and revealing to the Lord about my fears, pains, hurts, struggles, resentment or anger?
What is it that Jesus sees in me?*

(A Year Of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2008)

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, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Thursday 1.00 p.m. / Friday 1.00 p.m and 8 p.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Friday 10 a.m. Sean McLoughlin
Friday 8 p.m. Sean Thompson.
Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Fionnuala Nealon
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Friday 10 a.m. Margaret McGowan.
Friday 8 p.m. Sr. Margaret.
Saturday 8.00 p.m. Thomas Marren and Eileen O'Neill.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Anne Deacy.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Friday 8 p.m. Sean Thompson
Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson
Sunday 11.30 a.m Ray Chuck

CALLOW

Friday 10 a.m. Patrick McNulty.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Fionnuala Nealon.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Friday 15th August 10 a.m. Sinead Timlin Cian O'Grady Aoife Burke Louise Mulligan
Friday 15th August 8p.m. Ciara Hussey Shane Cunney Niall Armstrong Brid Rogers.
Saturday 16th August 8.00 p.m. Lorraine Kavanagh Paul Quinn Siobhan O'Hara Conor Stephens.
Sunday 17th August 11.30 a.m. Kevin Rowley Pierce Rowley Eoin Gallagher Siobhan Tully.
Sunday 17th August 10.00 a.m. Saoirse O'Gradaigh Shauna Burke John McNulty Aine Timlin.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8 p.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Hughes Family (Coolegrane)
Sunday 11.30 a.m The Hurst/O'Grady Families.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR2nd / 3rd August amounted to €1,530**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION**

for June and July amounted to €2,442. Sincere thanks for your generosity and support at all times.

THE ANNUAL TEAMPALL MAOIL CEMETERY MASS

was celebrated on Friday evening last in lovely weather conditions. A very good crowd attended. The cemetery is being maintained in excellent condition. Compliments to the committee and all who work so hard to keep it looking so well.

THE ANNUAL KILLASSER CEMETERY MASSwill be celebrated on Saturday evening next 16th August. It will be the vigil Mass for the weekend at 8.00 p.m.**THE ANNUAL KILLASSER CEMETERY COLLECTION:**

Envelopes are available at all Masses again this weekend so that people can make a contribution to the upkeep of the cemetery. Your support will be very much appreciated by the Cemetery Committee who do such an excellent job in maintaining the cemetery so well. Well done to everyone who keeps the cemetery in such excellent condition in recent years. Sincere thanks to the members of the Rural Social Scheme who mow the grass on a regular basis.

WATERPOINT ENNISCRONE SUMMER CAMPS:Camp 2 will take place between Monday 18th and Friday 22nd August. The cost is €65. For more information or to sign up for the Camps you can contact Waterpoint on 096-36999.**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.**EVENING CLASSES:**

Cosgallen is currently planning their Autumn Evening Classes and are taking names for the following subjects: Flower Arranging / Irish / Computers. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the Office on 094-9255070 or drop in. These classes should commence in September (subject to numbers).

THIRD LEVEL GRANT APPLICATION FORMS:

The application forms for the Mayo County Council and Mayo VEC Third Level grants are available from Cosgallen Charlestown. Phone 094-9255070.

RESOURCE CENTRE:

Cosgallen Community Development Project's Resource Centre has a free information service on Social Welfare Entitlements, Health Benefits, Education and Grants. There are many forms available at the centre e.g. Motor Tax, Drivers Licence, Passport, Register of Electors, Medical Card, European Health Insurance Card, Drugs Payment Scheme and more. The Resource Centre also has a number of services available at very low cost such as Photocopying, Laminating, Binding and Fax. The Driver Theory Test CD is available by appointment and is used on the premises only. The staff are available to give advice and assistance to individuals or groups on services and activities in the area and will recommend other services for queries outside their remit. Drop in for a chat or browse at your leisure. The Resource Centre is open Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. and Friday by appointment.

FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGEwill take place from 7th 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 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.**COSGALLEN NEWS - CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE:**Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an Outreach on Friday next 8th August at the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown. The service is free and confidential and covers a wide range of areas. More information from 094-9255070.**WEBCO IT TRAINING:**Summer Courses resume on 16th August. Special 'Total Beginners Course' For more information contact 087-9723641.

