

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

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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'*

THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S LOVE.

As an account of human suffering, the passion story of Jesus has lost much of its impact on the human heart. Recent decades have brought us face to face with accounts and pictures of unbounded human cruelty and suffering. The savagery of war is rivalled only by the violence of crime in a spiral of destruction that endangers our world. Pitted over against the visual and emotional impact of such horrendous events, the mere repetition of the story of the sufferings and death of Jesus in today's gospel can pale into insignificance and degenerate into boredom. But, to be bored with the passion story because of its mildness is to miss the point. The core of the story is not to highlight the cruelty of the Jews and the Romans, severe though it be, but rather to recall in faith who suffered and why he went through it all, not only freely but with a sense of genuine fulfilment.

Love was his motive. Love is always a mystery and God's love more so than any other. While we can never fully understand such total self-giving, we can grow in appreciation and begin to imitate it. That is the opportunity of passion time, to allow our coarsened hearts to be touched again by the overwhelming love of Jesus Christ. In busy and distracted lives, it is important to make time for such a change of heart. To fail to do so is to live unenriched by the most stupendous reality this world has ever known.

(Living The Word - Gospel Reflection - Tom Clancy)

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

HOLY WEEK CALLOW:

Wednesday Mass 10 a.m.
Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper **7 p.m.**
Procession to the Altar of Repose after Mass and Adoration until **10 p.m.**
Good Friday Meditation around the Cross **8 p.m.**

HOLY WEEK KILLASSER:

Monday Mass 11 a.m.
Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper **9 p.m.**
Procession to the Altar of Repose after Mass and Adoration until Midnight.
Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion **3 p.m.**
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil begins at **9 p.m.** followed by the first Mass of Easter.
No 8 p.m. Mass.

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST CALLOW:

Holy Thursday 7 p.m. Mary Mulligan and Mary McNulty.
Easter Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone.

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST KILLASSER:

Monday 11 a.m. - St. Patrick's Day Sr. Margaret and Bridie Sheerin.
Holy Thursday 9 p.m. Mary Marren, Eileen O'Neill, Sr. Margaret.
Holy Saturday 9 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Anne Holleran.
Easter Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke and Beatrice Goldrick

MINISTERS OF THE WORD CALLOW:

Holy Thursday 7 p.m. Pat Gallagher.
Easter Sunday 10 a.m. Claire Conroy.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2008

MINISTERS OF THE WORD KILLASSER: Monday 11 a.m. - St. Patrick's Day Francis Brennan
 Holy Thursday 9 p.m. Ray Chuck.
 Holy Saturday 9 p.m. Mary Stenson / Marguerite Marren
 Sean Thompson.
 Easter Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 9 p.m. The Stenson Family (Carrowleambeg) Easter Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Hurst Family (Carramore-Moy)
 Easter Sunday 10 a.m. The Hughes Family (Coolegrane)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 9 p.m. Claire Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr

CALLOW:

Sunday 10 a.m. Helen Timlin.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

St. Patrick' Day 11 a.m. Paul Quinn Shane Cunney Eoin Gallagher Niall Armstrong.
 Holy Thursday 9 p.m. Lorraine Kavanagh Mary Tully Kevin Rowley Brid Rogers.
 Good Friday 3 p.m. Pierce Rowley Brenda Carr Jonathan Burke Chloe Meehan
 Holy Saturday 9 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Eoin Gallagher Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde.
 Easter Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford Ciara Hussey Piers Rowley Conor Stephens.

Altar Servers are asked to arrive at the Church a little earlier than usual to become more familiar with the ceremonies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. If you are unable to attend the ceremony you are named for, you are asked to get another Server to replace you.

PALM SUNDAY is this Sunday 16th March. If the weather is suitable we are assembling at Killasser Community Centre before the Vigil Mass this Saturday evening at 7.45 p.m. approx to bless the Palm Branches and then move in procession to the Church for Mass. At Callow Church on Sunday morning you are invited to assemble at 9.45 a.m. at the entrance on the Swinford side of the Church for the blessing of Palm and then process into the Church. This is a more meaningful way of celebrating this special occasion and more in keeping with what happened on the first Palm Sunday. For those unable to walk this distance, Palm Branches will be available inside both churches.

HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER IN KILLASSER CHURCH: Hopefully, like other years, we can have a meaningful Offertory Procession which will involve a number of people. At Mass on Holy Thursday everybody will have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion under both species

HOLY THURSDAY IN CALLOW CHURCH: Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7 p.m. An Offertory Procession will be part of the Liturgy. At least six people are needed to bring up gifts, so we are asking for volunteers.

