

# 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'*

### RACE AGAINST WASTE.

Lent was in more traditional times a period of self-purification, purging the body to elevate the soul to a higher plane. In a funny way, the busy recycling centres of modern Ireland have replaced the confessional. You bring your consumerist excess and in return for a charge (penance?) you drive off lighter and freer, with even a possible smugness that some of your deposited items can be recycled.

But God in his centuries-old tangled dance with humanity has a more radical idea for us. He doesn't make junk and he doesn't like waste. We get a glimpse of God, of ourselves and our attitudes in what we call the parable of the prodigal son. 'Prodigal' means 'wasteful' but that title came much later. He didn't tell the story to relate how wasteful we are - but to show us how lavish, how prodigal God's love is for his children.

Despite the reputation Christians sometimes have for carrying round a burden of guilt, Lent isn't a masochistic display of how bad we are - it is a celebration of our father's prodigal, wasteful love. God doesn't stand at a distance and say - 'if you change - then I'll love you'. 'No' says Jesus. He breaks into a divine trot at the first glimpse of you. Even a recycling centre will deem some of your cast-offs as general waste - beyond recycling, but in the divine way of looking at things, grace is a powerful thing. It changes lives and worlds; and it can never be wasted.

Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - March 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Wednesday 10 a.m. / Saturday 1.30 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Thursday, Friday 10 a.m., / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Keane.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Theresa Hennigan.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

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

Sunday 10 a.m. Angela Conlon.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Anne Holleran and Francis Hegarty.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford.

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Joseph McNulty.

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

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 8.00 p.m. David Cronnolly Kevin Rowley Paul Quinn Siobhan O'Hara.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers Ciara Hussey Conor Stephens Caoimhe Warde.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Holleran Family (Magheraboy)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not be in Killasser Church on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY THIS YEAR will be on 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 the 11.30 a.m. Mass on that day. This year 12 children will receive Holy Communion for the first time.

#### FIRST CONFESSIONS/PENNANCE

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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Saturday next 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30 a.m. Any member of the Parish Community is welcome to attend since it is the local Christian community that welcomes a new member into its midst. It is not in any sense a private ceremony between the particular family of the child and the priest.

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

**SINCERE THANKS** to the 10 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. Your generosity and support is always very much appreciated.

**KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND ENVELOPES** will be distributed to every home in the parish over the next couple of weeks. 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 will be due this March, as soon as you receive your special envelopes.

**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 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets for the concert are now available from Maureen Murphy, Margaret McGowan, Theresa Convey, Jacinta Gallagher, Fr. O'Mahony and others. Admission is €15. Tickets are limited to 250. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**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.

**MOTHERS' DAY:** This Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March is Mothers' Day 2007. It is a day set aside each year to heighten our awareness of how grateful we should be as individuals, families and as community/society for the goodness, commitment and generosity of mothers. It should never be taken for granted. A very happy Mothers' Day to all mothers. We pray for those who have died and we pray that are now in God's presence for ever.

**PILATES CLASS:** New beginners' Pilates class will commence in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday next 21<sup>st</sup> March at 8.30 p.m. If you are interested please Phone Rosaleen on 087-9119285. All are welcome.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:** 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> March amounted to €1,578.

**CANCER ACTION MHAIGH-EO CEILI:** A Ceili will be held in the Browne Memorial Hall, Foxford on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10 p.m. Music will be provided by the Swallows Tail Ceili Band. All proceeds from the night will go towards the MRI campaign for Mayo General Hospital. All are welcome to attend and your support is greatly appreciated.

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**A THREE NIGHT COURSE - PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES** concluded in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night last. It was facilitated/presented by Fr. Michael Screene. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended what was a most enlightening course.

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

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING** on Tuesday Night 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00 p.m.

**THE PILLARS, GATES AND LOW WALLS** at the entrance to Callow Church on the Swinford side will be painted very soon, weather permitting. This work is being done free of charge by the painter Michael Roddy as a contribution towards the renovation of the Church. We thank him for this generosity.

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**THE DOORS OF KILLASSER CHURCH** will be painted in the near future. It is now five years since they were last done

**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.

**PIONEER QUIZ:** All young Pioneers are invited to Killasser Community Centre on this Sunday evening 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Teams will be selected to represent the Parish at the Achony Quiz final in Cloonacool on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in the Parish Office on Wednesday Night 21<sup>st</sup> March at 8 p.m. This meeting is specifically taking place to organise the distribution of the Renovation Fund Envelopes.

**SWINFORD VARIETY GROUP** will present their show 'Wedding of the Year' a two act comedy with music and song in the Browne Memorial Hall, Foxford on this Sunday Night 18<sup>th</sup> March. Doors open 7.45 p.m. Show starts at 8.15 p.m. All proceeds in aid of Browne Memorial Hall. Your support will be very much appreciated. Admission Adults €8. Students and Senior Citizens €4.

**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE** which has been draw up by a sub-committee of the Parish Pastoral Council and finalised and agreed on by the full committee, will be distributed during the coming week. 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 not later than Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 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.

**A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday Night next 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8.30 p.m. James Howley, Margaret McGowan. and Fr. O'Mahony are the Killasser/Callow representatives.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Fr. Michael Kelleher will be in Charlestown Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. to speak about the Youth Ministry they (Redemptorists) offer. He will answer questions and give an outline of the programme, the content and methodology as well as something on the screening process that they have. All interested are welcome.

**'RELATIONSHIPS-SUPPORTING PARENTS / GUARDIANS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PROMOTING POSITIVE EMOTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH** is a Conference planned for Saturday next 24<sup>th</sup> March in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon from 9.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. The Conference is free of charge, inclusive of Lunch. They keynote speaker is Dr. Tony Humphreys, Consultant Clinical Psychologist/Author.

**THE CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT** commenced on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. It consists mainly of two new Classrooms and a General Purposes Room as well as adjustments to the existing building. The General Purposes Room will be located in the ground across the road from the existing school. The foundation for this building has been put in over the past week. The two new classrooms to be built adjacent to the existing school building will commence nearer to the summer holidays in order to have as little disruption to school life as possible. The Contractor for this building project is Colm O'Hara, Dromagh, Killasser.

**PRAY FOR** Josephine Boran, Lismorane, Months Mind, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.  
 Michael and Kate Igoe, Cullonaughton, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.  
 Michael and Margaret Hennigan, Cloonfinnish and Deceased Family, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 11.30 a.m.  
 People of the Parish, Wednesday 10 a.m.  
 Josephine (Dodo) Ginty, Clooncleveragh and Parents Joe and Sarah, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Annie and Willie Scully, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY 2007**