

# 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'*

### RELEASE AND LET GO.

You've heard about Irish Alzheimers? It's where you forget everything except the grudges. While in no way making light of the plight of Alzheimers sufferers and their families, the joke does have a pithy truth. Despite everything, we do tend to hold on to negative things emotionally.

How many families are scarred and divided over an issue or property, occasions like funerals and weddings becoming sources of tension in themselves. All of us, if we are truly honest, have hurt and been hurt in the process. We can all tend to be like Simon the Pharisee, a word which means 'separated one.' They were so perfect in their own religious observation, that they feared contact with others would contaminate them.

Maybe in our churches we need a family reconciliation day? A safe space and place to say 'sorry' to each other. Maybe not as lavish a gesture as tears, using hair as a drying agent and expensive perfume but someplace we could say; 'I know/feel I have hurt you. I am sorry.' Similarly, to know that someone bore you no ill will would help you feel released. Ultimately we all need to live in freedom, not in fear or in shadow. God made you to be a child of the light, not a prisoner of darkness. Go to Him.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - June 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Thomas Marren and Eileen O'Neill.

Sunday 10 a.m. Margaret McGowan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. John Durkin      Sunday 11.30 a.m. Aileen Gallagher.

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

#### ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 8.00 p.m.    Conor Stephens    Liam Moran    Ciara Hussey    Niall Armstrong

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 11.30 a.m.    Pierce Rowley    Keith Kavanagh    Brid Rogers    Eoin Gallagher

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The Warde Family (Dooontas)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Deacy Family (Callow)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Hurst Family (Carramore-Moy)

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

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE is available at the Church Doors. You are invited to take a copy and return it at your convenience Sincere thanks to everyone who has returned one, which is a large number. Please continue to fill them and return at your convenience. Sincere thanks to everyone who has taken the time to fill them and return them already. Your responses have been very informative so far and will help greatly with the future work of the Parish Pastoral Council Eventually, the information received will be analysed/collated and an overall picture/description of the responses will be

published. The final date for returning completed Questionnaires will be Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. We hope to have them analysed/collated before the end of July.

**TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION:** The amount handed in already has reached €3,135. Sincere thanks, once again, for your tremendous generosity. It has been forwarded to Trocaire during the past week.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:** 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> June amounted to €1,723

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY':** The final celebration of the 'Do This In Memory' preparation programme for First Communion was celebrated in Killasser Church on Sunday last 10<sup>th</sup> June, Feast of Corpus Christi. Sincere thanks to the Parents, Families and Teachers of the children for their wonderful support for and participation in this programme. The programme can begin again next September for the children and parents of those in Second Class 2007 - 2008. In the meantime we are encouraged to keep the sacred space in the Church that has been there all year until the new programme begins.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to Jonathan Douglas, Clones, Co. Monaghan and Tonya Newell, Clones, Co. Monaghan who were married in Callow Church on this Saturday afternoon 16<sup>th</sup> June. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life. Jonathan plays soccer for Ireland and Leeds United and he captained Leeds for the past year. He played for Ireland against Wales in the first soccer match in Croke Park. Among the guests at the marriage ceremony in Callow were Damien Duff (Newcastle and Ireland) and David Healy.

**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 / €250 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200 / €100 / €100 / €300 / €200 / €100 / €250 / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500. These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** was held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday night 30<sup>th</sup> April. It was suggested that since work at Callow Church had concluded for the present, that Killasser Church and grounds should be looked at again. It was suggested that an immediate priority would be to upgrade the tarmac around Killasser Church, which would include new tarmac, new kerbing and an extension of the tarmac area on the Estate side of the Church.

**AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING** was held at Killasser Church on Monday evening 14<sup>th</sup> May. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the Church building inside and out and the church grounds with a view to drawing up a list of items that may need to be attended to. Having identified them, the next step is to put them in order of priority. **The following is a list that is not necessarily exhaustive or in order of priority: Tarmac and Kerbing around the Church / A low wall between the Church and Killasser Estate / Toilet upgrade / Swamp area in the Lawn on Community Centre side of Church / Painting of all Church Doors / Main Entrance Porch - Tile Floor, Put in Timber Ceiling, remove sliding doors and use original doors again / Re-design Porches at side doors of Church / Improve the Sanctuary Area of Church / New Furniture/Ceiling/Floor for Sacristy / Wall around perimeter of lower lawns near the road between Church grounds and Community Centre Car Park.**

**THE SACRISTY IN KILLASSER CHURCH** will be completely refurbished in the near future. New furniture is being made for the sacristy by Rory Conroy, Callow who did a beautiful job of the sacristy in Callow. Killasser will have the same design. A new ceiling will also have to be put into the sacristy.

**THE TARMAC AT KILLASSER CHURCH** is in a poor state and needs to be newly done. The kerbing will also have to be replaced. The tarmac area will also be extended on the Estate side of the Church. A price for this work will be available shortly as it was measured up during the past week.

**THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT KILLASSER CHURCH** will not mean a new Fundraising initiative. It does mean asking you to continue to support the present fundraising campaign which is going very well and which is for both sides of the parish. Improvements always need to be carried out on grounds and buildings, especially buildings that are very old like churches. The improvements inside and outside of Killasser Church will be done on a phases basis.

**FURTHER REFURBISHMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL HOUSE IN KILLASSER** is being carried out over the past few weeks and will soon be complete. What is being done is necessary to bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The day of one single plug (round) in one room is now over as is a Parish House without an office - the garage was converted into an office last year. Allowing any building to deteriorate is of no service to anyone. If it comes to a situation in the future when there may not be a resident priest in this parish, the house will be more valuable either to sell or use for Parish business. Being realistic and with present numbers of priests and their age profile, there will not be a resident priest in every parish indefinitely. We have had no ordination for the past four years. We have one student in Maynooth at present. If he is to continue, he will not be ordained for

another four years. That is a big change from the situation where up to 2003 there was one priest ordained almost every year and some years more than one. That situation is unlikely to return. Of course what needs to be discussed and debated is the whole nature of priesthood and indeed ministry in general within the church. Unfortunately the institutional church does not want to hear of this. No debate, no change is their motto. Unfortunately the world is passing them by. The voice of the people on the ground needs to be heard and listened to.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in Killasser Community Centre on next Saturday evening 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 9.00 p.m.

**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.

**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 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.

**C.S.K.A. KILLASSER COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB** will hold the third of its June walks on this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. Walkers are asked to meet at the Killasser Community Centre at 1.00 p.m. The walks are part of the Mayo in Motion project, sponsored by Mayo Sports Partnership. Walkers are invited to take on the Mayo in Motion Walking Challenge. This consists of walking for at least 125 Minutes each week for four consecutive weeks, a total of 500 Minutes for the month of June. The 125 Minutes can be spread over as many walks as you wish each week. On completion your walking record will be submitted by your sports leader to Mayo Sports Partnership. You will then receive an authenticated certificate and T-Shirt. Contact Martin Peyton on 087-9377644 or Michael Howley on 087-9144910.

**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.

**THE KILLALA/ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2007** takes place from 23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> August. The Pilgrimage will be jointly led by Bishop Fleming of Killala and Bishop Flynn of Achonry.

**THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON** commenced on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May with the One-Day Pilgrimages. The Three-Day Pilgrimages began on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and run until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Phone No. 071-9861518. The One-Day Retreat costs €27 and a reservation should be booked in advance. The Three-Day Pilgrimage costs €45 and it is not necessary to book.

**A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG** will take place in September if there is sufficient interest. For those who may wish to make more long-term arrangements, can I suggest Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September as suitable date.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI** will take place from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November. There will be four nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi. The company is Celebration Travel. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Joe Caulfield, Carracastle. Price depends on number booking. Further information from Marian Maloney on 087-2112555 or 094-9288229

**CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS** are now being taken. Enrolment Forms are available at the School or by contacting the Principal on 071-9181435.

**KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS** are being taken on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

**A GRADUATION MASS AND CELEBRATION** for the pupils in Sixth Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will be celebrated in Callow Church on next Thursday evening 21<sup>st</sup> June, commencing at 8.30 p.m. All parents of the Children in Sixth Class are invited to be present. We hope that you can all be there for a very special milestone in your child's life. The fifth class children in each school will also be present in support and to sing. The teachers will also attend.

**CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING** on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 p.m.

**THE MOBILE BLOOD UNIT** will be visiting the Gym in Aras Attracta, Swinford on this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 11.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. All donors are encouraged to attend as there is a great shortage of blood at present.

**A PARISH CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday evening 24<sup>th</sup> May. All members were present. The principal items discussed were - Preparation for Marriage and Baptism. The general feeling was that existing preparation could be greatly improved for the reception of both Sacraments. It was decided to set up a small group/task force to look at each of the Sacraments. Each parish is being asked to select/elect one person to sit on each of these groups/committees. That is our target for the next and final meeting of the Cluster for this session which is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Two volunteer are needed and the invitation is open to all. Do consider it, it is not up to someone else to step out, it is up to me.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** was held in Callow Church on Thursday evening last 14<sup>th</sup> June. This was the final meeting before the summer recess and the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30 p.m. in Killasser Church.

**MASS AT SRON:** It is that time of year again when we celebrate Mass at one of our old church sites. This year it is due to be celebrated at Sron. At the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday Night last it was decided to celebrate the Mass on next Friday evening at 8 p.m. As we have had for the past couple of years some refreshments and music afterwards, we hope to do the same this year. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

**GROUND WORK** is being carried out at present at Killasser Community Centre for the new outdoor astra-turf playing area. This will be a tremendous new facility for all the young and not so young.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** The recent appeal for photographs by the Foxford Community Book Committee has been most successful with over 300 submitted to date. All have been scanned, placed on disc and returned. If you are from Callow area and have photographs suitable for publication, please contact Anne Deacy or any member of the committee.

**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION** for May amounted to €5,452. Sincere thanks for your contributions, your generosity and your support.

**MAYO/ROSCOMMON HOSPICE FOUNDATION TRADITIONAL IRISH BONFIRE** takes place on Saturday night next 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Swinford Community Centre. There will be music, fire, fun and food. Tickets are €5. All proceeds go towards Hospice/Palliative Care Services.

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**PRAY FOR**

Pat Joe Tansey, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.  
P.J. Loftus, Oulogue, Sunday 10 a.m.  
Nora and William Ruane, Cullenaughton, Son Michael, Daughter Mary Ligas-Ruane, Chicago, Sunday 10 a.m.  
Nora McNulty, Lahardane, Months Mind, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 11.30 a.m.  
People of the Parish, Monday 10 a.m.  
Tommy Hughes, Carramore-Moy, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Sarah and Anthony Regan, Culduff and Deceased Members of Regan/Gillen Families, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Joe Warde, Doontas, Brother Tommy, Parents Michael and Catherine, Saturday 8 p.m.  
John Howley, Cartron, Wife Lil, Brother Michael James and Son Eddie, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Johnny Doherty, Carramore, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Mary Murray, Magheraboy, Sister Sarah Condon and Deceased Durkin Family Members, Saturday 8.  
Nora and Tom Howley, Carramore, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Molly, Jim, Pat and J.P. Heaney, Derreen, Saturday 8 p.m.  
May and Martin Kielty, Cullenaughton and Son Murt, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10 a.m.  
Margaret Durkin, Rubble, who died in Balla on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Funeral Mass in Balla on this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 11 a.m. Burial afterwards in Kilconduff Cemetery, Swinford.  
Bill Carr, Graffy, brother of the late Joe Carr, Craigaballagh, who has died in Co. Offaly.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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