

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'*

WOUNDS THAT SPEAK.

In people of a certain age, talking about health takes on something of a sport status. As they compare their prostates, blood pressure or whatever, what can be going on is a bit of you-think-you-ve-got-problems-let-me-tell-you-mine! One priest jokingly referred when heading out on his sick calls to having an organ recital – he heard of every ailment under the sun. Jesus today shows his wounds, not in any kind of show-off manner. Maybe more to remind us that in life, a few of the wounds remain with us and if we are wise they serve as reminders of what we have learned through the suffering.

When you think of it, Jesus could have been resurrected without the wounds, it was in God's power. But no - the wounds remain. They're not just to convince the Thomas's of our world 'that we may believe (Gospel) They also remind us that you can only understand Easter Sunday in the light of Good Friday. Most people however, want their loved ones to return as they were, before illness, injury and dying disfigured them. They want the resurrection without the crucifixion. If there must be a Passion, let it be short and cosmetic. But for Doubting Thomas the proof of the resurrection is the crucifixion. The wounds are not just for show. Old Celtic Crosses in Irish cemeteries remind us of that, with a halo of light around the top of the cross. There is literally no cross without a crown.

Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - April 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. Claire Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Frank Cregg.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Sean Thompson.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Eileen O'Neill.

Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Ciara Hussey Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 21st April 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Pierce Rowley Conor Stephens Lorraine Kavanagh.

Sunday 22nd April 11.30 a.m. Cormac Warde Erin Rochford Niall Armstrong Ronan Carr

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The O'Hara Family (Dromagh)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Conroy Family (Lismorane)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Goldrick Family (Carrowleamore)

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

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

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION: The amount handed in already has reached almost €2,000. Sincere thanks, once again, for your tremendous generosity. If you haven't handed in your contribution already, you can do so at your convenience.

KILLASSER AND CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOLS reopen on Monday next 16th April. We welcome back pupils and teachers and hope you all had a most enjoyable Easter Holiday, not least because of the beautiful weather.

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 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / €300 / €250 / €60 These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

THE NEW SEATING FOR CALLOW CHURCH was delivered on Monday 29th January. The new furniture definitely enhances the appearance of the church a great deal and highlights the excellent work that has already been carried out. Sincere thanks to those who have already made donations towards the cost of the new furniture, and to a number of others who have indicated they are willing to make a donation. The amount of each donation is €1,000. The total cost of the furniture is €38,483.52c. The conventional seat/benches in the main body of the Church will accommodate a minimum of 82 people. There are also 80 Chairs which will obviously seat 80 people. The chairs are placed in the choir area, baptismal area, the gallery and area inside the side door of the Church. Chairs are moveable and as a result give one the freedom to use the areas where they are for a variety of purposes. The chairs are connected to each other but can also be arranged in different formations. With traditional seating, one is very restricted in what one can do, because it cannot be moved around. This is a pity, because with buildings (churches) that so much money is spent on, it is a pity that they have not more flexibility for a variety of uses. Callow Church now has that advantage.

SINCERE THANKS to the 12 families who have contributed a €1,000 each toward the Callow Church seating. The total cost of the seating is just over €38,000, so further donations will be very gratefully accepted. **Two were received during the past week.** Your generosity and support is always very much appreciated.

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND ENVELOPES hopefully will have been distributed to every home in the parish over the next week. The Parish Finance Committee, as has been announced some time ago, is asking each family to contribute €500 towards the recent renovations on Callow Church, Killasser Parish House and further work that will always be necessary at both churches and the Parish House. This direct form of contribution is necessary even though we have particular fundraising events from time to time. Your weekly offertory contributions are necessary for and just cover the every day running expenses of the parish. The suggested method of payment of the €500 is as follows: A once-off contribution of €500, 3 yearly contributions of €180 or a monthly contribution of €15 for 36 Months. Your support will be very much appreciated. The first contribution was due this March, as soon as you receive your special envelopes. **Sincere thanks to those who have already returned their envelope and contribution**

THE JAMES KILBANE FUNDRAISING CONCERT is the next special event to raise funds for the renovation of Callow Church and Killasser Parish House. Also performing on the night as guests are Brenda Greealis and recent All-Ireland Readoiri winners Lasair. It will take place in Callow Church on this Sunday Night 15th April. And it commences at 8.00 p.m. sharp. If you are attending the concert you are asked to come along in good time so that everyone can be seated comfortably before 8.00 p.m. It is unlikely if there will be many if any tickets available on the door.