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.

THE WEEKLY COMHALTAS SEISIUN IN THE FR. PEYTON CENTRE ATTYMASS takes place every Thursday Night during July and August. It commences each night at 9.00 p.m. It is an evening of Music, Song, Dance and Storytelling. Admission is €10 which includes the usual refreshments at half-time. It is a wonderful night's entertainment for all age groups. It is a wonderful place to bring visitors for a most enjoyable evening.

KILLASSER/CALLOW - A WELCOMING COMMUNITY: Last weekend, after each Mass refreshments were served so that those visiting and those at home could meet and chat. It was very much appreciated by everybody and the weather was also very favourable.

THE CAKE SALE FOR PLAYING FOR LIFE which was held after each of the Masses in Killasser last weekend was a great success. Margaret Hardest-Howley, who is going as a volunteer to Tanzania in October with the organisation 'Playing For Life' would like to thank everyone who supported this fundraising event. The amount raised was €710 which was excellent. Last year Playing For Life built a community/sports centre in Arusha, south of Kilimanjaro and this year they will build a training centre with kindergarten and crèche. Margaret will be part of a group of Irish people participating in this programme. The group will provide short training courses in such diverse areas as IT training, sports, bookkeeping, music and drama and Playing for Life will provide the instruments needed for a local brass band and jazz group. Playing for Life is very happy to have the support of Margaret and she has agreed to raise a minimum of €5,500 to support the work of Playing For Life in Tanzania. The organisation depends greatly upon the generous giving of time, skills sharing and financial support of people like Margaret. We complement her on taking on this challenge and wish her well in all her fundraising.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: All Keyholders of Killasser Community Centre are asked to get in contact with Tom Lenehan, Chairperson of the Centre. You can contact Tom on 094-9252535 or 086-0864949.

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 11th 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. This is a pilot project which will require community support.

A WARM WELCOME FOR FOXFORD FESTIVAL: The day is almost upon us, and the excitement surrounding the inaugural Foxford Festival is at fever pitch. Families in Foxford and the surrounding district are delighted to hear that Upper Main Street in the town will be full of fun, food and festivities on Saturday next 16th August from 5 - 9 p.m. The evening will include live music on the street, comprising of traditional, folk, rock and blues. Among the groups featured are John McHugh and friends, Celtica, Dave Howley and guests, featuring Pa Roche, Mick Smyth, Suzette Ruane, John Langan and many more. Another feature of the evening will be the childrens' entertainment, consisting of bouncing castles, face painting, balloon show, slides etc. and a monster barbeque. The entire event is absolutely free. So be sure to tell your family, relatives and friends to come along, meet old friends and make some new ones in a relaxed carnival type atmosphere. This community event which is organised by the Foxford Development Association and sponsored by the Foxford Business Community gets underway with childrens' entertainment from 5 - 7 p.m., a barbeque from 6 - 8 p.m. and a feast of live music from 6 - 9 p.m. For safety considerations Main Street will be closed to traffic from early afternoon until the conclusion of the event and the organisers are seeking the co-operation and goodwill of all concerned. As you can appreciate there is a lot of work involved in running an event of this nature and the committee would greatly welcome a call from anyone who would like to volunteer their time on Saturday 16th August next. You can contact the following Anthony Ruane 087-2531213, Frances Casey 086-0630900, Helen Clarke 086-3902022, Michael Ruane 087-6268114 or Oliver Murphy 086-0629940. So come along to the Foxford Festival where a warm welcome awaits you.

TWENTIETH SWINFORD SHOW NEXT SATURDAY: Swinford Show will celebrate its 20th Birthday next Saturday 16th August, with a feast of entertainment for all the family at the Amenity Park. This year's show features many new competitions and attractions for young and old. Children will be admitted free of charge. The Show Office is open at Swinford National School each day from 12 - 5.00 p.m. or phone for schedules on 087-7716028.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS: We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors visiting family or friends in the parish and community at this time. We hope you will have a very pleasant stay. We hope that you will all return refreshed, with good memories and much the better of your visit. Let us all try to travel safely on the roads at this very busy time.

