

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'*

HE SPOKE TO THEM IN PARABLES.

I consider myself blessed to have lived in an Ireland where the land was valued. My father and many other farmers went off in spring-time with horse and plough to plant seeds. I can still see the rich brown soil, obedient to the sharp blades of the plough, as the furrows were turned over. The field had to be harrowed, stones picked and the soil refined. No effort was left undone to prepare the ground for the falling seed.

The parable of the Sower would be quite intelligible to a rural population to which many of the listeners of Jesus belonged. Our growing urban population depend to a large extent on supermarkets for their food. Instead of planting seeds we tend to or, have tended to, build houses and replace soil with cement and tarmac.

What images would Jesus use today to explain about the Kingdom, God's dream for His people? Undoubtedly he would radically question systems which are dehumanising and sacrifice almost everything to economic growth. People live in apartments, in too close a proximity for comfort. They spend a lot of time commuting and waiting in traffic. The obstacles to the growth of the Kingdom are different but no less real. Can we identify them and name them? Can I enter into conversation with my neighbours about what is causing the pressure? There are choices that we can make together if we take the trouble to reflect, slow down and be less in control of a Universe never ceasing to evolve. We need to welcome the Spirit of God creating cracks in a dehumanising system. 'Let anyone with ears, listen' Such is Jesus' admonition, in a Gospel ever old and ever new. Let us remain open to a process leading us to a greater happiness and freedom.

Margaret Wheatley, an educationalist, writes: 'There is a path through change that leads to greater independence and resiliency. We dance along the path by maintaining a coherent identity and by honouring everyone's need for self-determination.'

(Elizabeth McCarthy - Intercom - July 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, Thursday 10 a.m. / Friday 1.30 p.m. / 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. Sr. Margaret.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Fionnuala Nealon
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Marren and Anne Holleran.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mary Mulligan.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Fionnuala Nealon

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 19th July 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Cormac Warde Lorraine Kavanagh Niall Armstrong.
Sunday 20th July 11.30 a.m. Kevin Rowley Eoin Gallagher Michelle O'Keeffe Siobhan Tully.
Sunday 20th July 10.00 a.m. Louise Mulligan Aoife Burke John McNulty Aine Timlin.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Tansey Family (Cartron)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Timlin Family (Prebane)

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

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THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

5th / 6th July amounted to €1,077.

THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

to date has amounted to €15. Sincere thanks for your contributions.

KNOCK SUMMER YOUTH FESTIVAL 2008: Living life to the full? Looking for something more? Tired of the same? This is what you are looking for! Time out for you Knock Summer Youth Festival July 24th - 27th, Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. 18 - 35 years for more information and to book your place, Contact 094-9388100 / 087-6927850 or check our website www.knock-shrine.ie/youthministry.

COMMUNITY GAMES: Congratulations to Brian Kavanagh, Ann-Marie O'Keefe, Michelle O'Keefe, Chloe Tuffy, Laura McNulty and Courtney Groarke who competed brilliantly for Killasser last Saturday in Claremorris at the Mayo athletic finals of the Community Games. Ann-Marie O'Keefe won silver in the under 16 Girls 100 metres and Brian Kavanagh won bronze in the under 16 Boys discus. Their club CSKA Killasser believes that this is just the start of great things to come for these young athletes.

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.

AUTISM CLASS WINS €10,000 IN THE AIB BETTER IRELAND PROGRAMME: The staff and children of Swinford National School are delighted to let you know that they have won €10,000 in the AIB Better Ireland Programme for the Autism classroom in the school.

They wish to thank all the people who voted for SwinfordA in the competition. The amount of goodwill shown by the people both in the community and outside was heart warming.

COSGALLEN NEWS....FIT WALKING CLINIC: A fit walking clinic will be held in the CBD Sports Complex, Charlestown on Monday evening July 21st from 7.30pm -10.00pm. The fit walking clinic will identify how to optimise aerobic fitness and fat burning benefits, demonstrate how to incorporate flexibility and strength into a walking programme, teach the key techniques of stride walking, power walking and Nordic walking and show how gadgets such as pedometers, heart rate monitors and walking poles can be used to best effect. Places are limited, to book your place contact Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown on 094-9255070. A small charge of €2 to €3 will be collected to cover the cost of the venue.

COSGALLEN NEWS LOCAL AGENDA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP FUND 2008: The local agenda 21 Environmental fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale non-profit environmental projects at local level. To qualify your project should focus on environmental awareness and action which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste biodiversity and climate change. Further information and application form can be obtained from Sharon Cameron Mayo Co Council on 0094-9047360 or email scameron@mayococo.ie or contact Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown.

SWINFORD SHOW LAUNCH: Mr. Eamon O'Cuiv T.D., Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, will launch the 20th Annual Swinford Agricultural Show in Kelly's Gateway Hotel, on Monday evening next 14th July at 7.00 p.m. All sponsors and supporters of the show are cordially invited to the launch. This year's show will be held in the grounds of Swinford Amenity Park on Saturday 16th August.

FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE will 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.

CLUSTER CHOIR SING IN RAMADA HOTEL BALLINA: on this Saturday evening 12th July. The concert commences at 8.30 p.m. Tickets cost €20 and can be purchased at the door.

CLUSTER CHOIR FOR THE UNITED STATES IN 2009?: Next year 2009 is the centenary of the birth of Fr. Peyton. To mark this special year, celebrations will be held in Attymass and in the United States. Many people will be travelling over in September 2009 and the possibility of the Cluster Choir travelling is very real.

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.

ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN FROM FIRST TO SIXTH CLASS IN KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE:

If your child/children is/are interested in participating in Art Classes, you are asked to contact Maria Tuffy on 087-7672759. **Classes will run from 14th to 18th July and will cost €25 per child, €45 for two children and €60 for three or more.** It is a good opportunity to use the summer holiday period in a useful and relaxing way.

THE IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION taken up in Callow recently amounted to €5.64c. The organisations wishes to thank everyone who contributed and who collected.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES have been delivered in some areas of the Parish. The remainder will be delivered during the coming week or as soon as possible.

MEER/MEERS CLAN REUNION takes place on Saturday 26th July 2008. A special Mass for the deceased members of the Meer/Meers Clan will be celebrated in Bonniclon Church on at 5.00 p.m. on that evening. It will be followed by a dinner and a book launch in the Ocean Sands Hotel, Enniscrone. Tickets are on sale until 21st July from the following: Padraig Meer 085-1742493 / Kitty Gilmartin 087-6306243 / Maureen McShane 086-3074990 / Ann Bain 087-2394529 / Antoinette Mear 071-9181011 / 087-7789604.

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.

PRAY FOR Mary (Mai) Kerrane, Callow, Months Mind, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Sarah and Anthony Regan, Culduff & Deceased members of Gillen and Regan Families, Sunday 10am.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 John Doherty, Doontas, wife Annie May and Son Martin, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Brigid and Patrick Timlin, Prebane, Sunday 20th July 10 a.m.
 Pat Noone, Knockbawn, Sunday 20th July 10 a.m.
 Nan Loakes (Nee McGeever), formerly Craigaballagh, Sister of Brigid Walsh, Craigaballagh, who died In Nottingham on Friday last 11th July.
 Anne Keenan, mother of Mary Meehan, Cloonfinnish who died on Friday 4th July. Her Funeral Mass Was celebrated on Monday last 7th July in Lisacul Church.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

MAYO V ROSCOMMON CONNACHT MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL

MAYO V GALWAY CONNACHT SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL