

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'*

'THIS I COMMAND YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER.'

All of God's revelation boils down to three little words found in 1 John 4:8, 'God is love.' As Christians, what should be our response to that simple summary of the faith? Jesus answers that question for us in today's Gospel in equally simple words, 'Love one another as I love you.' While his words are few, their implications for us are enormous.

This type of love calls us to action and not necessarily with the warm, fuzzy sentiments commonly associated with romantic and familial love. It is a love that is self-sacrificing service to others. We might consider this too difficult, assuming we're no modern-day saint. But we can find examples of this kind of love in the ordinary human existence we all share. The parents who work an extra shift so their teen can go to the concert. The homemaker who volunteers to help out in the community. The co-worker who shares lunch when ours was forgotten. The retiree who passes the golf course to visit with an elderly neighbour instead.

This is how we lay down our life for others., by making routine daily services. In doing so, we bring the love that is God to all those around us.

'When have I experienced the benefit of someone else's service on my behalf? Did I recognise God in that experience?'

(Don Hennessey - A Year Of Sundays - Gospel Reflections 2009)

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 - Wednesday 8.00 p.m. / Friday, Sunday 10 a.m.
KILLASSER - Thursday 9.00 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Hanley Family (Clooncleeveragh)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Hughes Family (Coolegrane)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will in Killasser Church on Monday next from 4 - 7.00 p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 9th / 10th May amounted to €1,460.

THE VOCATIONS COLLECTION taken up at all Masses recently amounted to €685. Sincere thanks to all who contributed and if you have forgotten you can hand it in at your earliest convenience.

BAPTISM: We welcome Dean Christopher Rowley, Ballinacurra into the Christian community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday 16th May. We pray that he will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of his Parents, Godparents, Family Members, Neighbours and friends.

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. So far two extra person has volunteered to be involved in this ministry in Killasser Church. The Offertory Collection could also be brought to the Altar and presented in the same manner as the Bread and Wine. This would be a more dignified presentation than we have at present.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST was celebrated during 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killassr on Sunday last 10th May. Eleven children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools received the Sacrament for the first time. **The following Children received Holy Commnion for the first time on last Sunday:**

CARRAMORE	Kevin O'Hara (Lisheen, Aclare)	Eoin Leonard (Claddagh, Aclare)
	Neven Grufferty (Carramore)	Chloe Tuffy (Dunmaynor)
	Shane Cronnolly (Dunmaynor)	Conor Meehan (Dunmaynor)
	Laura McNulty (Dunmaynor)	Jack Igoe (Killasser Estate)
KILLASSER	Kiesha Groarke (Killasser Estate)	Alan Hughes (Carramore-Moy)
	Jon Farren (Killasser Estate)	

Congratulations to the Children, their Parents and Families and their Teachers on this very special spiritual milestone in their lives. Sincere thanks for all your good work and example in bringing these children to this point in their lives.

A FIRST COMMUNION PARTY for the six First Communicants was held in Killasser Community Centre immediately after Mass on Sunday last. All the Childrens' Parents, Family Members and Relatives and Teachers were invited to the Centre for refreshments. All this was organised and prepared by Killasser Community Care Group. We deeply appreciate their thoughtfulness and generosity. The party was enjoyed by everyone present.

SINCERE THANKS to the Children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools and their Teachers Mrs. Fallon and Ms. Gallagher for the beautiful music and singing during the First Communion Mass on Sunday last. It made our celebration extra special and was very much appreciated by everyone present.

THE CHILDRENS' TEACHERS ARE Ms Aine Gibbons (Killasser) and Mrs. Anne Sharkey (Carramore). Thank you sincerely for your dedication, commitment, hard work and good example in preparing these Children for the Sacraments.

'MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION - ROCK ROSE HOUSE is looking for ladies to take part in the Flora Womens' Mini Marathon on Monday 1st June 2009. Registration, Transport, Sponsorship Cards and details - please phone 094-9038407. Your support for Mayo based charity would 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 KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Callow Church on Wednesday evening next 20th May at 8.30 p.m.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday 23rd April. Our parish representatives are Joe McNulty, Cullenoughton and Maureen Murphy, Carramore-Moy. Most of the discussion centred around the role of the Cluster Steering Committee. It was also decided to meet representatives from the other three clusters in our diocese to see where we have progressed to and where we go from here. We can also learn from each other and help each other. **This meeting of representatives from each cluster took place in the Presbytery in Ballaghaderreen on Wednesday night last 13th May. Our cluster representatives for this meeting were: Barbara Meer (Bonniconlon), Sr. Helena (Attymass), Fr. O'Mahony (Killasser). A report of this meeting will be drawn up and presented to the next Cluster Meeting in Attymass on Thursday week 28th May. Details will also be published in a later Newsletter. This will help you to see what is happening across the diocese.**

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

NEW GLASS FOR NEW DOORS IN CALLOW CHURCH: Glass that will have the figures of the risen Christ and St. Thomas sandblasted onto it will be prepared and installed over the next couple of months. It is planned to have this work complete by the end of May. It is being carried out by the Abbey Stained Glass Company in Dublin. This project is being sponsored by the Kirrane Family, Callow to whom we are extremely appreciative.

CONCERT FOR CALLOW CHURCH? An open Meeting was held on Monday Night 4th May to discuss the possibility of having another fund-raising Concert in Callow Church. This matter was discussed at the recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting. The decision taken at this meeting was to pursue the possibility of having a concert in Septemeber/October. More details as they become available.

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER has now been published and is available at both churches. It is a very nice production with articles and photographs from each of the five parishes in our cluster. Complements to the editorial committee for a job very well done. There is a copy of the Newsletter for every home in the parish. You might also like to send a copy to relatives away from home. They are free of charge.

THE ANNUAL ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place on this Sunday 17th May. Ceremonies begin at 2.30 p.m. Achonry is a joint pilgrimage with Dublin diocese.

THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND will be visited on Thursday next 21st May at the usual time. If there is anybody not on the list who would like to be visited, you are asked to contact Fr. O'Mahony.

COSGALLEN NEW - CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE: Mayo Citizens' Information Service will hold an outreach on Wednesday 13th May at the Cosgallen Office from 9.45 a.m. 11.30 a.m. For information contact 094-9255070.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME has concluded for the current season. Hopefully everyone who played for the past season enjoyed the games and will return when it resumes in the Autumn.

FOXFORD BINGO continues every Friday night, commencing each night at 9.00 p.m. sharp. Up to €2,000 on offer each night. It takes place in the Sports and Leisure Centre. Your support will be very much appreciated.

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

'FIBS FOR PHONES': Sincere thanks to all who have left in old and used Mobile Phones over the past number of weeks. However the number of phones handed in was in no way near the target. Those that have been collected will be passed on to another community that is collecting and able to reach the target.

BROADBAND is now available by contacting Westnet on 1850 930 305 This could be of great benefit to everyone who uses the internet on a regular basis. It can certainly speed up the process.

A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday night next at 9.00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE GRAND PRIZE: Every week for a year they are giving away one week's free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word pilgrim followed by your full name and county to 53030 in Ireland and 60777 in Northern Ireland and Britain or phone and you can be entered into the draw for free. Texts cost 25 p or 30 c plus the standard rate. New apartments to rent from as little as €20 per person. Website: www.med-irishcentre.com Northern Ireland and Britain - 028-82241888 / Ireland: 048-82241888

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR SOCCER FINALS: The finals of the Killasser Indoor Soccer took place on this Saturday 16th May, commencing at 4.00 p.m. sharp in Killasser Community Centre. There was a presentation of trophies for winners and runners-up. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the activities. Sincere thanks to everyone who organised this event for the youth of the parish and community.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL: Any local contractors interested in tendering for this work which will be carried out during the School Summer Holidays are asked to contact the engineer on 086-3995733 not later than Tuesday 26th May.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN: Accord Charlestown Centre is experiencing its most difficult year delivering Marriage Preparation Courses. With the unexpected non-availability of Facilitators the workload has increased for the remaining three facilitators. Due to this and a slow down in bookings we have had to cancel our Marriage Preparation Course on the 5th / 6th

