

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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'*

WHO? ME!

Asking the right question is as important as getting the right answer. It means we are on the right track to self-understanding. We're clued in to life. We're focused on the present but with our sights on the future too. But, not everybody is. Those who never ask that all-important question, 'who am I?' can't possibly be. As human beings we don't just walk around with mystery every day. We are mystery walking around! The answer to the question, 'who am I?' is not my name. It has nothing to do with my name. I can change that if I wish. But I cannot change my who no matter how much I might wish to do so because that is unchangeable before God.

So, I need to meet that who, to discover what makes me, me. Is it status, success, money, ability, intelligence? These play their part in forming me, as do failures, limitations and fears, but there's more to me than all of those put together.

I need to ask that all-important question, 'who am I?' and wait patiently until I hear the answer I crave; until in sheer disbelief I hear the words spoken to Jesus in today's Gospel (Mt. 3:17): you are my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - December/January 2007/2008)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

KILLASSER - Wednesday 10 a.m. / Friday 6.30 p.m. / Saturday 8.00 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 19th January 8.00 p.m. Lorraine Kavanagh Paul Quinn Niall Armstrong Ciara Hussey.

Sunday 20th January 11.30 a.m. Kevin Rowley Erin Rochford Brenda Carr Eoin Gallagher.

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)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday next 14th January 4 - 7.00 p.m.

REBUILDING OF WALL AT KILLASSER CHURCH: The wall around the perimeter of Killasser Church Ground on lower side of the grounds near the Community Centre is being rebuilt at the moment. It had been in very bad condition before it was demolished recently. It is being rebuilt under the Rural Social Scheme and hopefully will be faced with stone like the wall opposite the Killasser Housing Estate. Some grant aid has been sanctioned by IRD Kiltimagh and the local County Councillors. We thank them for their support.

ACHONRY DIOCESAN PIONEER MEETING in Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday 15th January at 8.30 p.m.

FEAST DAY: Sunday - The Baptism of the Lord.

THE ANALYSIS OF THE PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE is now available to everyone who wishes to see it. It is available at the Church Doors at all the Masses this weekend 12th / 13th January. After publication of it, the next step is to try and see what we can implement as a parish community to enrich our faith journey. That is a bigger challenge, but I am confident that we can take it on together and move forward step by step.

DONATIONS TOWARDS KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND: Sincere thanks for the following donations towards the renovation at Callow Church and Killasser Parochial House - €5,000 / €1,000 / €250 / €100 / €50 / €100 / €100 / €50 / €50 / €50 / €200 / €1,400 / €150 / €400 / €1,000 / €250 / €200 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200 / €100 / €100 / €300 / €200 / €100 / €250 / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 / \$1,000 / €3,000 / \$500 / €2,000 / €100 / €1,000 / €50 / €1,000. These donations received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR is still available from the Sacristy of each Church after Mass. Price €10. The Calendar can also be bought from Thomas Marren (094-9251327) Fr. O'Mahony (094-9251431), Maureen Murphy (094-9251525), Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox (094-9253603), Theresa Convey (094-9251364), Bridie Sheerin (094-9251062), Kevin Hughes and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford. As time goes by they are getting more scarce.

A CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING will be held in the School on Wednesday Night next 16th January at 8.00 p.m.

A KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING will be held in the School on Monday Night 21st January at 8.00 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

AT THE LAST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING on Wednesday evening last 21st November in Killasser Church. The following items were discussed as well as others: The analysis of the Parish Questionnaire - 71 were returned. / Cluster Baptism Preparation Team / Evaluation of Remembrance Service for the Dead, Donal Harrington Workshop, Killala Diocesan Liturgical and Music Workshop / Internal adjustment/reorganisation of Killasser Church / Loose Change Collection / 'Do This In Memory' / Bishop-Elect Brendan Kelly etc.

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

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.

BETTER PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Priests and some people from each Parish in our Cluster discussed this topic at some length, at a Meeting in November, to see how we can help Parents and Godparents particularly to understand better the richness of the meaning of the Sacrament. A further meeting for this purpose has been planned for Monday 14th January in Attymass. It will take place at 8.00 p.m.

