

# 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'*

### 'SINCE THE PASSOVER OF THE JEWS WAS NEAR, JESUS WENT UP TO JERUSALEM'

This is the first of three celebrations of the Passover mentioned in the Gospel of John (see also 6:4; 13:1). John goes out of his way to connect the Passover with the mission of Jesus. Jesus is introduced very early as the (paschal) Lamb of God (1:29), and the culmination of his mission is connected with the third Passover: 'Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father' (13:1)

John's chronology of Holy Week differs from that of the other Gospel writers: for them, the Last Supper is the Passover meal of the year, but in John's narrative the supper takes place a day before the beginning of Passover, so that Jesus is hanging on the cross while the lambs are being slaughtered for the Passover meal. Jesus does not eat the Passover lamb, but is the Passover lamb.

The cleansing of the Temple in John's version symbolises that Jesus himself has replaced the Jerusalem Temple. By drawing attention to this first Passover and the replacement theme, the evangelist is pointing us forward to another Passover when Jesus will 'go up to Jerusalem' to replace the traditional lamb.

*'How does the feast of Passover help me to appreciate the role of Jesus in our salvation?'*

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009 - Jerre Roberts)

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 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday 10 a.m.  
KILLASSER - Tuesday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 10 am. The Burke Family (Callow)	Tuesday 11.30 a.m. The Cronnolly Family (Doontas)
Saturday 8 p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromada-Duke)	Sunday 10.00 a.m. The McNulty Family (Derreen)
	Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Convey Family (Darnagh)

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> March amounted to €1,170

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM was celebrated in Killasser and Callow Churches on this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Through the Sacrament we welcomed Tara Gunes Bolat, Edmonton, England and Ballinacurra and Sean Mark McLoughlin, Callow into the Christian community of Killasser and Callow. We pray that both children will be grown up to be committed followers of Christ in the future through the example of their Parents, Godparents, Family Members and the community generally.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR continues in the Church of the Assumption, Collooney, Co. Sligo each Monday night at 8.00 p.m. 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.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS:** Eleven children in second class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools received the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation in Callow Church on Wednesday evening last. The Childrens' Parents and family members attended Light refreshments were served after the ceremony for the children and all present. The ceremony was a beautiful and very meaningful celebration. Sincere thanks to the childrens' teachers for all their preparation for the Sacrament. A very special word of thanks to Jacinta Gallagher for all her preparation of the church for the ceremony. Congratulations to the children on receiving their second Sacrament and their parents and teachers who have brought them to stage of their spiritual journey.

**THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF PENNANCE/RECONCILIATION:**

<b>CARRAMORE SCHOOL</b>	Eoghan Leonard (Aclare) Chloe Tuffy (Dunmaynor) Neven Grufferty (Carramore)	Kevin O'Hara (Aclare) Laura McNulty (Dunmaynor) David Cronnolly (Dunmaynor)	Conor Meehan (Dunmaynor) Jack Igoe (Killasser Estate)
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<b>KILLASSER SCHOOL</b>	Alan Hughes (Carramore-Moy)	John Farren (Killasser Estate)	Kiesha Groarke (Killasser Estate)
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The Teachers of the Children are Mrs. Sharkey (Carramore) and Ms. Gallagher (Killasser)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated this year at during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY'** the programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Holy Communion will have its next ceremony/celebration during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Palm (Passion) Sunday.

**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.

**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 KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** took place in Killasser Church on Wednesday night 18<sup>th</sup> February. Five of the existing members of the council are standing aside according to the constitution of the Council. Three new members have already agreed to become new members for the year ahead and two more are needed. It is felt that this can be achieved. Sincere thanks to Renee McDonnell, Fross, Tommy Doyle, Carramore and Philomena Rowley, Dromada-Gore who attended Wednesday's meeting for the first time. **The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held in Callow Church on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. Note that it has been put back from Wednesday next 18<sup>th</sup> March.**

**COSGALLEN NEWS - DRAMA CLASSES:** A week long session of Drama Classes will be held as part of the Soogroo Childrens' Arts Festival during the Easter Holidays in the Arts Centre, Charlestown. There will be two classes each morning, one for children aged 6 - 9 years and one for children aged 9 - 12 years and they will be held Monday - Friday mornings starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The cost per day is €3. The children will perform what they have learned at the launch of the Soogroo Festival on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. To book, contact Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown on 094-9255070 / Each Assessment takes 25 minutes and fasting is not required. For further enquiries contact Dolores McNicholas, Co-ordinator, Cosgallen on 094-9255070 or Ailish Houlihan, Croi Heart Smart Co-ordinator on 094-9049055. 'Heart Smart' Mayo is a partnership between Croi the West of Ireland Cardiology Foundation and Mayo PCCC. / **INFORMATION EVENING ON BREAST CHECK AND CERVICAL CANCER:** An information evening will be held in Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 8 p.m. on Breast Check and Cervical Screening. This event is FREE and all are welcome to attend. For more contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070 / **BODHRAN CLASSES:** A week long session of Bodhran Classes will be held as part of the Soogroo Childrens' Arts Festival during Easter holidays in the Arts Centre, Charlestown. Two Classes each morning, one for children under 8 years and one for children over 8 years and they will be held Monday - Friday mornings starting on Bank Holiday Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Cost €3 per day. The children will perform what they have learned at the launch of the Soogroo Festival on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford.

