

# 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'*

### HEALING THE WOUNDS OF THE HEART.

All of us are wounded by sin.

The part of us which is most deeply damaged by sin is the heart.

The heart is so beautiful, so innocent, but it can be betrayed, scorned and broken.

Darkness of heart is the blackest night of all.

Emptiness of the heart is the greatest poverty of all.

A heavy heart is the most wearisome burden of all.

A broken heart is the most painful wound of all.

Only love can heal the wounds of the heart.

Lord, send your Holy Spirit to us, to heal the wounds of our hearts, so that we may produce the fruits of love.

(Flor McCarthy - Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday 10 a.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

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

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson

Sunday 10 a.m. Aine Ni Chiaran.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. 'Do This In Memory.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Francis Hegarty.

Sunday 10 a.m. Margaret McGowan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara      Sunday 11.30 a.m 'Do This In Memory'

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Aine Timlin.

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

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Siobhan Tully Hayden Harrold Paul Quinn

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 11.30 a.m. Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde Jonathan Burke Brid Rogers.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Stenson Family (Knocks)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m 'Do This In Memory'

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday next 14th January 4 - 7.00 p.m.

REBUILDING OF WALL AT KILLASSER CHURCH: The wall around the perimeter of Killasser Church Ground on lower side of the grounds near the Community Centre is being rebuilt at the moment. It had been in very bad condition before it was demolished recently. It is being rebuilt under the Rural Social Scheme and hopefully will be faced with stone like the wall opposite the Killasser Housing Estate. Some grant aid has been sanctioned by IRD Kiltimagh and the local County Councillors. We thank them for their support.

FEAST DAY: Sunday - Sts. Fabian and Sebastian.

Monday - St. Agnes.

Tuesday - St. Vincent.

Thursday - St. Frances De Sales.

Friday - The Conversion of St. Paul.

Saturday - Sts. Timothy and Titus.

**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER** amounted to €1,955. Sincere thanks to everyone for your support and generosity for what was an excellent collection.

**THE ANALYSIS OF THE PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE** is now available to everyone who wishes to see it. It is available at the Church Doors at all the Masses this weekend 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> January. After publication of it, the next step is to try and see what we can implement as a parish community to enrich our faith journey. That is a bigger challenge, but I am confident that we can take it on together and move forward step by step.

**DONATIONS TOWARDS KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND:** Sincere thanks for the following donations towards the renovation at Callow Church and Killasser Parochial House - €5,000 / €1,000 / €250 / €100 / €50 / €100 / €100 / €50 / €50 / €50 / €200 / €1,400 / €150 / €400 / €1,000 / €250 / €200 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / €250 / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 / \$1,000 / €3,000 / \$500 / €2,000 / €100 / €1,000 / €50 / €1,000 / €1,000 The donations received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

**THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR** is still available from the Sacristy of each Church after Mass. Price €10. The Calendar can also be bought from Thomas Marren (094-9251327) Fr. O'Mahony (094-9251431), Maureen Murphy (094-9251525), Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox (094-9253603), Theresa Convey (094-9251364), Bridie Sheerin (094-9251062), Kevin Hughes and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford. As time goes by they are getting more scarce.

**A KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING** will be held in the School on Monday Night next 21<sup>st</sup> January at 8.00 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in Callow Church on Wednesday Night next 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 8.30 p.m. Hopefully, all members will be able to attend.

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR 2007 - 2008 ARE** Michael Fox / Collette Howley / Helen Thompson / Maureen Murphy / Anna Howley / Margaret McGowan / Mary Mulligan / Joe Kennedy / Joe McNulty / Bridie Sheerin / Marty Noone / Patricia Tansey

**PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE - PEOPLE AVAILABLE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN MINISTRY:** This was a very encouraging aspect of the questionnaire, to know that quite a number of people indicated their willingness to become involved in the various ministries in the Church. As the questionnaires were not signed, the Pastoral Council would appreciate very much if those people who wish to become involved would contact any member of the Pastoral Council. New people are always needed and are most welcome.

**BETTER PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The Priests and some people from each Parish in our Cluster discussed this topic at some length, at a Meeting in November, to see how we can help Parents and Godparents particularly to understand better the richness of the meaning of the Sacrament. A further meeting for this purpose was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Monday night last. It was very well attended, including two representatives from Killasser. A very good discussion took place and more details will be given later. Another meeting is planned for after Easter.

**A CLUSTER NEWSLETTER** will be published again very soon and before Easter. Enough material had not been received before Christmas. Maureen Murphy is a member of the editorial team and is looking for any articles or photographs of interest you might have. You can contact her on 094-9251525.

**THE FOXFORD CLUSTER ECUMENICAL SERVICE** will be held in January and this time it is the turn of Foxford to host the event. Last January it was celebrated in Killasser Church and was a most meaningful and enjoyable service. It will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January. The homily will be given by Rev. Doris Clements, Tubbercurry. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Browne Memorial Hall.

