

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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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'*

### 'IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN'

Many people are crippled; others suffer from life-threatening ailments. The leper that Jesus encountered lived with a disease that deprived him of living a normal life. If there were so many with sickness and disease, why did Jesus not heal all those that he met who were suffering?

During Jesus' ministry, healing the sick and afflicted was a clear sign of God's presence. These acts of compassion were simply announcements that something greater was about to unfold. His passion and death on the cross and his resurrection and ascension into heaven gave new meaning to life and a deeper insight into the meaning of suffering.

Because Jesus gives us the gift of himself, we come to realise that we no longer suffer alone. With his help, we now have the confidence that Jesus is forever present to us, helping us to understand his promise that through suffering we can look forward to a more meaningful existence beyond the one in which we live. With Jesus at our side, suffering is an opportunity to prepare ourselves for new life. 'I do will it. Be made clean.'

*'When has personal suffering helped me to ask Jesus for what I truly need?'*

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Robert L Morris)

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 - Thursday, Friday, Sunday 10 a.m.  
KILLASSER - Wednesday 7.30 p.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Durkin Family (Rubble)      Sunday 10.00 a.m. The McLoughlin Family (Callow)  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Hurst Family (Carramore-Moy)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday next from 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> February amounted to €1,040.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Saturday next 21<sup>st</sup> February at 1.00 p.m. Anybody who wishes to attend is more than welcome to be there for the ceremony.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' the programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Holy Communion will have its next celebration during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Eleven children will receive these Sacraments this year.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** takes place in the Church of the Assumption, Collooney, Co. Sligo each Monday night at 8.00 p.m., beginning on Monday next 16<sup>th</sup> February. Everybody is more than welcome to attend. The following will speak at the seminar - Joan Geraghty, John Delaney, Marie Byrne, Joe Dalton, Fr. Owen Gorman, Fr. Tommy Johnston and Frank McGuinness. Further information is available from Sr. Sheila on 086-3821810.

**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.

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME** continues each Monday night at 9.00 p.m. It is always a most enjoyable game and your support will be very much appreciated.

**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 CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night 15<sup>th</sup> January. Some of the items discussed were: **Ecumenical Service to mark Church Unity Octave / Cluster Newsletter / Fr. Peyton Centenary Celebrations including the Mass on R.T.E. on 4<sup>th</sup> January / Celebration of Baptism and preparation for the Sacrament.** The Parish representatives on this committee are Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty.

**A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 p.m.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** took place in Callow Church on Wednesday Night 21<sup>st</sup> January. Some of the items discussed were: **Neighbourhood Services/Masses to be held this Spring / Selecting New Members for the Council in accordance with constitution of the Pastoral Council / Further Training for Altar Servers / Mass from Attymass on Television / Ecumenical Service in Foxford Church of Ireland / Service for World Day of Sick / Scripture sharing for Lent etc.**

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will take place in Killasser Church on Wednesday night next 18<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 p.m.

**ANGER ISSUES?** The Irish Association for Anger Management is running a residential training programme, 'Temper Your Anger' on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Knock House Hotel, Knock, Co. Mayo. Places are limited, therefore booking is essential. For further information, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant on 094-9037677 or on 087-7989253 or log onto [www.difficultemotions.com](http://www.difficultemotions.com)

**COSGALLEN NEWS - ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:** Cosgallen Adult Education Spring Classes will start shortly. The classes on offer this year are English for Foreign Nationals, Farm Accounts, Creative writing, Computers and Cookery. The Adult Education Classes run for sixteen hours, two hours per night, one night a week for eight weeks. The Course fee is €70. The Course is part funded by the VEC. / **HOMEWORK CLUB FOR PARENTS:** Cosgallen in association with the VEC are organising a Homework Club for parents. The Homework Club will look at ways of addressing issues that parents may have in relation to their children's study. The course will also help parents with any concerns they have in relation to certain subjects such as maths. Ideally the participants should be parents of students who are in third to sixth class. If you are interested in attending, contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **GROW IT - COOK IT - EAT IT:** Cosgallen is organising classes in Horticulture. These classes are currently at the planning stage. If you are interested in taking part and have suggestions of what you would like the course content to be contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070

**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

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** was celebrated on Wednesday last 11<sup>th</sup> February - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - with a Mass of Anointing in Callow Church. A very nice ceremony was enjoyed by all who were present. This was followed by refreshments which was most enjoyable, a very sociable occasion. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended and to all who prepared the goodies.

**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.

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS:** It is planned to run another Computer Course for beginners in the New Computer Room in Killasser Community Centre. If you are interested in this course you should contact the following number 086-0564096 between 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. any evening during the week. This new room is state of the art so why not avail of the opportunity.

**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.

**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 Cronnolly (Treasurer)**

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KILLASSER COMMUNITY ALERT** will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 p.m. As many people as possible are encouraged to attend.