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 OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 7th / 8th April amounted to €2,052..

COSGALLEN NEWS - RESOURCE CENTRE: Cosgallen Community Development Project's Resource Centre has a free information service on Social Welfare Entitlements, Health Benefits, Education and Grants. There are many forms available at the Centre e.g. Motor Tax, Drivers Licence, Passport, Register of Electors, Medical Card, European Health Insurance Card, Drugs Payment Scheme and more. The Resource Centre also has a number of service available at very low cost such as Photocopying, Laminating, Binding and Fax. The staff at Cosgallen are available to give advice and assistance to individuals or groups on services and activities in the area and will recommend other services for queries outside their remit. Call in anytime. The Resource Centre is open Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. and Friday by appointment.

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.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE which has been drawn up by a sub-committee of the Parish Pastoral Council and finalised and agreed on by the full committee, is being distributed at present. They will be delivered to every home in the Parish. Every person of secondary school age and upwards is being asked to fill in a questionnaire. There will be a plentiful supply. You are asked to have them returned as soon as possible - they can be dropped in to special boxes that will be placed in each church or you can deliver them or post them to the Parochial House. The idea of the questionnaire is to get as broad a view as possible on some questions that the Pastoral Council feels are relevant at the present time. Your willingness to fill up the questionnaire will be very much appreciated and valued. You have the option of signing your name to the questionnaire or staying anonymous. The choice is yours. Some areas of the parish have not yet received them, but hopefully you will during the next week or so.

AN OPEN MEETING will be held in Callow Church on Monday 23rd April at 8.30 p.m. to plan further fund-raising projects for the Parish Renovation Fund. Everyone interested in being involved is welcome to attend.

MOY DAVITTS G.A.A. CLUB Training: Minor Training on Thursday at 7.00 p.m. and U-16 Training every Sunday at 12 Noon. All new players welcome. Please come out and support your local G.A.A. Club.

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.

THE SOUTH SLIGO SPRING WALKING FESTIVAL AT LOUGH TALT will be held on 21st / 22nd April 2007. For further information contact Breege Mullarkey on 071-9181313, Breda Monaghan on 071-9181291 or Therese Sheerin on 071-9181120.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES ON R.T.E. TELEVISION came live from St. Muredach's Cathedral in Ballina this year. Fr. Martin Henry, Lisloughna, who is serving in Ballina parish, was the chief celebrant of the the Easter Sunday morning Mass. We wish to congratulate him on being the celebrant of such a lovely Mass.

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

CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL NOTICE: Class will finish at 12 Noon on Thursday 19th April and Parents are asked to take note of this. The reason for this is that an inter-school Basketball Tournament is taking place on that afternoon in Killasser Community Centre.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES PROMOTION WEEKEND: We welcome Fr. Denis Hartnett, of the Mill Hill Missionary Order who will speak at all Masses in the Parish this weekend 14th / 15th April. He will be promoting their Mission Magazine, called St. Joseph's Advocate of Mill Hill Missionaries, by sharing his own mission experience of working and living in Sudan.

BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION amounted to €345.63c in total - Killasser €245.10c and Callow €100.53c. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and to all those who helped with the collection.

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.

