

# 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'*

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### THE BEST IS YET TO COME.

Food fans will know the wisdom of saving the best for last. The memory of the event just lasts longer, it's as true of a sumptuous dessert as it is of the finale of a film or a musical score.

It seems to have been the mind of Jesus as well. After all at Cana, he said to Mary, 'my time has not yet come.' At the wedding banquet, Christ performed his first miracle, and began His ministry among the people. But His 'time' came at the end, when he gave his life for us. He saved his best for last.

What comes after the account of Cana in the Gospel of John is the cleansing of the temple. A space dedicated to God, polluted by commerce is emptied by Jesus.

In a still-young year, there is still time to clear out the clutter of our lives, to make that space for God in our bodies. We have the opportunity to serve our master with all the gifts given to us. When our life on earth is finished, and we (hopefully) enter into His heaven, we are assured He will have saved His best for us for last. God's hand is never shortened.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - January 2007)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. 'Do This In Memory'

Sunday 10 a.m. Micheal Murphy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Theresa Hennigan

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Thomas Marren and Francis Hegarty

Sunday 10 a.m. Anne Deacy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8 p.m. 'Do This In Memory'. Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr.

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Joseph McNulty..

#### ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 8 p.m.

Siobhan O'Hara Niall Armstrong Conor Stephens Kevin Rowley.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 11.30 a.m.

Ronan Carr Erin Rochford Eoin Gallagher Shane Cunney.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. 'Do This In Memory'

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 from 4 - 7.00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church on next Saturday at 3.00 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY THIS YEAR will be Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. The Children of Second Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive Holy Communion for the first time at 11.30 a.m. Mass on that day.

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 / €200 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. These donations were received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

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**ANOTHER REMINDER TO PAYE WORKERS TO RETURN YOUR REVENUE FORMS:** Sincere thanks to everyone who has returned a tax form. If you have overlooked it, you are encouraged to return it at your convenience. It is important to remember that this does not affect your tax in any way. It does not cost you as a taxpayer but it can greatly assist the Church renovation fund. **Take Note: You do not have to put in any money with the Tax Form - you just write down how much you contributed to the Church in 2005.** If you need a form, you can contact 087-6305936 or Fr. O'Mahony.

**THE NEW SEATING FOR CALLOW CHURCH** will be available in a few weeks, probably in early February. The final measurements were taken on Thursday evening last. Those who wish to confirm their willingness to sponsor Church furniture might do so as soon as possible. A definite list needs to be drawn up.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE:** Five women from Achonry Diocese have recently completed two years training in Spiritual Direction with the Jesuit Centre for Spirituality, Manresa. They are now available to meet with individuals. Spiritual Direction/Guidance offers a reflective look at life and working of the Holy Spirit in it. For more information, Phone Patricia McCarthy on 086-1021532 or Frances Mellett on 087-7813926. You can get a brochure in the Sacristy.

**THE ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR CHURCH UNITY WEEK** is being hosted this year by Killasser Parish. Church Unity week is from 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January. At the Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, it was decided to have it on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. The Service will commence at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Church and it will be followed by refreshments in Killasser Community Centre afterwards. People of all faiths and none are invited and welcome to attend. This will be the first time for Killasser to host this event.

**A SPECIAL MEETING IS BEING HELD** in Killasser Church on Monday Night next at 9.00 p.m. to make all the necessary arrangements for the Ecumenical Service. Everyone who is willing to be involved is more than welcome to come along.

**THE MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL 2007 CALENDAR** contains photographs of Stained Glass Windows from Churches in Mayo that came from the Harry Clarke Studios. We are very interested because the window over the Gallery in Callow Church, of St. Patrick, is one of those windows. It is included in this 2007 Calendar which is a beautiful production.

**THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTMAS 2006** has been published again this year and is a bumper edition of sixteen pages. It contains news, articles and photographs from all five parishes in the cluster. There is a copy for every family in the Parish and. You may also wish to send a copy to your relatives in other parts of the country or world. **Please take one.**

**PILATES CLASSES** continues in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday next, 17<sup>th</sup> January, from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. Anyone interested in losing a couple of inches from the waistline is more than welcome.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:** 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> January amounted to €2, 256.

