

# 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'*

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU.

One writer recorded 'When you slapped me, first I turned the other cheek, then when thou didst steal, I gave. Now that all biblical injunctions have been deserved, I will beat the living daylight out of thee.'

We may smile, but we've all been there. Coming up to the mark set by some moral or civil code - but not really changed in our heart.

Like David with Saul (first reading), we may feel overwhelmed in a situation, but even in our powerlessness, there is something we are in control of - ourselves and our reaction to events. There will always be manipulative, bad people in our lives - but you don't have to be. One way forward may be to get to know your 'enemy.' We live in an age of demonstration and counter-demonstration. If you believe or oppose something, you assemble like-minded souls, shout and drown the opposing view if possible and then go home! It is so much easier to hold a demonstration than it is to actually get to know your enemies. You cannot love what you do not know and you can't know what you will not confront. Try to get to know the one who niggles you.. It may never excuse their behaviour, but it may explain and help you to love them better.

'It is easy enough to be friendly to one's friends. But to befriend the one who regards himself/herself as your enemy is the quintessence of true religion. The other is mere business.' (Gandi)

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - February 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Wednesday 11 a.m., Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday 8 p.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Ray Chuck.  
Sunday 10 a.m. Miceal Murphy.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Theresa Hennigan

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Eileen O'Neill.  
Sunday 10 a.m. Margaret McGowan.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8 p.m. Rachael McDonnell      Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford.

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Peter Noone.

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

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 8 p.m. David Cronnolly Pierce Rowley Caoimhe Warde Lorraine Kavanagh  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford Keith Kavanagh Ciara Hussey Niall Armstrong.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Marren Family (Fross)

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

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

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

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

#### FIRST CONFESSIONS/PENANCE

celebration was planned for Killasser Church on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. This needs to be changed on account of Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass planned for that date. Five families are involved. The new date is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at the same time. Hopefully this is suitable for all concerned.

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

**THE NEW SEATING FOR CALLOW CHURCH** was delivered on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 - five in number 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.

**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 MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL 2007 CALENDAR** contains photographs of Stained Glass Windows from Churches in Mayo that came from the Harry Clarke Studios. We are very interested because the window over the Gallery in Callow Church, of St. Patrick, is one of those windows. It is included in this 2007 Calendar which is a beautiful production.

**THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTMAS 2006** has been published again this year and is a bumper edition of sixteen pages. It contains news, articles and photographs from all five parishes in the cluster. There is a copy for every family in the Parish and. You may also wish to send a copy to your relatives in other parts of the country or world. **Please take one.**

**PILATES CLASSES** continues in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday next, 14<sup>th</sup> February, from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. Anyone interested in losing a couple of inches from the waistline is more than welcome.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:** 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> February amounted to €1,285..

**BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE:** There a few places remaining in the Office Procedures Course if you are interested in learning basic office procedures, please contact Cosgallen CDP in Charlestown. This course is run under the Back to Education Initiative and is free to medical card holders or people getting a social welfare payment.

**EVENING CLASSES:** Cosgallen CDP is organising Digital Camera classes. If you are interested in participating please contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070. The cost of this course is €60.

**CLASSES:** If you are interested in attending beginners or follow-up Computer classes or beginners or follow-on Irish classes, please contact Cosgallen by phoning 094-9255070 or calling in to the office at the Enterprise Centre, Charlestown.

**- THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF IRELAND:** The Community Foundation of Ireland is currently inviting applications to their Small Grant Scheme for Community and Voluntary Groups 2007. Applications must be from Community and Voluntary Groups that possess charitable aims and are not for profit. They will favour projects leading to the social inclusion of communities who are excluded by reason of geography, age, disability, poverty, gender or race. The next closing date is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**ONE PARENT FAMILIES:** If you are parenting alone and interested in joining a Parenting Alone Group please contact Cosgallen in Charlestown on 094-9255070.