GOOD FRIDAY - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION IN KILLASSER CHURCH will be celebrated in the traditional way at 3.00 p.m. People from all areas of the Parish and beyond are more than welcome to attend.

GOOD FRIDAY - A MEDITATION AROUND THE CROSS IN CALLOW CHURCH will be celebrated in Callow Church on Good Friday Evening, commencing at 8.00 p.m. We are confident that you will find this ceremony meaningful as it has been over the past few years. Many people will be needed to participate in the ceremony, so hopefully, anybody willing to be involved will be able to come along to a practice on this Sunday evening at 6.00 p.m. People from all over the Parish and beyond are most welcome to attend on Friday Evening.

EASTER VIGIL - HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT: Before the Ceremonies begin an Candle and holder will be available for each family. They are lit at the beginning from the Pascal Candle and during the renewal of Baptismal Promises. You are welcome to bring them home with you afterwards

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION: It is hoped that as far as possible, Trocaire Boxes should be returned on Holy Thursday so that they can be brought to the Altar in the Offertory Procession.

PRACTICE AND PLANNING MEETING FOR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES will take place in Callow Church on this Sunday Evening at 5.30 p.m. and in Killasser Church on this Sunday evening at 6.15 p.m. All those who are involved in any way in the Ceremonies as Ministers of the Word, Readers of the Prayer of the Faithful, Participants in the Offertory Procession in Killasser and Callow on Holy Thursday, those involved in presenting the Meditation around the Cross on Good Friday in Callow and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Killasser on Good Friday as well as Ministers of the Word for Holy Saturday, are asked to attend whichever meeting is relevant for you. For the Meditation around the Cross in Callow, people from both sides of the Parish are welcome to participate. It is vitally important to attend this evening if we are to celebrate the Ceremonies well

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place on this Monday as it is St. Patrick's Day. It will resume again on Monday 31st March.

WALKING PROJECT INFORMATION WORKSHOP: The Mayo Sports Partnership in association with Cosgallen CDP propose to hold an initiative in the Cosgallen CDP area to promote walking as an enjoyable way towards a healthy and active lifestyle. To implement this, an information night/workshop will be held on Wednesday next 19th March at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre. It will be facilitated by Mr. Frank Fahey who is a Walking and Physical Activity Consultant. The meeting is open to anybody with an interest in walking or those who are thinking about doing something active for the spring/summer. For more information contact Cosgallen CDP, Charlestown on 094-9255070.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES: Cosgallen Adult Education Spring Classes will start shortly. If you are interested in taking part in Irish, Sketching, Sewing, Bridge or Computer classes please contact the office on 094-9255070. This is a sixteen hour course, two hours per night, one night a week for eight weeks. The Course Fee is €70. If you have any suggestions for classes you would like to attend please contact us.

HOME CARERS: Cosgallen CDP are interested in hearing from people who live in the Swinford or Charlestown area who are providing care on a voluntary basis to a person who is in need of care (of any age) due to illness or disability. Cosgallen CDP are at present investigating the necessity of providing supports to assist home carers under the Dormant Accounts Fund 2007/2008 in the area of training programme.

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 services available at very low cost such as Photocopying, Laminating, Binding and Fax. The Staff at Cosgallen CDP are available to give assistance and advice to individuals or groups on services, activities in the area and will recommend other services for queries outside their remit. Drop in for a chat or browse at your leisure. The Resource Centre is open Monday to Thursday from 10.00 a.m - 4.00 p.m. and Friday by appointment.

THE FOXFORD 25 CARD GAME continues in the Browne Memorial Hall each Tuesday Night, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Lots of Prizes and your support will be very much appreciated.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE MEETING will be held in the Parish Office on this Saturday Night 15th March at 9.15 p.m.

CSKA KILLASSER started its ladies' keep fit classes on Wednesday 20th February in Killasser Community Centre. It commences at 7.00 p.m. and costs €4 per night. You are encouraged to come and try out the new Gym. There is a complete range of equipment available for use, with expert advice and supervision. With spring and summer just around the corner, now is the time for getting in shape for our splendid new tennis court. For more information contact Martin Peyton or Michael Howley.

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL FOXFORD GRADUATION MASS was celebrated on Thursday evening last in St. Michael's Church, Foxford. Congratulations to all the students of the 2008 class and their Parents, particularly to those from our Parish. We wish them well in their Leaving Certificate examination and we wish them every blessing, happiness and success for the future.

SCOIL MUIRE AGUS PADRAIG SWINFORD GRADUATION MASS was celebrated on Friday evening last 14th March. Congratulations to all the students of the 2008 class and their Parents, particularly to those from our Parish. We wish them well in their Leaving Certificate examination and we wish them every blessing, happiness and success for the future.