**THE PROCEEDS FROM THE WALK FOR CALLOW CHURCH ON ST. STEPHEN'S DAY** amounted to €3,698.53c. Sincere thanks to everyone who participated, supported and organised the walk which was such a success in every way.

**THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SPONSORSHIP OF LIGHTS ON THE CHRISTMAS TREES OUTSIDE CALLOW AND KILLASSER CHURCHES** amounted to €2,589.10c. Sincere thanks to everyone who made this possible. The cost of the lights have to be taken out of this - everything else has been given and done free - thanks to all who have been so generous.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION FOR THE IRISH EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION** taken up at Callow Church last Sunday amounted to €124.46c. Sincere thanks to everyone who collected and contributed.

**FAS EVENING COURSES** commence on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at the FAS Training Centre, Ballina in the following subjects: **Introduction to Computers / SAGE Accounts and Payroll / Introduction to Internet and E-mail / Basic Arc Welding / Improver Welding / Interior Design and Occupational First Aid.** Enrolment Evening 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 p.m. For further information contact FAS at 096-24017.

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**FAILTE IRELAND** is running a free back to work training course in Food Service for ten weeks in Pontoon Bridge Hotel. Participants interested should contact 094-9256120. The Course is 5 Hours per day every Monday and Tuesday evening starting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Enrolment day is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

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**PLANS FOR THE NEW BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL** will be going out for tender very shortly and details will be advertised in the Western People and the Connacht Telegraph during the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January. Two new classrooms and a general purposes room will be built at the school. This will cater much better for the increasing number of pupils at the school, which is now a three teacher school.

**THE RECLYING BINS AT KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE** are not for leaving bags of other items/rubbish beside. It is not a dump. Such bags have been left there over the past week. **The items that can be put in these bins are Clear, Green and Brown Glass Bottles and Jars which should have labels removed and also be washed, Aluminium Cans and Clothes.** Everything else has to be brought to a recycling centre in Ballina, Tubbercurry or Ballaghaderreen. **I have removed this rubbish in the past, as well as sweeping up the broken glass etc., but I wish to state that I am not a waste disposal contractor - not yet anyway.**

**A FUTURE WITHOUT PRIESTS:** This article has appeared in the Newsletter for the past two weeks. Just wondering if you have read it and what your thoughts are?

**TUAM DIOCESAN INSERVICE - A REPORT - THE PRIEST AS AN AGENT OF CHANGE:** This article also appeared in the Newsletter last week. Wondering if you have any comment on this? Letters, comments to the editor by e-mail or snail mail or by Phone. Your name must accompany your letter/comment, but will not be published if you request that.

**SOME STATISTICS FOR 2006 IN KILLASSER PARISH:**

BAPTISMS	20	WEDDINGS	1	DEATHS	11
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**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Saturday Night next 20<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00 p.m.

**KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - NEW MEMBERS WANTED:** As the Pastoral Council is now two years in existence, according to its constitution, one third of the council will be requested to step aside. More later.

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**PRAY FOR** Pake Howley, Carrowleambeg, Granddaughter Ciara and deceased family members, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Kathleen McGrath, Swinford, Sister of Maureen Barry, Carramore, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Jimmy Durkin, Cullenaughton, at request of Tommy Hughes, Askilaune, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 10 a.m.  
 Joe Kearns, Ballintubber, Co. Roscommon, Husband of Ellen Mary Dunne, Cartron, who died this week.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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**ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE IN  
 KILLASSER PARISH CHURCH  
 WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 8.00 P.M.  
 SPEAKER: BISHOP RICHARD HENDERSON  
 - CHURCH OF IRELAND BISHOP OF  
 ACHONRY/TUAM/KILLALA.  
 EVERYONE WELCOME**

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