

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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'*

### DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS.

As schooldays near an end, and family closeness ( and frustration ) beckons over a long ( hot?) Summer, today's Gospel shows us an Ascension. Not the departure gate of an airport with the sounds of jet clawing their way skywards. This is the Mount of Olives, in East Jerusalem, which to this day has a tiny, unadorned chapel of the Ascension, compared to the large Basilica built over Calvary. That is as it should be. Because of the Ascension is not an escape from the world but an affirmation of what He has done on the cross.

Schooldays are not a bad parallel either for what takes place on Ascension Day. In every departure of a parent as they leave their offspring off - there is a goodbye but no real leave-taking. The farewell is only temporary. Years later, that same child may well find themselves leaving a now aged and infirm parent in the care of a nursing home. As hearts heave, both child and parent know that again, while there is a goodbye, you have no real leave-taking.

Same for Jesus on Ascension. We find ourselves in the new and frightening surroundings of this life, in a place where we are uncomfortable and often feel ill-equipped to carry on. And yet, we burn the tall new Pascal candle to indicate his closeness, we meet and recognise Him in the breaking of bread, the hearing of the word and hopefully in each other. Hear him bless you and whisper with love 'goodbye, no one is leaving, I will send you the Holy Spirit.'

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - May 2007)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Frank Cregg

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Mary Marren.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Mulligan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Helen Timlin.

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

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 8.00 p.m. Niall Armstrong Shane Cunney Kevin Rowley Ciara Hussey.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr Brid Rogers Keith Kavanagh Paul Quinn.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The O'Grady Family (Carroweena)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Hughes Family (Coolegrane)

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7 p.m.

#### THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

should now have been distributed to every home in the parish. If you still need one they are available from the Sacristy or Parochial House. 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.

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

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR:** 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> May amounted to €1,415.

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY':** The final celebration of the 'Do This In Memory' preparation programme for First Communion will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. This is the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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

**AN OPEN MEETING** will be held in Callow Church on Monday night next 21<sup>st</sup> May at 8.30 p.m. to look at future plans for fundraising for Callow/Killasser Renovation Fund. The most immediate project is the production of a Parish Calendar which it is hoped to have this ready for sale by August. A small group have agreed to take on responsibility for getting this done. Later on it is hoped to have a Parish Christmas Card printed. These, it is hoped, would be ready for sale well before Christmas. Everyone is welcome to attend this Meeting. All views and suggestions are 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 last 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.**

**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.

**ACCORD CHARLESTOWN** is recruiting Marriage Care Facilitators for their Pre-Marriage Courses. They are looking for people who have been married for at least 5 years, who are warm and caring and relate easily to others. If you think you can help them, please join them for an information evening regarding training and working as a Facilitator for their Pre-Marriage Courses. This meeting will be in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 p.m. There you will meet Accord members and find out about the work they do. For further information please phone Patricia at 094-9254944. Office hours are Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Find out more about their work on their website [WWW.ACCORD.IE](http://WWW.ACCORD.IE)

**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.

**LADIES' MINI MARATHON:** Cancer Action Mhaigh Eo is looking for volunteers to take part in the ladies' mini marathon on the Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June next. All proceeds will go towards the MRI Scanner campaign for Mayo General Hospital. For further information, please contact 087-2224442.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** was held in Callow Church on Wednesday evening last 16<sup>th</sup> May. Two new members are still needed so that four people of the original committee can step down after two years to comply with the constitution of the Pastoral Council. Preferably two men are needed to keep the gender balance as it should be. Every effort will be made to get these two new members before the next Meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June. After two more years, it should be a totally different committee than started out. This is the objective, so that it cannot become an elite group. The challenge is to get people who are willing to step out, give some of their time and talent to the community. Sitting on the fence is not really an option.

**ST. BENEDICT'S PRIORY - RETREAT HOUSE COBH CO. CORK:** Their Retreat House is available for Private individual or group retreats and private day retreats. Accommodation is 6 Single Rooms and 2 Double Rooms. Retreatants are welcome to share in their Liturgical Life - Mass, Liturgy of the Hours and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Retreat House is situated in quiet peaceful surroundings and has a lovely Bible Garden. There are magnificent views of Cobh Harbour and Cobh Cathedral. Suggested donation is €40 per night, including all meals.. Phone No. 021-4811354.

