

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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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 DEEP END - GOD BY ANY OTHER NAME.

'Trinity', a cold, abstract word is all head and no heart. Putting 'holy' before it, even 'most holy', doesn't do much for it. 'Holy' is a little on the remote side too. Listen to today's first reading (Exodus 34: 4 - 6, 8 - 9) and see if calling the God we meet there 'Trinity' does God justice.

Putting names on God (we have to use at least one to know whom we're talking about) does God no favours - nor us either. It can give the illusion of comprehending God to a degree that may not be true. It takes mystery from God. It seems to make God more approachable - or should that be manageable? But removing God's mystery removes God's challenge.

We call God, 'Father'. We call God 'Love'. These are the closest approximations of human language to what God is. But even these fail to do God justice. God is everything good that these words could ever imply, and much, much more besides. 'Father' and 'Love' are but tips of icebergs in a sea of mystery.

Today we celebrate God as is: Father, Son and Spirit. We celebrate God's mystery and unknowability. For, if God could be 'known', God would not be God. Our journey to the 'God in a cloud' of Exodus peaks when we meet the God in our heart today. Breathtaking!

(Intercom - May 2008 - Fr. Tom Cahill)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

Fr. Michael Maloney - Charlestown 085-1510383.

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Youth Group.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. 'Do This In Memory'

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Sean Thompson

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

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

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Margaret McGowan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Youth Group. Sunday 11.30 a.m Sean Thompson

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. 'Do This In Memory'

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 24th May 8.00 p.m. Paul Quinn Shane Cunney Caoimhe Warde Cormac Warde

Sunday 25th May 11.30 a.m. Lorraine Kavanagh Chloe Meehan Melissa Cronnolly Jonathan Burke.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. Youth Group

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 be in Killasser Church on Monday from 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

takes place on this Sunday 18th May, commencing at 2.30 p.m. and Mass at 3.00 p.m. It is a joint pilgrimage with the Dublin Diocese.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

10th / 11th May amounted to €1,143

PENTECOST COLLECTION: Sincere thanks for your contributions towards the Pentecost Collection taken up at all Masses last weekend. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

SWINFORD SHOW SAYS THANKS: The amount raised at the recent Church-Gate Collection in aid of Swinford Agricultural Show amounted to €186. All monies will be used to develop the show grounds and to add to the attractions on the day. This year's show will be held on Saturday 16th August.

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR KILLASSER CHURCH: There is now a rota of two people per month for ten months of the year. That is a great start and we are very hopeful that the remaining months will be filled. As well as filling the twelve months it would be good to have some substitutes in case somebody cannot be there on occasion. If you would like to be involved, you can give your name to Maureen Murphy 094-9251525 or Fr. O'Mahony.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at www.accord.ie or by telephoning 094-9254944. Accord Counselling service for people experiencing difficulties within their marriage or relationship. Safe, professional and confidential. To make an appointment telephone 094-9254944.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Killasser Church on Wednesday evening 23rd April. Many items were discussed including: **Confirmation on Saturday 10th May, Youth Mass/Service before exam time, Station Masses, Altar Society in Killasser Church, Ministry of Eucharist, Dana Concert and Year of Vocation.** The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held in Callow Church on Wednesday 28th May at 8.30 p.m.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre in Attymass on Thursday 24th April. It was an excellent meeting with an almost full attendance of members. Again many items were discussed including: **Marriage Preparation Booklet that is being published to help couples prepare for marriage, Baptism Preparation and how it is developing, Ministry of Eucharist, The Year of Vocation, The Fr. Peyton Guild, The Cluster Newsletter, The Cluster Choir etc.** The next Cluster Steering Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 29th May at 8.30 p.m. in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass.

OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER: Patient, Understanding and Considerate individual with mature attitude **WANTED** in small town in East Mayo to assist young children with basic reading, writing and arithmetic. If you feel that you could commit to one or two hours each week to this worthwhile project then contact Teresa or Breda at 094-9381494 or call in person to Volunteer point at INFO WEB Aiden Street, Kiltimagh for more information.