**THE FOXFORD 25 CARD GAME** continues in the Browne Memorial Hall on Tuesday Night next 22<sup>nd</sup> January, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Lots of Prizes and your support will be very much appreciated.

**NEW ARTS OFFICER FOR IRD KILTIMAGH:** IRD Kiltimagh Ltd. has recently appointed Anne Marie McGing as the new Arts Officer. Anne Marie hails from Killawalla and has been working in the arts previously in Galway and Mayo. She will be working throughout the year on developing a programme of arts activities in the Town Hall Theatre and other venues. You can contact Anne Marie at the IRD Kiltimagh by calling 094-9381494 or emailing [annemariemcing@ird-kiltimagh.ie](mailto:annemariemcing@ird-kiltimagh.ie)

**KILTIMAGH ARTS MAILING LIST:** IRD Kiltimagh Arts Office is in the process of updating its arts interest mailing list. If you are interested in receiving information about up-coming events in the East Mayo Area please contact the IRD Kiltimagh

Arts Officer, Anne Marie McGing with your contact details. You can e-mail the information to the above address or you can contact IRD on 094-9331494. Please include a contact name, address and e-mail address in e-mails

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks for your contributions towards the Christmas Collection taken up at all Masses at Christmas. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

**COSGALLEN NEWS - PARENTING ALONE:** Cosgallen CDP held a very successful New Horizons Course for people parenting alone recently and hopes to run computer classes with this group in January. If you are parenting alone and would like to join the group and take part in computer classes please contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR** 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> January amounted €1,447.

**FOXFORD FARMERS' MARKET:** Foxford's New Farmers' Markets runs every Saturday morning from 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. in the Car Park of the Foxford Woolen Mills. Items available include fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, home-baking - orders can be placed now for puddings and Christmas Cakes, also catering to any dietary requirements. Hot soup available. Also available in the market is a wonderful selection of cheeses and there is even an opportunity to purchase some seasonal plants and festive wreaths. This weekend the Foxford Craft Fair takes place in the Sports Centre and the Farmers' Market, for this week only, will run on Saturday and Sunday. This is an ideal opportunity to purchase local produce, organic vegetables and home-baking so come along and support the traders. It is a very pleasant and sociable experience.

**APA - AIDS PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA - AN IRISH CHARITY SET UP BY FR. OWEN LAMBERT:** Pamper yourself and / or someone special by coming along to Balla Resource Centre on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January and at the same time support the work of APA which helps alleviate the suffering of Aids orphaned children in Africa. For more information / vouchers please contact Bernie Moran on 087-7555084. or Ksenja Kragi on 087-1318784.

**PIECES OF MY MIND - A NEW BOOK BY FR. BRENDAN HOBAN** is now available in many local Bookshops. It contains 75 Reflections on topical subjects relating to the Church, Family and Modern Ireland. Simple, practical and down to earth commentaries on the issues that matter in peoples' lives. It costs €13.95c and is well worth buying. I only bought my copy this Saturday and have only had a glance through it. You can order it from [FAITHALIVE@EIRCOM.NET](mailto:FAITHALIVE@EIRCOM.NET) for €15 which includes postage.

**FAS EVENING COURSES** on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January in the FAS Training Centre, Ballina. Courses include: Introduction to Computers; SAGE Accounts and Payroll; Introduction to E-Mail / Internet; Basic Arc Welding; Improver Welding; Interior Design; Roofing (Cutting and Calculating); Occupational First Aid; Programmable Logic Controllers; Start Your Own Business and Word Processing Advanced. Enrolment 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 p.m. Info at 096-24017.

**CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN DAY:** The new buildings, the older renovated building and the new sports facilities at Carramore National School will be open to the public on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 3.00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come along to see the fantastic new facilities at the School. More details later.

**OFFICIAL OPENING AND BLESSING OF CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL'S NEW BUILDINGS AND SPORTS FACILITIES:** An Official Opening and Blessing of the new facilities at Carramore School will take place on Sunday next 20<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Hopefully, many past pupils and parents of past pupils as well as the members of the local community will be present for this very special occasion. Refreshments will be served and some entertainment will be provided. It will be a very proud day for Carramore and everyone associated with it.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Parish Office in the Parochial House on this Tuesday evening 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.00 p.m.

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR SOCCER** has re-commenced in the Community Centre since Friday last 11<sup>th</sup> January and will continue for the rest of the season each Friday evening at 6.00 p.m.

**KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR BASKETBALL TRAINING** will recommence on Monday next 14<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00 p.m. It is very good to see the Community Centre available again for sporting activities after the renovations which have been carried out over the past number of months. As well as putting on a new roof, the interior of the centre has been newly painted. There is still some renovation of the rooms on either side of the stage to be carried out. Hopefully, it will be a very busy place for 2008.

**THE WEEKLY KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME** will re-commence on Monday night next 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9.00 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated for what is always a most enjoyable game.