THE NEXT CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday next 17th January 2008 at 8.30 p.m. The Killasser/Callow representatives are Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty.

A CLUSTER NEWSLETTER will be published again this year but it has NOT been available for Christmas as enough material hasn't come in from each parish. Maureen Murphy is a member of the editorial team and is looking for any articles or photographs of interest you might have. You can contact her on 094-9251525.

THE FOXFORD CLUSTER ECUMENICAL SERVICE will be held in January and this time it is the turn of Foxford to host the event. Last January it was celebrated in Killasser Church and was a most meaningful and enjoyable service. It will be held on Thursday 24th January. The homily will be given by Rev. Doris Clements, Tubbercurry. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Browne Memorial Hall.

THE FOXFORD 25 CARD GAME continues in the Browne Memorial Hall on Tuesday Night next 15th January, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Lots of Prizes and your support will be very much appreciated.

NEW ARTS OFFICER FOR IRD KILTIMAGH: IRD Kiltimagh Ltd. has recently appointed Anne Marie McGing as the new Arts Officer. Anne Marie hails from Killawalla and has been working in the arts previously in Galway and Mayo. She

will be working throughout the year on developing a programme of arts activities in the Town Hall Theatre and other venues. You can contact Anne Marie at the IRD Kiltimagh by calling 094-9381494 or emailing annemariemcging@ird-kiltimagh.ie

KILTIMAGH ARTS MAILING LIST: IRD Kiltimagh Arts Office is in the process of updating its arts interest mailing list. If you are interested in receiving information about up-coming events in the East Mayo Area please contact the IRD Kiltimagh Arts Officer, Anne Marie McGing with your contact details. You can e-mail the information to the above address or you can contact IRD on 094-9331494. Please include a contact name, address and e-mail address in e-mails.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER amounted to €1,660. Sincere thanks to everyone for your support and generosity for what was an excellent collection.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 5th / 6th January amounted to €1,333.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Sincere thanks for your contributions towards the Christmas Collection taken up at all Masses at Christmas. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

FOXFORD FARMERS' MARKET: Foxford's New Farmers' Markets runs every Saturday morning from 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. in the Car Park of the Foxford Woolen Mills. Items available include fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, home-baking - orders can be placed now for puddings and Christmas Cakes, also catering to any dietary requirements. Hot soup available. Also available in the market is a wonderful selection of cheeses and there is even an opportunity to purchase some seasonal plants and festive wreaths. This weekend the Foxford Craft Fair takes place in the Sports Centre and the Farmers' Market, for this week only, will run on Saturday and Sunday. This is an ideal opportunity to purchase local produce, organic vegetables and home-baking so come along and support the traders. It is a very pleasant and sociable experience.

APA - AIDS PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA - AN IRISH CHARITY SET UP BY FR. OWEN LAMBERT: Pamper yourself and / or someone special by coming along to Balla Resource Centre on Sunday 27th January and at the same time support the work of APA which helps alleviate the suffering of Aids orphaned children in Africa. For more information / vouchers please contact Bernie Moran on 087-7555084. or Ksenja Kragi on 087-1318784.

PIECES OF MY MIND - A NEW BOOK BY FR. BRENDAN HOBAN is now available in many local Bookshops. It contains 75 Reflections on topical subjects relating to the Church, Family and Modern Ireland. Simple, practical and down to earth commentaries on the issues that matter in peoples' lives. It costs €13.95c and is well worth buying. I only bought my copy this Saturday and have only had a glance through it. You can order it from FAITHALIVE@EIRCOM.NET for €15 which includes postage.

FAS EVENING COURSES on Thursday 24th January and Tuesday 29th January in the FAS Training Centre, Ballina. Courses include: Introduction to Computers; SAGE Accounts and Payroll; Introduction to E-Mail / Internet; Basic Arc Welding; Improver Welding; Interior Design; Roofing (Cutting and Calculating); Occupational First Aid; Programmable Logic Controllers; Start Your Own Business and Word Processing Advanced. Enrolment 17th January at 7.00 p.m. Info at 096-24017.