'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL' 11-day Pilgrimage & Cruise to Greece, Rhodes, Patmos, Ephessos. Sun. 29 June to Wed. 9 July. Celebration Travel with Aer Lingus ex Dublin costing €1,625 p.p.s, including half-board & all taxes. Contact Marian Maloney 087-2112555 for brochure.

REMAINDER OF PERIMETER WALL AT KILLASSER CHURCH DEMOLISHED The remainder of the perimeter wall at Killasser Church grounds at the corner on the Community Centre side of the Church was demolished on Monday last. It will be rebuilt and faced with stone - a continuation of the wall that is being newly built at present. Further grant aid has become available from Leader through Kiltimagh IRD. It will be built by the workers on the Rural Social Scheme and will look very well when finished.

SWINFORD CREDIT UNION SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR 20 YEARS: To mark this birthday and also the opening of its present premises a special function was held in the Gateway Hotel on Friday night 9th May. It was a most enjoyable occasion. There was a major draw for 15 Prizes, the top one being for a car and the remaining 14 for cash prizes of various amounts. A number of the prizewinners are from Killasser and Callow. Complements and congratulations to the Credit Union for serving the community so well over all these years.

DANA IN CONCERT: The Concert on last Sunday night was a tremendous success and hopefully everyone enjoyed it. All the comments have been very positive and we hope that we can have a similar occasion again in the not too distant future. Dana had great rapport with the audience. She was in no rush afterwards, speaking with everyone who wished to speak to her and have photographs taken. She thoroughly enjoyed the occasion also and especially the atmosphere of Killasser Church. **Dana was a guest on the Tubridy Show on R.T.E. 1 last night, along with Dickie Rock and Maxi, discussing Eurovision and the merits/demerits of Dustin for Eurovision 2008.**

THE CLUSTER CHOIR - KILLASSER/ATTYMASS/BONNICOLON/FOXFORD/STRAIDE PARISHES were in great voice on Sunday night last as the support act for the Dana Concert. They were superb and could have entertained the capacity crowd for the night on their own. It didn't happen as you can well imagine without a tremendous amount of practice which means commitment and sacrifices to be made. They will be singing again in Attymass on Sunday 1st June and in Knock Basilica on Saturday 7th June. Complements, congratulations and thanks to the Choir, their director Mary Gilroy, Bonnicolon and musical accompanist Teresa Costelloe/Brennan. Of course Lasair, as part of the choir and as a group were brilliant, as were musicians Michael Cronnelly, Helen Clarke, Claire Stenson and Peter Neary, Michael Fox and Marie and Shauna Fallon.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT: Enrolments will be taken from 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.

APPEAL FROM SWINFORD NATIONAL SCHOOL: The Autism Class in Swinford National School (Scoil Muire agus Treasa) has been shortlisted as one of three deserving groups for a €10,000 award through the AIB Better Ireland Programme. To get the award the school has to top the poll in a public text vote between Tuesday 6th May and Friday 6th June. You can help by texting **SWINFORDA** to 50399. The more texts sent the better chance the school has. Votes cost 60cent and proceeds of the voting will be donated to the Autism Classroom. So from 6th May on, please, please, please - vote and get everyone you know voting.

THE ARAS ATTRACTA ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE will take place this year on **Saturday 31st May**. This year the organisers have very generously offered to run it for the Killasser/Callow Church Renovation Fund. What is especially needed is the support of Killasser to provide Marshals and Bucket Collectors. All people involved in the organisation will appreciate all the help and support that can be given from Killasser. Sponsorship Cards are available at present. **The 100 K. Cycle will begin and finish at Killasser Community Centre.** For those unable to cycle the full distance, it is possible to cycle part of the route. Later that night there will be a Dance/Function in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. Tickets for this function will be €10 each. **Sponsorship Cards are now available from Bridie Sheerin 094-9251062 / Pat Thompson / Fr. O'Mahony.** The next meeting to make final arrangements for this event will be held on Monday 26th May at 8.30. The more people who are willing to help the more successful the event will be.

