

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'*

PEACE COMES DROPPING SLOW.

A dust-up in the First Reading about what rules and regulations from Jewish law would be imposed on new (Gentile) Christians who were not Jewish. It all makes a point: this debate occurred and its resolution was reached in order to overcome disturbance of the peace of mind of members of the Church.

Peace - that most prized and scarce of realities. A peace it does seem at times that the world cannot give - only God can. And many are the disturbances of life. Being upset, disappointed, jealous, angry or lonely. Feeling a lack of confidence, or a lack of something can make us greedy, possessive, even lustful. We live in a culture of success, where everything is built on the idea of ascent, with everything on the rise be they prices or expectation. It's a world where you fix and control. In that culture ironically most of the learning is done in the darker emotions. After the age of 30 everything worth learning comes from the experience of failure, disappointment, humiliation, loneliness and loss. At such times, we would do well to pray to the Holy Spirit; 'Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.' It will keep us calm and at peace.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - May 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

KILLASSER - Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Patrick McNulty.

Sunday 10 a.m. Pat Gallagher.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Sean Thompson.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Sr. Margaret.

Sunday 10 a.m. Anne Deacy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Pierce Rowley Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Tommy Gallagher.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 19th May 8.00 p.m. Colin Hughes Siobhan O'Hara Liam Moran Conor Stephens

Sunday 20th May 11.30 a.m. Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde David Cronnolly Paul Quinn.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The Fitzmorris Family (Creggane)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Foubister Family (Carn)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7 p.m.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

should now have been distributed to every home in the parish. We would appreciate if you could return them by this weekend. Sincere thanks to everyone who has taken the time to fill them and return them already. Your responses have been very informative so far and will help greatly with the future work of the Parish Pastoral Council.

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION:

The amount handed in already has reached €3,007. Sincere thanks, once again, for your tremendous generosity. It will be forwarded to Trocaire during the coming week.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:

5th / 6th May amounted to €1,160..

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST for the thirteen children in Second Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools was celebrated last Sunday 6th May at 11.30 a.m. Mass. **The following Children received Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday next:**

CARRAMORE	Conor Kerrane (Carrownedan) Shauna Fallon (Prebawn)	Cathal Frain (Carracanada) Rachael Neary (Claddagh)	Fiachra Warde (Doontas) Emily Ronynane (Swinford)
KILLASSER	Meabh Peyton (Dromada-Gore) Thomas Stenson (Carrowleambeg) Emily O'Grady (Carroweena)	Rachael Howley (Dunmaynor) Mary Tully (Carroweena)	Dara Thompson (Graffy) David Gallagher (Ballinacurra)

Congratulations to the Children, their Parents and Families and their Teachers on this very special spiritual milestone in their lives. Sincere thanks for all your good work and example in bringing these children to this point in their lives.

A FIRST COMMUNION PARTY for the thirteen First Communicants was held in Killasser Community Centre immediately after Mass on Sunday last. All the Childrens' Parents, Family Members and Relatives and Teachers were invited to the Centre for refreshments. All this was organised and prepared by Killasser Community Care Group. We deeply appreciate their thoughtfulness and generosity. The party was enjoyed by everyone present.

SINCERE THANKS to the Children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools and their Teachers Mrs. Fallon and Ms. Gallagher for the beautiful music and singing during the First Communion Mass on Sunday last. It made our celebration extra special and was very much appreciated by everyone present.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY': The final celebration of the 'Do This In Memory' preparation programme for First Communion will take place on Sunday 10th June. This is the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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

AN OPEN MEETING was held in Callow Church on Monday night 23rd April to evaluate the success of the James Kilbane Concert in all its aspects. With that done, it was time to look forward again and plan other projects. The first to be taken on is the production of a Parish Calendar. It is hoped to have this ready for sale by August. A small group have agreed to take on responsibility for getting this done. Later on it is hoped to have a Parish Christmas Card printed. These, it is hoped, would be ready for sale well before Christmas. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended this meeting for your ideas, interest and willingness to be involved. More news as it becomes available. **The next open Meeting will be held in Callow Church on Monday 21st May.**

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING was held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday night week last. It was suggested that since work at Callow Church had concluded for the present, that Killasser Church and grounds should be looked at again. It was suggested that an immediate priority would be to upgrade the tarmac around Killasser Church, which would include new tarmac, new kerbing and an extension of the tarmac area on the Estate side of the Church.

AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING will be held at Killasser Church on Monday evening 14th May at 8.30 p.m. to discuss the above suggestion of upgrading the grounds and all other items that need to be attended to. It will then be a matter of prioritising the items suggested in order of importance. Maintenance and upgrading of grounds and buildings is never totally finished. Everyone is welcome to this meeting.

THREE WOMEN - A PLAY BY HELEN BRETT will play in Ballina Arts Centre on Thursday next 17th May at 8.00p.m. Tickets are €12.50c. Concession €10. Telephone 096-73593. It will play in the Charlestown Arts Centre on Friday next 18th May at 8.30p.m. Tickets are €10. Telephone 094-9255812. Helen Brett, originally from Swinford, has brought the play and the actors from Australia. It opened in the Town Hall Theatre, Galway on 4th May to a full house and it got very good reviews. Every success with it in Ballina and Charlestown. Well worth going to see.

INFORMATION SERVICE: A service providing information and advice to members of the community will be available each Monday from 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre.

MOY DAVITTS G.A.A. CLUB NEWS: All Moy Davitts Underage Teams are now back training. Times of training sessions may vary. Any queries - please contact the following: U-10 Michael Gaughan 087-2656754 / U-12 Paddy Langan 085-1227460 / U-14 Declan Prendergast 086-3724713 / U-16 Joe McNulty 087-2451028 / Minor Miko Sheridan 087-6548021.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN is recruiting Marriage Care Facilitators for their Pre-Marriage Courses. They are looking for people who have been married for at least 5 years, who are warm and caring and relate easily to others. If you think you can help them, please join them for an information evening regarding training and working as a Facilitator for their Pre-Marriage Courses. This meeting will be in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday 17th April at 8.00 p.m. There you will meet Accord members and find out about the work they do. For further information please phone Patricia at 094-9254944. Office hours are Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Find out more about their work on their website WWW.ACCORD.IE

NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME CONSUMERS - WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS REPORT: The HSE has recently taken samples of Killasser Group Water Scheme water for analysis. The laboratory report of Analysis in respect of those samples indicates that the Bacteriological Results are satisfactory with **no Coliforms, no E.coli and no perfringens** detected. Chemical analysis of Killasser Group Water Scheme water has consistently shown that the chemical properties of the water are excellent for drinking water. A copy of the bacteriological test report on the Church Notice Boards.

KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME - PRECAUTIONARY BOIL NOTICE: Notwithstanding the above quality results, the management committee are required to advise users of untreated water i.e. Water which has no added disinfectant; that the water should be boiled prior to human consumption. This notice is to remain in effect until further notice.

LADIES' MINI MARATHON: Cancer Action Mhaigh Eo is looking for volunteers to take part in the ladies' mini marathon on the Bank Holiday Monday 4th June next. All proceeds will go towards the MRI Scanner campaign for Mayo General Hospital. For further information, please contact 087-2224442.

A 10 KILOMETRE WALK in aid of the upkeep of Historic Teampall Maol Cemetery took place on Bank Holiday Monday last 7th May. The walk began at Teampall Maol Cemetery and continued - via Coolegrane, Cullen, Prebane, Askilawn, Attymachugh, Corleyl, Leckee, Laranmore, Muckroe, Churchpark and finished at Teampall Maol. Refreshments were served afterwards which were most welcome after the exertions of the 10 Ks. About 50 people participated. Your support was very much appreciated and hopefully it will have raised a good amount of money so that the good work on the cemetery can continue. Compliments to the committee for all they have done.

DEDICATION CEREMONY AT KILMACTIGUE OLD CEMETERY: Compliments and congratulations to the Kilmactigue Graveyard Committee on the wonderful work they have done in the old cemetery in the grounds of the Church of Ireland. On Sunday evening last a beautiful Dedication Ceremony was held in the old church which was attended by members of the Catholic and Church of Ireland communities. Hundreds of names and dates of death of people from the area are inscribed on slabs of marble attached to the walls of the Church. The road leading into the church and cemetery has been upgraded. Just outside the entrance to the cemetery, a beautiful peace garden has been created. It is a project very well carried out. Worth visiting.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Callow Church on Wednesday evening next 16th May at 8.30 p.m. All members are invited to attend. Two new members are still needed so that four people of the original committee can step down after two years to comply with the constitution of the Pastoral Council. Preferably two men are needed to keep the gender balance as it should be. After two more years, it should be a totally different committee than started out. This is the objective, so that it cannot become an elite group. The challenge is to get people who are willing to step out, give some of their time and talent to the community. Sitting on the fence is not really an option.