**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.

**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

**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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTORS:** The number of people who take up the Offertory Collection has decreased over time. Because of this more people are needed so that a rota might be drawn up. If you are willing to become involved, you might hand your name in at the Sacristy. Of course this ministry is open to men and women. It is important to mention this, because we might get the idea that it is only something that men do.

**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 Cronnelly (Treasurer)**

**ACHONRY REGIONAL P.T.A.A. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE** took place in the Park Hotel, Kiltimagh on Friday night last. Music was by Kay and the Country Stars. Almost 200 people attended this annual function which was a most enjoyable occasion.

**KILLASSER PIONEER NEWS:** At the Achonry regional final of the Pioneer quiz competition in Curry on Sunday last 8<sup>th</sup> March, the team from Killasser National School finished in second place. Fifteen teams from all over the diocese took part and the winners were St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen. The members of the Killasser team are Siobhan Tully, Rian Stephens and Jonathan Burke. They now go forward to represent Killasser in the Connacht Final which will be held in Clonberne, Co. Galway on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. We wish them every success.

**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY:** Fr. Patsy Kelly, Sacred Heart Missionary, based at 'Croi Nua', Galway will continue to lead us in reflecting on the Gospels of Lent on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. Sincere thanks to the large number of people from the parish who attended again on Thursday night last. It was a very interesting, enjoyable and deeply reflective experience of the word of God for this time of year. It is highly recommended and could be a very important part of our preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. If you didn't make it last Thursday come along for the final night. You will not be disappointed.

**MASS CARDS:** The Parish Pastoral Council has decided that Mass Cards which will be signed in the presence of those who wish to have a Mass offered, will be available in the Sacristies of Killasser and Callow Churches as well as the Parish Office.

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**LENTEN TROCAIRE COLLECTION:** The Annual Lenten Trocaire Collection will be taken up again this year during Lent. Collection Boxes will also be available shortly for every home.

**BOTHAR FUNDRAISING TREK IN OCTOBER TO ASSISI:** Join Bothar on a week long trek following the footsteps of Francis of Assisi this October. Bothar use livestock in development aid projects throughout the developing world. For further details contact Bothar on 071-20100 or by e-mail at [events@bothar.ie](mailto:events@bothar.ie)

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**ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April is Western Alzheimers Tea Day and they ask you once again to support them by holding a Tea Day in your home, place of work or community. Western Alzheimers is asking people to support their local Alzheimer charity by either hosting or attending a Tea Day. Donations towards the Tea Day will also be gratefully accepted. To register for the Tea Day or for more information contact the Head Office in Ballindine on 094-9364900 or e-mail [info@westernalzheimers.ie](mailto:info@westernalzheimers.ie)

**ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL SUCCESS FOR SCOIL MUIRE AGUS PADRAIG:** Congratulations to Scoil Muire agus Padraig, Swinford Girls Senior Football Team who won the All-Ireland Semi Final on Wednesday last 11<sup>th</sup> March in Ballyshannon. We wish them every success now in the All-Ireland Final which will be played very soon.

**MASSES FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN KILLASSER AND CALLOW** will be as follows and at the following time:

**CALLOW CHURCH**                      **ST. PATRICK'S DAY 10.00 A.**

**KILLASSER CHURCH**                **ST. PATRICK'S DAY 11.30 A.M.**

Please note that there will not be a Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day. This decision was taken at the last meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council. It was felt that two Masses in the Parish is sufficient for this feast as it can mean a larger gathering at each Mass. This also ensures that there will be music and singing at each of the Masses and a better atmosphere overall. Hopefully, you can see the reasoning and rationale connected with this decision. However, it would be very good to hear your opinion on this or any other item at any time. The Children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools will provide the Music and Singing for the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on St. Patrick's Day.

**'FIBS FOR PHONES':** Defibrillators, which can be used to help a patient who suffers a heart attack, are now available in many parishes. Each defibrillator costs €2,000. C and C Cellular have offered to supply a defibrillator free to any community that collects 500 used, unused or damaged mobile phones. It is felt that if everybody in the parish collects old phones from friends and family members, this community should reach that target. Boxes will be available for depositing the phones at each church over the next few weeks. Please make an effort ... it may save a life.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated in Bohola on Saturday next 21<sup>st</sup> March and in Attymass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**THE TROCAIRE BOXES FOR THE ANNUAL LENTEN COLLECTION** have been delivered and are available at the church doors this weekend. Every family is encouraged to take one home and to return it on Holy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April..

**FOXFORD SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE 'BINGO WITH A DIFFERENCE'** have their Grand Opening Night on Friday next 20<sup>th</sup> March which starts at 9.00 p.m. sharp. €2,000 in Prizes. Pool starting at €500 at 45 Numbers. Fantastic Prizes on Offer. Double Book €12 Single Book €7. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS IN KILLASSER CHURCH:** The music and singing for this Mass will be provided by the children of Carramore and Killasser National Schools. Sincere thanks to the teachers for preparing the children.

**PRAY FOR**      **Michael and Catherine Stenson, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.**  
                      **Eda McNulty, Cullen, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.**  
                      **Harry McNicholas, Callow who died on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March and whose Funeral Mass was on Monday.**  
                      **People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.**  
                      **James and Marie Cronnelly, Doontas and their Son P.J., St. Patrick's Day 11.30 a.m.**  
                      **Catherine and Patrick Meehan, John McNulty and Joe Joyce, Derreen, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10 a.m.**  
                      **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**