A MEETING OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL was held in Killasser Church on Sunday 4th May. This meeting was held to work out arrangements for a Youth Mass/Service before the exams begin. It was arranged that it will happen during the vigil Mass in Killasser Church on **Saturday 24th May**.

THE NEXT MEETING TO BRING THE ARRANGEMENTS A STAGE FURTHER will be held in Killasser Church on Monday evening next 19th May at 8.30 p.m. All those who are interested in being directly involved in this special occasion are encouraged to be present at this meeting. People to proclaim the Word of God, pray the Prayer of the Faithful, read a Reflection, Introduction, Commentary on Symbols, Music and Singing etc are all needed. Hopefully as many as possible will be present.

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST FOR CALLOW CHURCH: A number of Ministers of Eucharist in Callow Church, who have been in ministry for a good number of years, wish to step aside at this stage. This is very understandable and acceptable as the commitment is only meant to be for three years and not for an indefinite period. As well it is important that new people would join every ministry on a regular basis to keep it renewed. If you are asked to be involved you might consider it or if you would like to volunteer, you might let a member of the Pastoral Council or Fr. O'Mahony know. It does take a little bit of courage, but never underestimate your ability. **One person has volunteered and a number of others are considering it. Sincere thanks for that generosity.**

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST FOR KILLASSER CHURCH: It is now an opportune time to commission some new people as Ministers of the Eucharist for Killasser Church also. **At least two people have expressed a willingness to participate in this ministry. It would be good to get about six new people if at all possible.**

A COURSE FOR NEW CANDIDATES FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY will be organised for the five parishes in our cluster and it will take place in Autumn in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. In the meantime we need to get as many potential candidates as possible. We hope that those already in ministry will remain on until new Ministers are commissioned.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT FOR MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST will take place during the 10 a.m. Mass and 11.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday next 24th May which is the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. For those whom the vigil Mass is more suitable it will happen on Saturday 31st May at 8.00 p.m. This is on account of the Special Mass for Youth on next Saturday 24th May.

THE FINAL CEREMONY/CELEBRATION OF 'DO THIS IN MEMORY' for the First Communicants of 2008, their Parents and Families and the Community of the Parish will be during the 10 a.m. Mass in Callow on Sunday next 24th May. Hopefully, this arrangement is suitable for everybody.

ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ST. PIO PIETRELCINA: It is a 7 Night Pilgrimage beginning on 23rd May. Special Group Price is €29 PP. Group Leader is Michael Garret. For itinerary contact Michael Garret on 071-9162714 or Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410816.

FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE will take place from 7th October, leaving from Knock. It will be 7 Nights in Hotel Avenida. The cost is €835 plus €25 Insurance. Spiritual Director is Fr. John Maloney. For details contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640 or 086-8185153.

WEST OF IRELAND 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND DIRECT FROM KNOCK from 22nd September - 1st October. Spiritual Director is Fr. Tomas Surlis. The cost is €1,190 fully inclusive of taxes and half board. For further information contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE PLANNING THEIR MARRIAGE? Accord are now recruiting new volunteers to work as Marriage Preparation Facilitators. Successful applicants will be fully trained and work as part of a team. If you are interested please contact Accord on 094-9254944. Closing date is Monday 12th May. An information night will be arranged for all applicants who are interested.

SPANISH STUDENT PLACEMENT: Interested in having a Spanish Student come to your home for the month of July? You must have a child/children between 12 - 17 years of age and be a friendly family. The child will take part in all your family activities for that month. An allowance is given to participating families. For more information, contact Marie on 087-6563527.

COMMISSION FOR PASTORAL RENEWAL AND ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT: A Workshop/Consultation on Adult Faith Development for all priests, Members of Parish Pastoral Councils, Religious and Lay People took place in Knock House Hotel on Friday 2nd May from 11.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m. A representative from Killasser/Callow Parish Pastoral Council attended and found it very informative. There will be a short report of what happened and what information was given in a later Newsletter.