June. There are 10 Couple places on the 22nd / 23rd May course still available. It is advisable to participate in a pre-marriage course at least nine months before your Wedding Day. For information contact Accord, Charlestown on 094-92

THE KILTEGAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY wishes to thank everyone for their welcome to Fr. Con Cronin who spoke of missionary work at all Masses last weekend. If you have envelopes to return, you are asked to hand them in as soon as possible.

THE ACHONRY P.T.A.A. NATIONAL SCHOOLS' TABLE QUIZ will be held on Friday next 22nd May at 8.00 p.m. in Cloonacool Hall. Each National School may enter one team.

KNOCK SUMMER YOUTH FESTIVAL - 'YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD': This event takes place from 23rd - 26th July at Knock. It is strictly for 18 - 25 year olds and it costs €70. There are free buses. Places are limited so it is advisable to book early - now. Youth Ministry Office 094-9375035.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON is already up and running for 2009. At the moment the one-day pilgrimages are taking place. See elsewhere in this week's Newsletter for more details.

WHY NOT? A teacher once said 'Faith is caught, not taught'. Maybe that is true of Liturgy as well, the best tuition is found in good experiences. The Irish Church Music Association offers such experiences in the liturgies and music during their summer school, in Maynooth, 6th - 10th July. The Director, in this their 40th year, will be Kevin O'Carroll, son of the late Fintan. Fr. Liam Lawton will also be giving workshops during the week. To those involved in church music and liturgy in this parish, why not consider the week or even a day as a way of discovering how beautiful our worship can be? To get information you can contact Tomas Kenny on 086-3683778 or the National Centre for Liturgy.

CARING FOR MARRIAGE PRAYER:

Loving God, thank you for the vocation
Of those who are called to live out each day
The Sacrament of Marriage
Who enrich their families and the whole human community to which we all belong.
Thank you for the special vocation of all
Accord, Catholic Marriage Care Service people
In each diocese in Ireland who because
Of their love for marriage and family life
Answer the extra call of caring for others
Who are married and who are on the journey of considering marriage
In their hopes, struggles and concerns.
Lord Jesus, be our guide, our help and our strength as we share the love
Of the Gospel of Good News.

Inspired by the Year of Vocation.

PRAY FOR Pake O'Grady, Carroweena, Sister Winnie, Brother Tom and Mary and Frank, Saturday 8 p.m.
Hugh Fitzmaurice, Creggane, Saturday 16th 8 p.m.
Tom and Mary Anne Doyle, Creggane, Son Patrick and Daughter Mary Kate, Saturday 8 p.m.
John Kerrane, Boleboy and Lismorane and Deceased Kerrane and Conlon Family Members, Lismorane
And Boleboy, Saturday 8 p.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Kitty Hanley, Clooncleeveragh, Michael and Elizabeth Hanley and Daughter Kathleen Hanley,
Saturday 23rd May 8.00 p.m.
Matthew and Ellie O'Grady, Carrowleambeg, Son James, Daughter Lily and Deceased Members of
O'Grady and Cunney Families, Saturday 23rd May 8.00 p.m.
John and Eileen Armstrong, Daughter Helena and Baby Helena, Carramore and Deceased Family
Members, Saturday 23rd May 8.00 p.m.
Mary Sheridan (Nee McManus), formerly of Corlee, Attymachugh and Deceased Family Members,
Saturday 23rd May 8.00 p.m.
Francis Haran, Knocks, Months Mind requested by his brother Michael, Saturday 23rd May 8.00 p.m.
John Sheerin, Bokeen, his Parents John and Moira Sheerin and Sister Brigid, Sunday 24th May 10 a.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