**COURSE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:** Cosgallen is starting a course on Communications/Healthy Lifestyle in conjunction with the Health Service Executive on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 11 a.m. in the Cosgallen Office in Charlestown. This course is open to people with physical or mental disability and is free. Contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

**ESB NETWORKS** has announced that the Electricity supply in the Callow area will be interrupted on Wednesday next 21<sup>st</sup> February from 10.00 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

**PLANS FOR THE NEW BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL** have gone out to tender recently. A decision will be made shortly on who the contractor will be and work is due to begin in a matter of weeks. Two new classrooms and a general purposes room will be built at the school. This will cater much better for the increasing number of pupils at the school, which is now a three teacher school

**A WORKSHOP/INFORMATION NIGHT** for all members of the Parish Pastoral Councils in the five parishes in the Cluster was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday Night last 15<sup>th</sup> February. Sincere thanks to all those who attended what was a very good meeting.

**A THREE NIGHT COURSE - PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES** will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday Nights - 1<sup>st</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> March from 8 - 10 p.m. Each Parish will have a maximum of eight places on the Course. If you are interested, contact Fr. O'Mahony or the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. The cost has been fixed for €35. A minimum of fifteen people is needed to make the course viable. Application Forms are available from Fr. O'Mahony.

**THE ANNUAL ALL HALLOWS SEMINAR ON DEVELOPING PARISH 2007** took place on Monday, Tuesday last 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> February. The title of the Seminar this year was 'Adult Faith Development in a Parish Context.' It was a most interesting two day consisting of lectures and workshops, attended by priests, religious and many lay people from all over Ireland, England and Scotland. More about this in a later newsletter.

**CHOI KWANG DO CLASSES:** The Classes are as follows: 6 - 14 Year Olds 7 - 8 p.m.  
14 - 60 Year Olds 8 - 9 p.m.

There are spaces available at both sessions.

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME** every Monday Night at 9 p.m. All support welcome.

**THE OLD SEATS IN CALLOW CHURCH** have now almost all been take away and hopefully you will find them useful. Do feel free to take those that still remain.

**THE NEW AMBO** from which the Word of God is proclaimed may have to be taken away to get the microphone attached properly to it. What is done at the moment is only temporary.

**TWO NEW NOTICE BOARDS** are now being made for Callow Church and they will be placed on the walls in the Porch.

**NEW TARMAc** will be laid on the church grounds in Callow and on the driveways when everything else is complete inside and outside. This will be done before the two weddings that are being held in the Church in March.

**KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - NEW MEMBERS WANTED:** As the Pastoral Council is now two years in existence, according to its constitution, one third of the council will be requested to step aside. This is to make sure that it never become an elite or select group that never changes. You are welcome to nominate somebody, provided you have consulted that person and they are willing to serve or you can also volunteer yourself for service. Never feel that taking responsibility for the parish is up to someone else to step forward. Why not you this time? If everybody left it to someone else, then nothing would happen and our parish/community would collapse and cease to function. Everything we have and everthing that is organised should never be taken for granted. Somebody has to make it happen. Why not you. If you are contacted about this matter, do not be surprised.

**TWO NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Two people have volunteered to join the Parish Pastoral Council for the year ahead. Two more are needed, so do think about it. It would be ideal to have two men to get the gender balance as even as possible.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** was held in Killasser Church on Wednesday night 7<sup>th</sup> February. One of the main items to be discussed was a Parish Questionnaire which will be distributed in the near future. The possibility of having a Prayer Service or Mass for all the people living and dead for whom a light was sponsored on the Christmas trees was also discussed. It was suggested that this should happen in Callow Church on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and in Killasser Church on 9<sup>th</sup> March. Any suggestions you have will be welcomed by the Pastoral Council and you can pass them on to any member. The St. Patrick's weekend Mass schedule was also discussed. It was suggested that there should be Mass in Callow at 10 a.m. and in Killasser at 11.30 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day (Saturday) and the same arrangement for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. This means that there would not be a Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day or on St. Patrick's Day for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 for 7 Nights. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Tommy Mulligan, Attymass. Cost is €639 - Half-Board accommodation in a Private House. Day Flights ex Knock Airport. For information contact Sr. Sheila Molloy, 086-3821810.

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**MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL** has now erected a sign warning anybody caught dumping at the recycling bins at Killasser Community Centre Car Park that the minimum fine is €3,000. Anybody seen dumping here will be reported to the County Council and security cameras are now in operation in this area. There is no excuse for this type of behaviour, showing no appreciation for appearance or the wellbeing of the environment. It is simply unacceptable. What has been dumped there already will be checked and if there is any indication of who dumped it in the bags, they will be reported immediately. Do not say that you were not warned.