ST. JOHN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL CARRAMORE have been twinned with a National School in Whitney Bay, very near Newcastle in England. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes from the School travelled over to England on Monday morning last to visit the school, accompanied by teachers Mrs. Fallon and Mrs. Sharkey, by parents Amanda Hynes, Eileen O'Callaghan-Broe and Kara McNulty and Fr. O'Mahony. Martin Shovlin drove the coach and did so without taking as much as one wrong turn. Everyone had a most enjoyable and safe trip. Sincere thanks to the teachers for organising this wonderful opportunity for the children involved. It will have been a trip and an experience of a lifetime. The behaviour of the children was exemplary which speaks volumes for Parents and Teachers as well as the children. The weather was beautiful but much less sunshine than here at home. We arrived home to Carramore School at 1.45 a.m. on Friday Night/Saturday morning having left on Monday morning at 6.30 a.m. Maybe a little more detail of the trip in next week's Newsletter when there will have been more time to reflect and energy regained. Education today is very wide-ranging and certainly very interesting. No doubt the experience of the past week will benefit the children of Carramore greatly on their journey through school. More anon le cunadh De.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY GAMES ATHLETICS will take place on this Sunday 18th May in the Sports Field at the Community Centre, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Events for all age-groups up to U-17 will be held. The organisers hope there will be a big number of aspiring athletes who will later go on to compete for county honours in Claremorris in June. In any event, a Fun Day is guaranteed and isn't that what sport is all about - enjoyment.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR SOCCER FINALS will take place in the Community Centre on next Friday evening 23rd May, commencing at 6.00 p.m. sharp. The competitions will be for the Marty Joe Hegarty and John Browne Memorial Cups.

A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Community Centre on next Wednesday evening at 9.00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend even if you are a Manchester United or Chelsea Fan. You will be able to get the result later that night or early next morning!!!! It must always be business before pleasure!

PASTORAL LETTER ON THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN IRELAND: This letter, copies of which are available this weekend at the church doors has been published by the Irish Bishops. It is a timely document in the context of the changes happening in our society in recent years. The urgency of debate on the matter has been heightened by the growing cultural and religious pluralism in our society of late.

Why Catholic Schools in modern Ireland?

What is the special character of such schools?

How do they contribute to society and the educational system of which they are such a significant part?

More about this at a later time.

A KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING will be held in the school on Monday 26th May at 8.00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

PRAY FOR Tom and Mary Anne Doyle, Creggane, Son Paddy and Daughter Mary, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Kitty Hanley, Clooncleeveragh, Michael and Elizabeth Hanley, and Kathleen Hanley, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Pake O'Grady, Carroweena, brother Tommy and sister Winnie, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tom McNulty, Tiernanny, Sonny McNulty, Culduff, Nora Rawcliffe and Deceased Members of McNulty and McManus Families, Saturday 8 p.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Matthew and Ellie O'Grady, Carrowleambeg, Son James and Daughter Lily O'Hara, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Deceased Meehan Family Members, Carrabeg, Monday 10 a.m.
 Nora McNulty, Lahardane, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Eddie Hughes, Coolegrane and Deceased Members of the Hughes Family, Sunday 25th 10 a.m.
 Tom and Kathleen Durkin, Cloonygowan,, Sunday 25th May 10 a.m.
 Francis Tunney, formerly of Dromada-Joyce, Killasser who has died in Cheshire, England. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday 8th April followed by burial in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**KILLASSER SPONSORED 100K.
 CYCLE ON SATURDAY 31 MAY
 2008 COMMENCING AT KILLASSER
 COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 9.00 A.M.
 EVERYONE WHO CAN IS
 ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN
 THIS VERY SPECIAL EVENT TO
 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PARISH
 AND TO ENJOY A WONDERFUL
 SOCIAL AND SPORTING OCCASION**