

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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EASTER SUNDAY

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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'*

HE SAW AND BELIEVED:

What did the disciple believe when he saw the burial cloths rolled up and put aside, and there was no body to be found? It would be logical to think something dastardly had occurred. Could his body have been stolen? Was this one last sign of disrespect for the man from Galilee who offered his life?

Only those who had wandered the roads with Jesus as he ministered could possibly have suspected that the appearance of grave robbery could mean something altogether different. Perhaps as word spread, even those who had been touched by his words or his actions would begin to open their imaginations to the unthinkable - he was no longer in the grave because he was risen from the dead.

The followers of Jesus brought physical sight to the tomb, but more importantly, they brought insight with them that was the result of being shaped in the presence of Jesus. Faith can indeed be rooted in physical realities - there was an empty tomb - but it must make the leap where our physical senses can only point with wonder. This leap is one that trusts in God's surprises.

'In this Easter Season, where is God asking me to leap in trust towards a new awareness?'

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB))

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 1.00 p.m. / Tuesday, Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Monday 11 a.m. / Friday, Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Howley Family (Dunmaynor)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Convey Family (Darnagh)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will **not** be in Killasser Church on this Monday 13th April.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

4th / 5th April amounted to €1,270.

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION:

Sincere thanks for all your contributions to date. Already there is over €1,000 handed in. Since the envelopes/boxes were late arriving you will be given some extra time to hand in your contributions.

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.

A VERY HAPPY, HOLY, PEACEFUL AND SAFE EASTER

ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING Mass in Callow Church will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m. The reason for this is to allow some extra time between the two Sunday morning Masses as was done on Christmas Day.

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 was held in Callow Church on Wednesday 25th March. Some of the topics discussed were Holy Week and Easter, Evaluations of Scripture Course in Attymass, Neighbourhood Masses/Services, Cluster Newsletter, Council Membership etc etc. We now have four new members to replace people who are stepping aside. Sincere thanks to those who are willing to serve.

THE MAYO MALE VOICE CHOIR will perform in the Parish Church, Foxford on Thursday 30th April. The Cluster Choir will also perform. Proceeds will go to the National School Building Fund. Again, your support will be very much appreciated.

COSGALLEN NEWS - 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 /

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. / **JOBS CLUB:** Cosgallen in conjunction with Meitheal Mhaigheo will hold a Jobs Club in May. The course will be held from Tuesday 5th May until Friday 22nd May. The course will be held every morning from 10 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown. A small out of pocket expenses will be paid. If you are currently out of work and interested in taking part in the course contact the Office at 094-9255070.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME continues each Monday night at 9.00 p.m. It will probably not take place this Monday Night due to the big game in Swinford. It is always a most enjoyable game and your support will be very much appreciated.

THE MEELICK €1,000 25 CARD GAME due to be held in Scoil Muire agus Padraig School Hall, Swinford on Good Friday Night was cancelled as a mark of respect for Robert McCallion. It has now been rescheduled for Easter Monday Night at 9.00 p.m. sharp. Your support will be very much appreciated.

FOXFORD BINGO continues every Friday night, commencing each night at 9.00 p.m. sharp. Up to €2,000 on offer each night. It takes place in the Sports and Leisure Centre. Your support will be very much appreciated.

'MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION - ROCK ROSE HOUSE is looking for ladies to take part in the Flora Womens' Mini Marathon on Monday 1st June 2009. Registration, Transport, Sponsorship Cards and details - please phone 094-9038407. Your support for Mayo based charity would be very much appreciated.

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

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. So far two extra person has volunteered to be involved in this ministry in Killasser Church.

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.

ENROLMENTS are now being taken for Carramore and Killasser National Schools. You are asked to contact either School. Carramore School 071-9181435 and Killasser 094-925189.

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)**

MASS CARDS: The Parish Pastoral Council has decided that Mass Cards which will be signed in the presence of those who wish to have a Mass offered, will be available in the Sacristies of Killasser and Callow Churches as well as the Parish Office.

NEW GLASS FOR NEW DOORS IN CALLOW CHURCH: Glass that will have the figures of the risen Christ and St. Thomas sandblasted onto it will be prepared and installed over the next couple of months. It is planned to have this work complete by the end of May. It is being carried out by the Abbey Stained Glass Company in Dublin. This project is being sponsored by the Kirrane Family, Callow to whom we are extremely appreciative.