ST. BENEDICT'S PRIORY - RETREAT HOUSE COBH CO. CORK: Their Retreat House is available for Private individual or group retreats and private day retreats. Accommodation is 6 Single Rooms and 2 Double Rooms. Retreatants are welcome to share in their Liturgical Life - Mass, Liturgy of the Hours and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Retreat House is situated in quiet peaceful surroundings and has a lovely Bible Garden. There are magnificent views of Cobh Harbour and Cobh Cathedral. Suggested donation is €40 per night, including all meals.. Phone No. 021-4811354.

THE KILLALA/ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2007 takes place from 23rd - 28th August. The Pilgrimage will be jointly led by Bishop Fleming of Killala and Bishop Flynn of Achonry.

THE ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place this year on Sunday 20th May. This year Killasser Parish is being requested to provide a Minister of the Word, a reader of the Prayer of the Faithful and a Family to bring up the Offertory Gifts at the Mass in Knock on that day. Volunteers will be welcome. It will be nice to be involved.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON commenced on Tuesday last 1st May with the One-Day Pilgrimages. There is a Quiet Day on Wednesday 9th May. The Three-Day Pilgrimages begin on Monday 1st June and run until Monday 13th August. Full details in this weeks Newsletter.

A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG will take place in September if there is sufficient interest. More about that anon.

BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL is progressing with the foundation and steel structure of the general purposes room in place. This will be wonderful facility for the school in the future.

THE ALL-IRELAND ROSARY RALLY in honour of Fr. Patrick Peyton will take place in Knock on Saturday 2nd June. It begins on the day with Rosary at 2.00 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross and Concelebrated Mass at 3.00 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Blessing. The main celebrant of the Mass is Fr. Pat Peyton P.P. , Bunninadden nephew of the late Fr. Peyton.

CLUSTER CHOIR PRACTICE IN FOXFORD CHURCH: Once again, the Cluster Choir will sing at the Fr. Peyton Rosary Rally in Knock on Saturday 2nd June. To prepare for this occasion, the first Cluster Choir practice will be held in Foxford Parish Church on Tuesday evening next 15th May at 8.30 p.m. All Choir members in Callow and Killasser are invited and welcome to attend and participate in Knock.

WEBCO I.T. TRAINING: Summer ICT Training Courses starting on 9th June. Total beginners, Juniors, Seniors - all welcome. Range of Courses. Contact Christine 087-9723641.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY GAMES 2007 will take place in the Sports Field at Killasser Community Centre on this Sunday 13th May, commencing at 3.00 p.m. Track and Field events for boys and girls from under-8 to under-16 will be held. Competitors must be under the stated age on 31st July. This will be strictly adhered to. The Local Community Games is a selection process for athletes who wish to represent their parish at the county and national finals. Recently there have been very disappointing numbers prepared to go forward to the County Finals. The organisers hope that this will not be so this year as it is a great experience. So join everybody in the Sports Field for what is always a great afternoon.

A MOST ENJOYABLE VARIETY CONCERT was held in Killasser Community Centre on Friday night last, organised by Killasser Pioneer Council to honour the achievement of Lasair - Darina Burke, Sarah Scully, Linda McNulty and Eimear Burke - in winning the All-Ireland Readoiri Group Singing competition 2007. Sincere thanks to those who organised, supported and participated. We are very proud of the four girls and thank them sincerely for the generosity of their time and talent especially in the Liturgy of the Church. Sincere thanks also to their parents for their support and the wonderful work of all their teachers of Music and Song, especially Mairin Ni Murchu. Congratulations again on your success and every enjoyment for the future.

PRAY FOR **Martin and Mary Agnes Deacy, Cloonainra, Saturday 8 p.m.**
Michael Melvin, Cornageltia, Saturday 8 p.m.
Paddy Hyland, Carrowleamore and Carramore-Moy, and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
Kitty Hanley, Clooncleeveragh, Kathleen Hanly and her Parents Michael and Elizabeth, Saturday 8 p.m.
John Kerrand, Boleboy and Lismorane and Deceased Members of Kerrane and Conlon Family, Saturday 8 p.m.
Jimmy Lynskey, Carn, Callow, Sunday 13th May 10 a.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Hugh Fitzmorris, Creggane, Saturday 8 p.m.
Matthew and Ellie O'Grady, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.
Frank McNicholas, Bohola, Husband of Sophia Scully, Dromada-Duke and Brother-in-law of Theresa Convey, Darnagh and Brendan Scully, Dromada-Duke, who died on Monday 7th May.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.