**MASS TO BE BROADCAST ON MID-WEST RADIO:** The 10.00 a.m Sunday Mass from the parish will be broadcast live on Mid-West Radio on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. It seems that it is the turn of Callow this time as it has been broadcast from

Killasser on the last two occasions. Callow was due to broadcast live in the Summer of 2006 but the Church was under renovation at the time, which meant we used Killasser instead.

**THE BISHOP-ELECT OF ACHONRY BRENDAN KELLY** will take over the leadership of the Diocese of Achonry at his ordination ceremony on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January, commencing at 3.00 p.m. He will succeed Bishop Flynn who has been our leader since February 1977. The principal celebrant of the Ordination Mass will be the newest Cardinal, Sean Brady.

**AN INVITATION TO THE ORDINATION CEREMONY IN ST. NATHY'S CATHEDRAL BALLAGHADERREEN** on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January is being given to two people from each church area in the diocese. This means for our parish, four people are invited - two from Callow area and two from Killasser area. If you are interested in attending, you will have the opportunity at Masses this weekend to place your name in a special Box/Basket that will be left at the Church Doors. After the 10 a.m. Mass in Callow this Sunday, two names will be drawn and the same format will happen after the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser this Sunday for the two weekend Masses. Those who are selected will have to be in their places in the Cathedral not later than 2.30 p.m. on Sunday next.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION DATES 2008:** Brendan Kelly, Leader-Elect of Achonry, will soon arrange for this year's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was decided by Bishop Flynn, some months ago, that due to the imminent appointment of a new Leader, no dates would be arranged prior to Easter 2008. The Parishes of the diocese in Co. Sligo along with a small number of other parishes, including Killasser, will celebrate Confirmation this year. Most ceremonies will take place during April and May.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 2008** will possibly/probably be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Hopefully, that will be a suitable date for Children, Families and Teachers.

**A DRUG AWARENESS TALK** will be given in Swinford Secondary School on Tuesday Night next 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 8.00 p.m. This talk will be given by the Gardai/Drug Squad from Castlebar. There is no admission charge and it is in the interest of all Parents and at least one Parent from each Family should try to attend.

**'NA SEAN SCRIBHNEOIRI AS IORRAS' O RIOCARD BAIREAD SAN 18u HAOIS GO SEAMUS MAG UIDHIR SA CHEAD SEO CAITE:** Tabharfaidh Aine Ni Chiarain a leargas pearsanta ar sean fhili agus udair a ceantair fein i Mellett's I mBeal Atha na Muice ar an Luan, an 21 Eanáir ag 8 i.n. Beidh failte roimh gach einne, go hairithe iad siud ar bheagan Gaeilge. Cuirfear solaisti ar fail agus beidh dreas comhra agus ca bhfios, b'fheidir steibh d'amhran, tar eis an cruinnithe.

**'LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS'** will be held in Swinford Parish Church on seven consecutive Tuesday Nights, commencing each night at 8.00 p.m. It begins on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. A different speaker will speak each night. Everyone is welcome. More details next week.

**'GETTING TO KNOW GOD'** is the title of a series of meetings that will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass during Lent. They will begin on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 p.m. each night. All welcome and more detailed information in next week's Newsletter.

**PRAY FOR** Michael Conroy, Lismorane, Callow, Months Mind, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 10 a.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Mary Catherine McAndrew, Sister-in-Law of Delia McManus, Carramore who died in St. Louis, U.S. On 23<sup>rd</sup> December, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 John and Martha Stenson, Knocks, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 John Gallagher, Church View, Swinford and Coolcastle, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 10 a.m.  
 Mary Sheerin, Bokeen, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 10 a.m.  
 Jackie Hennigan, Cloonainra, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 11.30 a.m.  
 Johnny Tully, Carroweena and London, who died on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January in London. His Funeral Mass was celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January. His burial took place after in Killasser Cemetery.  
 Mary Laffey (Nee McDonnell), Circular Road, Sligo and formerly of Cullenaughton, who died on Tuesday last 15<sup>th</sup> January. Her funeral Mass was in Sligo on Thursday last 17<sup>th</sup> January.  
 Peig McNulty (Nee O'Brien), Los Angeles and Easkey, Co. Sligo, Wife of Michael McNulty, Listernan, Who died in Los Angeles on Wednesday last 16<sup>th</sup> January. Her remains arrive to Rathlee Church, Easkey, on Wednesday evening next at 8 p.m. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 12 Noon. Burial will take place afterwards in Rathlee Cemetery.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

**OFFICIAL OPENING AND  
BLESSING OF NEW  
BUILDINGS AND SPORTS  
FACILITIES AT ST. JOHN'S  
NATIONAL SCHOOL,  
CARRAMORE ON THIS  
SUNDAY 20 JANUARY,  
COMMENCING AT 3.00 P.M.  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO  
ATTEND THIS CEREMONY  
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DEVELOPMENT  
AFTERWARDS.**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE  
SERVED AND SOME MUSICAL  
ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED**

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