**SWINFORD VARIETY GROUP** will stage the Pantomime 'Cinderella' in Scoil Mhuire agus Pdraig School Hall, Swinford on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. This pantomime is full of colour, romance, fun with plenty of dancing and singing. A good night's entertainment not to be missed. They would appreciate your support. The pantomime commences each night at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

**ACHONRY REGIONAL P.T.A.A. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE** will take place in the Park Hotel, Kiltimagh on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. sharp. Music is by Kay and the Country Stars. Tickets for the function are €30 and are available from Thomas Marren.

**THE AMBO:** Another step in the right direction is to treat the ambo with respect and reverence. The ambo should only be used for reading the Word of God and for praying to God: it is a sacred place, and is not for notices or a place from which to direct the choir. One of the differences of emphasis between Catholicism and classical Reformed Protestantism is that, for Catholics, the Word is primarily the spoken Word: Christ speaks in the liturgical readings, is interpreted within the context of Catholic liturgical tradition and 'becomes flesh' in the Eucharist; while, for Protestants, it is primarily a written text and stands on its own. The ambo is the place from which Christ speaks, using the reader as his instrument. Reserving it for that function will help the reader to appreciate what is happening when he/she fulfils his/her office and this appreciation may even reach the people.

--David Bird, OSB, Heaven Revealed. P. 121. --

**PARISH STATISTICS 2008:** The following are the Parish Statistics for 2008:

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| <b>BAPTISMS</b>        | <b>14</b> |
| <b>MARRIAGES</b>       | <b>15</b> |
| <b>FIRST COMMUNION</b> | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>CONFIRMATION</b>    | <b>25</b> |
| <b>DEATH</b>           | <b>12</b> |

**FIRST COMMUNION:** The following children received First Confession and First Communion in Killasser during 2008:

|                          |                                           |                          |                                 |
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| <b>KILLASSER SCHOOL:</b> | <b>Courtney Groarke, Killasser Estate</b> | <b>CARRAMORE SCHOOL:</b> | <b>Saoirse Warde, Doontas</b>   |
|                          | <b>Dara Kavanagh, Carramore.</b>          |                          | <b>Jonathan O'Hara, Aclare.</b> |
|                          | <b>Emma Howley, Dunmaynor.</b>            |                          |                                 |

Finn Stephens, Rooskey.

**CONFIRMATION:** The following children were confirmed in Killasser Church during 2008:

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| <p><b>KILLASSER<br/>SCHOOL:</b></p> | <p>Jonathan Burke, Clooncleeveagh.<br/>Shane Cunney, Dromada-Gore.<br/>Lorraine Kavanagh, Creggane.<br/>Aidan Hughes, Carramore-Moy.<br/>Kevin Rowley, Dromada-Gore.<br/>Pierce Rowley, Dromada-Gore.<br/>Paul Quinn, Clooncleeveagh.<br/>Conor Stephens, Rooskey.<br/>Siobhan Tully, Carroweena.</p> | <p><b>CARRAMORE<br/>SCHOOL:</b></p> | <p>Brenda Carr, Coolcastle<br/>Jamie Connolly, Swinford.<br/>David Cronnolly, Dunmaynor.<br/>Melissa Cronnolly, Dunmaynor.<br/>Shane Fallon, Swinford.<br/>Siofra Frain, Swinford.<br/>Hayden Harrold, Carroweena.<br/>Finnian Leonard, Aclare.<br/>Jonathan Leonard, Aclare.<br/>Shane Leonard, Aclare.<br/>Liam McSharry, Culduff,<br/>Chloe Meehan, Dunmaynor.<br/>Conor Nealon, Cloonygowan.<br/>Sinead Timlin, Prebawn.<br/>Cormac Warde, Doontas.</p> |
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**THE SEASON OF LENT** begins on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday.

**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY:** Fr. Patsy Kelly, Sacred Heart Missionary, based at 'Croi Nua', Galway will lead us in reflecting on the Gospels of Lent on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. each Thursday evening. It is highly recommended and could be a very important part of our preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Tell your friends! Better still, bring them along.

**SIAMSA SRAIDE AWARDED MEITHEAL AWARD:** Congratulations to the Siamsa Sraide Committee, Swinford who were chosen as the Mayo Meitheal Award Winners for 2009. They received their award at Mayo Association Annual Dinner in Dublin on Friday night last.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Parish Office on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00 p.m.

**PRAY FOR**

Margaret, John, John Junior, Mary and Baby Niall Marren, Fross, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Mary Rowley, Carrabeg, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Pat and Mary McAndrew and Deceased Family, Culduff, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Kathleen Tansey, Cartron and husband Pat Joe, Saturday 8 p.m.  
David Mc Loughlin Callow Sunday 10 a.m.  
Hugh and Nora Carr, Craigaballagh, Sons Joe, Bill and Hugh, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
Frannie Durkin, Rubble, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Seamus Vizzard, Carroleamore, Members of the Vizzard Family and Michael McNulty, Saturday 8 pm.  
Patricia and Dick Crowley, Toorard, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Annie Howley, Milltown, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 11.30 a.m.  
Winnie McNulty, Gurteen, who died on Saturday last 7<sup>th</sup> February. Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday last 10<sup>th</sup> February.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

**HAPPY ST. VALENTINES WEEKEND**