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

'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 CLUSTER NEWSLETTER has now been published and is available at both churches. It is a very nice production with articles and photographs from each of the five parishes in our cluster. Compliments to the editorial committee for a job very well done. There is a copy of the Newsletter for every home in the parish. You might also like to send a copy to relatives away from home. They are free of charge.

THE SOUTH SLIGO WALKING FESTIVAL will be held on 18th / 19th April 2009. Further information from: Breege Mullarkey on 087-1381770, Michael Rochford on 087-2246416 and Therese Sheerin e-mail tshe@hotmail.com

ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Accord, Charlestown is recruiting Marriage Care Facilitators for Pre-Marriage Courses. They are looking for people who have been married for at least five years, are warm and caring and can relate well to others. They invite you to join them for an information evening regarding training and working as a facilitator at the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday 21st April at 8 p.m. Successful applicants will be fully trained and will work as part of a team. Further information can be got by phoning 094-9254944.

THE ANNUAL ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place on Sunday 17th May.

A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING in honour of Servant of God, Fr. Patrick Peyton, marking the centenary year of his birth will take place on Sunday 26th April. Mass will be celebrated in Attymass Parish Church on that day at 3.00 p.m. The Principal Celebrant will be Cardinal Sean Brady, followed by the unveiling of a Statue of Fr. Peyton in the grounds of the centre. There will be refreshments and entertainment afterwards.

MAYNOOTH SEMINARY - OPEN DAY INVITATION: All those discerning a vocation to the Catholic Priesthood are welcome. No booking is necessary. This will take place on Vocation Sunday 3rd May 2009. It commences on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. and concludes with Mass at 5.00 p.m. More information available from: www.maynoothcollege.ie/seminary seminary.openday@may.ie

BROADBAND is now available by contacting Westnet on **1850 930 305** This could be of great benefit to everyone who uses the internet on a regular basis. It can certainly speed up the process.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES VERY WELL ATTENDED: Sincere thanks to everyone who made the effort to attend the Holy Week Ceremonies in Killasser and Callow Churches. It was very encouraging to see such a cross section of ages.

SINCERE THANKS to everyone who organised and participated in the Holy Week Ceremonies. Hopefully our celebration the Triduum has been very sincere and meaningful and will help us on our journey of Faith into the future.

CEAD MILE FAILTE TO ALL OUR VISITORS: A very warm welcome and cead mile failte to all of you who are visiting Family and friends for the Easter weekend. We hope it will be a very enjoyable and special time for you who are visiting and you who are being visited. Let us all try to travel safely on the roads in an effort to prevent any road accidents.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated this year at during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Sunday 10th May.

PRAY FOR People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Michael and Anne Dunleavy, Monday 11 a.m.
 Mary Clegg, Boston, formerly Mary Broderick, Cartron, Sister of Christy Broderick, Cartron, who died In Boston on Sunday last 5th April, Friday 8 p.m.
 John and Bridie Howley, Dunmaynor, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Mary Keating (Nee Hennigan), Fermoy and Carramore-Moy and deceased members of the Hennigan And Rochford Families.
 James McNicholas, Callow and Deceased Members of the Reynolds and McNicholas Families, Sunday 19th April 10 a.m.
 Cormac Sheil, Callow and Son Cormac, Sunday 19th April 10 a.m.
 Francis Haran, formerly of Knocks, Brother of Michael James Haran, Knocks, who died in London on Wednesday 8th April. Mass will be offered later.
 Robert McCallion, Park Road, Swinford, who died in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin on Tuesday last 7th April. His remains repose at the family home and leave there at 7 p.m. this Sunday to arrive in Swinford Church at 8.00 p.m. Funeral Mass on Monday at 1.00 p.m.
 Nora Henry, Barnacogue, Aunt of Mary McNulty, Cullenaughton, who has died. Her remains arrive in Swinford Parish Church on this Sunday evening at 6.00 p.m. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11 a.m.
 Paddy Reape, Reape's Garage, Foxford who died on Thursday 9th April. His remains arrive in Foxford Parish Church on this Sunday evening at 7 p.m. from Clarke's Funeral Home. Funeral Mass on Monday at 1.00 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