THE ANNUAL ONE-DAY RETREAT/PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG can take place again this year if there is sufficient interest. A minimum of twenty people would be needed to make it viable. Possible dates might be Monday 15th or Monday 22nd September. The cost of the of the actual Retreat in Lough Derg is €27 per person. The overall cost will be given later and the arrangements if there is sufficient interest.

THE ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS OUTING will take place this year on Monday 25th August. It will be presumed that all Altar Servers are travelling unless they indicate otherwise. The group will be accompanied by a number of adults. Travel, activities and food will be looked after. All that is needed is some money for shopping etc.

TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEES OF THEIR PRIESTHOOD Fr. Michael McManus and Fr. Jimmy O'Grady will concelebrate the 11.30 a.m. in Killasser Church on Sunday next 17th August. Fr. McManus is celebrating his Diamond Jubilee - 60 years of Priesthood and Fr. O'Grady is celebrating his Golden Jubilee - 50 years of Priesthood. We congratulate them on reaching these milestones in their lives and wish many more years of good health and happiness. Following the concelebrated Mass, everyone is invited to Killasser Community Centre for a social gathering to celebrate and mark the occasion. Refreshments will be served and it will be an opportunity for the priests to meet with parishioners and visitors in a homely atmosphere. Sincere thanks to everyone who is organising this function.

FEAST DAYS: Tuesday - St. Attracta, Secondary Patron of Achonry.
Friday - Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady - Holy Day.

THE ANNUAL KNOCK NOVENA begins on Thursday next 14th August and continues with two sessions each day at 3.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. until Friday 22nd August. Full details elsewhere in this this week's Newsletter.

THE FOLLOWING DIOCESAN CHANGES have been announced during the past week:

Monsignor Joseph Spelman P. P. Collooney, to be Priest-in-Residence, Collooney.

Canon Christy McLoughlin P. P. Tourlestrane to be Priest-in-Residence, Kilmactigue.

Canon Pat Peyton P. P. Bunninadden, to be Parish Priest, Collooney.

Fr. Michael Reilly Administrator, Ballaghaderreen, to be Parish Priest, Bunninadden.

Fr. John Glynn C. C. Kilkelly, to be Parish Priest, Tourlestrane.

Fr. Dermot Meehan C. C. Ballaghaderreen to be Administrator, Ballaghaderreen.

Fr. Vincent Sherlock C. C. Ballaghaderreen to be also Diocesan Secretary.

Fr. John Maloney C. C. Collooney to be C. C. Kilkelly.

Fr. Gerard Davey C. C. Kilmactigue to be C. C. Ballaghaderreen.

We wish those priests who have been changed every blessing and happiness in their new appointments. To those who are retiring, we wish a long and happy retirement. These changes will come into effect at the beginning of September.

PRAY FOR Thomas and Anne Cafferty, Cloonfinnish, Son Michael James and Son-in-law Jimmy Coyle, Saturday 8
Michael and Kate Warde, Doontas, Sons Tommy and Joe and Daughter Sr. Agnes, Saturday 8 p.m.
P. J. Loftus, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.
Nan Loakes (nee McGeever), formerly of Craigaballagh, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
Anne Sheerin, Coolegrane, Sunday 10 a.m.
Tom and Delia Gallagher, Callow, Sunday 10 a.m.
Frank Caffrey, Cloonygowan, Sunday 10 a.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Joe Price, Moyview, Friday 8 p.m.
Nellie Doonan, Dromada-Duke, Friday 8 p.m.
John McNulty, Toronto, formerly of Renbrack, brother of Anne Hanley, Dunmaynor who died on
Friday 1st August in Toronto, Friday 8 p.m.
Sean Groarke, The Orchard, Swinford and formerly of Cloontubrid, who died on Friday last 8th
August in Swinford Hospital. Removal of his remains from Swinford Hospital on this Sunday at 8 p.m.
To Swinford Church. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 11 a.m. Burial will take place
Afterwards in Charlestown Cemetery.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