**THE RUBBISH THAT WAS DUMPED AT THE RECYCLING BINS** in the grounds of Killasser Community Centre has now been removed. I or anybody else will not be doing this work in the future for those people who have no regard for the environment, who are lazy and think they are very cute. They are simply ignorant and inconsiderate people who deserve to be caught and fined heavily. Any information or assistance any decent person can give will be given to the relevant authorities so that they can deal with this unacceptable behaviour.

**SWINFORD VARIETY GROUP PRESENTS 'WEDDING OF THE YEAR'** a Two Act Comedy with usual song and dance in Scoil Mhuire agus Padraig School Hall, Swinford on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show starts at 8.30 p.m. sharp. Tickets on door: Adults €10, Students and O.A.P's €8. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**ACHONRY PIONEER DINNER DANCE** will be held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. sharp. Tickets at €25 each are available from Thomas Marren or Margaret McGowan.

**THE ALL-IRELAND PIONEER READOIRI FINALS** will take place in the Traveller's Friend Royal Theatre, Castlebar on Saturday next 24<sup>th</sup> February. It commences at 1.00 p.m. Killasser will be represented in the Group Singing competition by Darina Burke, Eimear Burke, Sarah Scully and Linda McNulty. Tickets cost €15. Booking 0818300000 or [www.royaltheatre.ie](http://www.royaltheatre.ie)

**MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION CHURCH – GATE COLLECTION** amounted to €255.32 in Killasser Church and €130.40 in Callow Church. The overall amount raised in all parishes was €5,134. The Organisation expressed their sincere thank for your generosity. Mayo Cancer Support Association strives to support people living with Cancer, their families and friends, but it is with your valued support and help that they can continue to make this possible.

**STAFF FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ARAS ATTRACTA SWINFORD** are hosting a gala Fashion Show on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. All proceeds from the show will go directly to the clients social fund. Any donation or spot prize that you could sponsor for the event will be gratefully accepted. The venue is the Gym in Aras Attracta at 8 p.m. Cheese and wine will be served

**FEAST DAYS:** Wednesday - St. Peter Damian. Thursday - Chair of St. Peter, Apostle. Friday - St. Polycarp.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. It is a day of Fast and Abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed during Mass in Callow and Killasser on that day.

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY'** the preparation programme for Children, Parents and the Community for First Confessions and First Communion will take place during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February. The focus for the Children and all of us will be the Gospel of the Mass for this Sunday - Love Your Enemies.

**UMBRO COLLECTION OF UNWANTED CLOTHES AND SHOES** will happen on Wednesday next 21<sup>st</sup> February. All types of clean, dry, ladies, gents, children's clothing, bed linen, curtains, towels and shoes will be gratefully accepted. All items will be collected from Killasser Community Centre, Car Park and Callow Church Car Park before 12 Noon on Wednesday. All clothes collected will help raise much needed funds for The Education Fund for Orphans in Keyna.

**Choir Practise** every Tuesday evening at 8pm in callow church new members welcome.

**TROCAIRE BOXES FOR THE LENTEN CAMPAIGN** are available in both churches at the doors this weekend. Each family is encouraged to take one and make whatever contribution you can during Lent. They can be handed in on Holy Thursday.

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**PRAY FOR** Seamus Vizzard and Deceased Family Members, Carrowleamore, Michael McNulty (Birthday), Lahardane, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Kathleen Tansey, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 David McLoughlin, Callow, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 10 a.m.  
 Cormac Sheil, Callow, Mass later.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Nora Convey, Fross, Saturday 5 p.m.

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Patrick John Gallagher, Tulleague and Daughter Gertie Kelly, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Dick Crowley, Toorard, Saturday 8 p.m.  
John and Margaret, Son John and Baby Neil, Fross, Saturday 8 p.m.  
Johnny Kerrane, Carrownedan, Saturday  
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church on this Sunday at 1.00 p.m.

**PASTORAL LETTER LENT 2007**  
**ALCOHOL -THE CHALLENGE OF MODERATION**

**TEMPERANCE SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2007**

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