PARISH FUNCTION: Killasser Community Care Group held its Annual Parish Function on Sunday last 6th January in Frank's Place. About 25 people attended what was a most enjoyable function. A beautiful meal was served to everyone, followed by music and song. Sincere thanks to the Killasser Community Care Group who organised everything and provided the meal. Mary, Claire and Thomas Stenson provided the musical entertainment with lovely music and song. We thank them very much for sharing their wonderful talent.

CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN DAY: The new buildings, the older renovated building and the new sports facilities at Carramore National School will be open to the public on Sunday 20th January from 3.00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come along to see the fantastic new facilities at the School. More details later.

OFFICIAL OPENING AND BLESSING OF CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL'S NEW BUILDINGS AND SPORTS FACILITIES: An Official Opening and Blessing of the new facilities at Carramore School will take place on Sunday next 20th January at 3.00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Hopefully, many past pupils and parents of past pupils as well as the members of the local community will be present for this very special occasion. Refreshments will be served and some entertainment will be provided. It will be a very proud day for Carramore and everyone associated with it.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Parish Office in the Parochial House on this Saturday night 12th January at 9.15 p.m.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR SOCCER has re-commenced in the Community Centre since Friday last 11th January and will continue for the rest of the season each Friday evening at 6.00 p.m.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR BASKETBALL TRAINING will recommence on Monday next 14th January at 6.00 p.m. It is very good to see the Community Centre available again for sporting activities after the renovations which have been carried out over the past number of months. As well as putting on a new roof, the interior of the centre has been newly painted. There is still some renovation of the rooms on either side of the stage to be carried out. Hopefully, it will be a very busy place for 2008.

THE WEEKLY KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME will re-commence on Monday week 21st January at 9.00 p.m. 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.

THE BISHOP-ELECT OF ACHONRY BRENDAN KELLY will take over the leadership of the Diocese of Achonry at his ordination ceremony on Sunday 27th January, commencing at 3.00 p.m. He will succeed Bishop Flynn who has been our leader since February 1977. The principal celebrant of the Ordination Mass will be the newest Cardinal, Sean Brady.

AN INVITATION TO THE ORDINATION CEREMONY IN ST. NATHY'S CATHEDRAL BALLAGHADERREEN on Sunday 27th January is being given to two people from each church area in the diocese. This means for our parish, four people are invited - two from Callow area and two from Killasser area. If you are interested in attending, you will have the opportunity at Masses next weekend to place your name in a special Box/Basket that will be left at the Church Doors. After the 10 a.m. Mass in Callow next Sunday, two names will be drawn and the same will happen after the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser next Sunday for the two weekend Masses.

PRAY FOR Pake Howley, Carrowleambeg, Granddaughter Ciara and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Bridgid Cronnolly, Knockmullin, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John and Eileen McManus, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Martin and Bridgid Brady, Lismorane, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Jimmy Coyle, Belmullet and Chicago, Husband of Annie May Cafferty, Cloonfinnish, who died recently
 In Chicago, Friday 6.30 p.m.
 Michael Conroy, Lismorane, Callow, Months Mind, Sunday 20th January 10 a.m.
 Martin Henry, Corley, who died on Monday last 7th January. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday
 Johnny Tully, Carroweena and London, who died on Tuesday last 8th January in London. His remains
 Will arrive in Killasser Church on Saturday next 19th January at 12 Noon. Burial will take place in
 Killasser Cemetery after the Funeral Mass.
 Mary Catherine McAndrew, Sister-in-Law of Delia McManus, Carramore who died in St. Louis, U.S.
 On 23rd December.
 Eileen Geraghty, Lecanvey, Westport, Sister of Marie O'Keeffe, Boleboy, who died on Thursday 10th.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**OFFICIAL OPENING AND BLESSING OF NEW
 BUILDINGS AND SPORTS FACILITIES AT ST.
 JOHN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL, CARRAMORE ON
 SUNDAY 20 JANUARY, COMMENCING AT 3.00 P.M.
 EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS
 CEREMONY AND TO VIEW THE WHOLE
 DEVELOPMENT AFTERWARDS. REFRESHMENTS
 WILL BE SERVED AND SOME MUSICAL
 ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED**