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER is almost ready for printing and will be available during Easter week. It is a sixteen page edition of very interesting articles and pictures from each of the five parishes. It was due to be published before Christmas but the material was not ready in time. There will be a copy free of charge for every household in the Parish and for anyone who wishes to have a copy or send one to a relative elsewhere.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR CALLOW CHURCH will take place on Sunday 30th March. There will be a meeting for all who wish to become Altar Servers in Callow Church in the Church on Saturday 29th March at 3.00 p.m.

MEELICK COMMUNITY CENTRE MONSTER 25 CARD DRIVE will take place on Good Friday 21st March in Scoil Muire agus Padraig, commencing at 9.00 p.m. sharp. €1,000 in Prize Money and lots of Spot Prizes. Proceeds in aid of Meelick Community Centre. All support will be appreciated.

A CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION IN AID OF BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA will take place in Killasser and Callow at all Masses next weekend 22nd / 23rd March. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

DANA IN CONCERT: Former Eurovision Song Contest Winner Dana will sing in Concert in Killasser Church on Sunday 11th May. Tickets for the Concert will be €20 and will be on sale in the not too distant future. Proceeds from the Concert will go towards the Killasser/Callow Parish Renovation Fund. It promises to be a very special occasion. Your support will be very much appreciated

A MEETING OF KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE will be held in the Community Centre on Tuesday Night next 18th March at 9.00 p.m. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

DAFFODIL DAY: The Organisers of the recent Daffodil Day for the Irish Cancer Society would like to express their sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the collection. Over €7,000 was raised in the Swinford area. This was a very generous response and please be assured that the money will be put to very good use.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT: Enrolments will be taken form after Easter in Killasser National School for September 2008. You are asked to phone the School on 094-9251489. An Open Day for all new Junior Infants will take place on Thursday 29th May.

IRISH ASSOCIATION OF ANGER MANAGEMENT - ANGER ISSUES: Everyone know what anger is, but how do you express it without hurting others or hurting yourself? Uncontrolled anger can cost you your marriage, your job, relationships, health and the respect of your loved ones. If anger is starting to rule your life, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant at the **Irish Association of Anger Management** on 094-9037677 / 0877989253 or log onto www.difficul temotions.com to see how you could temper your anger.

URGENTLY WANTED - FOR SEWING PROJECT: Clean Coloured Cotton Pillow Cases or Coloured Cotton Sheets (No Patterns Please). Please contact Anne-Marie Carrol on 094-9381494 and at East Mayo LDP, Enterprise House, Aiden Street, Kiltimagh.

<u>THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR</u>		
	27 th / 28 th	January amounted to €1,395.
	2 nd / 3 rd	February amounted to €1,195.
	9 th / 10 th	February amounted to €1,572.
	16 th / 17 th	February amounted to €1,310.
	23 rd / 24 th	February amounted to €1,288.
	1 st / 2 nd	March amounted to €1,141.
	8 th / 9 th	March amounted to €1,450.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND ENVELOPES for the year ahead - March 2008 to February 2009 will be distributed over the next couple of weeks. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

CHAIRPERSON OF DAIL NA nOG: Congratulations to Mary Stenson, Carrowleambeg, who was selected as Chairperson of Dail na nOg for the Annual Convention which was held in Croke Park on Saturday 15th February last. Over two hundred delegates were present from all over the country. Mary became involved with Dail na nOg during her time as a pupil of Scoil Muire agus Padraig, Swinford. It has to be a wonderful experience and we wish Mary every success in this area of her life for the future.

PRAY FOR Patrick and Brigid Cunney, Carrowleamore, Daughter Vera, Son Vincent and Grandson Martin, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tom and Nora McNulty, Lahardane, Daughter Mary, Son Michael and Grandson Michael, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Michael and Catherine Stenson, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Jim McAndrew, Culduff and Deceased Family, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Patrick Thompson, Cullenaughton and Deceased Members of the Thompson and Monaghan Families, Sunday 10 a.m.
 John McNulty (Johnny Oweny), who died on 20th February in Leeds, Son of John Owen and Mary McNulty, Callow, Sunday 16th March 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Jim Jennings, Swinford, Father of Fr. Martin Jennings, Curry, who died this Saturday 15th March. His Remains leave Campbell's Funeral Home on this Sunday Evening 16th March at 7.30 p.m. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Swinford Parish Church on Monday at 12 Noon.
 Sean McEvoy, Toomore, Former Principal of Killasser National School, who died on Friday last 15th March. His remains will leave his home on this Sunday Evening 16th March at 7.00 p.m. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday 17th March in Toomore Church at 1.00 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