VOLUNTEER TRIP TO KENYA COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE AFTER MASS IN CALLOW ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING: Maria McNulty from Cullenaughton is one of a group of 32 students travelling to Africa in June as part of their Gaisce programme. Their project is to renovate schools in Wagwer in Western Kenya. They will also work with children at the Ulamba Orphanage and in the Health Clinic there. Each student must raise €2,000 to help fund the project. **Maria wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the Kenya Volunteer Fund last weekend. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the event such a success both in Killasser and Callow. The Church-Gate Collection amounted to: Killasser €448.56. and Callow €421. The Cake Sale in Callow amounted to €468. The total raised was €1,337.56c. May God reward you for your generosity.**

SEISIUN NA N'OG: A traditional session for young musicians, Seisiun na n'Og, will take place in Horkan's, Main St., Swinford on this Sunday 15th April at 1.00 p.m. All young people from our area who are interested in music, song or dance are welcome to attend. The session will be led by Rob Thornburg. Michael Davitt branch C.C.E. is grateful to Rob for the wonderful work he does to promote traditional music in our area. The Douglas Hyde Summer School will be held as usual in Ballaghaderreen at the beginning of July. If you are interested in booking a seat on the bus please come to the session.

ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH EXTRAORDINARY STORIES: Swinford born Australian playwright Helen Brett will give a talk at Swinford Library on the background to her play, Three Women, True Life Tales of World War 11, at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 25th April. This talk is free of charge and all are welcome. More details in next week's Newsletter.

A CANCER ACTION MHAIGH EO BRIDGE NIGHT will be held in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris on Sunday 22nd April at 6.00 p.m. All proceeds from the night will go towards the MRI Scanner campaign for Mayo General Hospital. Your support will be very much appreciated.

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 will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May, commencing at 1.00 p.m. The walk will begin at Teampall Maol Cemetery - via Coolegrane, Cullen, Prebane, Askilawn, Attymachugh, Corleyl, Leckee, Laraganmore, Muckroe, Churchpark and finishes at Teampall Maol. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Your support will be very much appreciated.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday week 25th April at 8.00 p.m. Everybody is welcome to attend.

WINNING STREAK: Congratulations to Catherine Stenson, Carrowleambeg, who was chosen on last Saturday Night's programme to appear on this Saturday Night's Show. We wish her every success on the programme and hope that she and all who are travelling with her will enjoy the experience.

THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND will be visited on Wednesday next 18th April at the usual time. If there is anybody not on the list who wish to have a visit, please contact Fr. O'Mahony.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be removed from the Tabernacle in Callow Church for the duration of the Concert on Sunday Night.

PRAY

Michael and Brigid Barry, Dromada-Gore, Saturday 8 p.m.

John, Thomas and Michael Kelly, Carroweena, Saturday 8 p.m.

Mary Clare Wickenden (Nee Crowley), Romford, Essex and Toorard, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.

Tommy and May O'Hara, Coolegrane, Sunday 15th April 10 a.m.

Vincent and Lucy Frain, Tooreen, Sunday 15th April 10 a.m.

Eileen McNulty, Foxford and formerly Cullenaughton, Sunday 15th April 10 a.m.

People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.

Mickey Tansey, Dromagh, Saturday 8 p.m.

Sarah and Thomas McDonnell, Tiernanny, Saturday 8 p.m.

Mary Keating, (Nee Hennigan), Carramore-Moy and Fermoy and Deceased of Hennigan and Rochford, Families, Saturday 8 p.m.

John and Nora Goldrick, Carrowleamore, and deceased family members, Sunday 22nd 11.30 a.m.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
CATHERINE STENSON
CARROLEAMBEG
WHO**

**APPEARED ON THE WINNING
STREAK PROGRAMME ON R.T.E
TELEVISION
ON SATURDAY NIGHT 14 APRIL
2007**

**AND NOT ONLY THAT BUT WAS
CHOSEN TO SPIN THE WHEEL**

**SINCERE THANKS TO CATHERINE
AND HER FAMILY ON BEHALF OF
ALL SHE INVITED TO TRAVEL
WITH HER TO DUBLIN FOR THE
OCCASION WHICH WE
THOROUGHLY ENJOYDED**