**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 ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** takes place this year on this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. This year Killasser Parish is being requested to provide a Minister of the Word, a reader of the Prayer of the Faithful and a Family to bring up the Offertory Gifts at the Mass in Knock on that day. Those participating are as follows: **Minister of the Word - Mary Stenson. Prayer of the Faithful - Margaret McGowan, Ray Chuck, Claire Conroy. Offertory Procession - Maura Hurst, Chris Hyland and Kevin Hughes.** It is nice to be nice to be involved and sincere thanks to those who were willing to participate. Not the easiest day to get people to travel to Knock on account of the other Pilgrimage to Galway on this Sunday as well. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is a joint pilgrimage with Dublin Diocese. Those participating are asked to be in Knock not later than 2.00 p.m.. You are asked to assemble at the back of the altar in the Basilica.

**THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON** commenced on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May with the One-Day Pilgrimages. The Three-Day Pilgrimages begin 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.

**THE ALL-IRELAND ROSARY RALLY** in honour of Fr. Patrick Peyton will take place in Knock on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. It begins on the day with Rosary at 2.00 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross and Concelebrated Mass at 3.00 p.m. The main celebrant of the Mass is Fr. Pat Peyton P.P., Bunninadden nephew of the late Fr. Peyton.

**CLUSTER CHOIR PRACTICE IN FOXFORD CHURCH:** Once again, the Cluster Choir will sing at the Fr. Peyton Rosary Rally in Knock on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. To prepare for this occasion, the first Cluster Choir practice will be held in Foxford Parish Church on Tuesday evening next 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 8.30 p.m. All Choir members in Callow and Killasser are invited and welcome to attend and participate in Knock.

**WBCO I.T. TRAINING:** Summer ICT Training Courses starting on 9<sup>th</sup> June. Total beginners, Juniors, Seniors - all welcome. Range of Courses. Contact Christine 087-9723641.

**KILLASSER PIONEER ASSOCIATION CONCERT:** The organisers of the recent very successful Concert in Killasser Community Centre wish to express their appreciation to all those who came on stage to provide such a wonderful evening of entertainment: Paddy Regan, Catherine Chuck, Noel Filan, Brenda Grealis and of course the members of the singing group 'Lasair', Dancers Abigail Doherty from Tavneena, the Walsh Family from Rhue, Catherine Noone, Helen Clarke for beautiful music, Tom Roache, Cooneal and Martin Frain, Kilmovee for their unique recitations, the cast of Killasser Novelty Act, Mary Kavanagh, Thomas Marren, Micheal Murphy, Joe McNulty, Marty Noone and Mairin Noone, the Cooneal Players for their All-Ireland winning Novelty Act. A special thanks to the large number of people who supported the event. The proceeds of the event came to over €1,500. After the Insurance for Achonry PTAA activities was paid, a cheque for €507 each was presented to Killasser Community Centre and to the Killasser/Callow Parish Renovation Fund.

**THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE AND THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE** wish to thank the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association for their support and generosity.

**THE ARAS ATTRACTA FAMILY AND FRIENDS TOUR OF MAYO 90 MILE CYCLE** will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June. It will start at 9.00 a.m. from Aras Attracta. For those taking part, Breakfast will be served in the Canteen in Aras Attracta from 8.15 a.m. onwards. The cycle goes from Swinford to Foxford to Ballina to Crossmolina to Lahardane to Pontoon Cross to Castlebar to Balla to Claremorris to Knock to Kiltimagh and finish in Swinford at 7.00 p.m. Sponsorship Cards are available. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION IN CALLOW** last weekend amounted to €126.31. Sincere thanks to all who helped with the Collection and to all those who contributed.

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

**A PARISH CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday evening next at 8.30 p.m. The Killasser representatives are Margaret McGowan and James Howley.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be celebrated in Callow Church on Saturday next 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**BANADA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION BEDDING PLANT FLOWER SALE** at Tourlestrane Parish Church on this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00 p.m. Great Bargains in all varieties. Your support will be appreciated.

**PRAY FOR** Hugh Fitzmorris, Creggane, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 Matthew and Ellie O'Grady, Carrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.  
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
 Pake and Tommy O'Grady, Carroweena  
 Willie Thomson, Cullen, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.  
 Eddie Hughes, Coolegrane and Deceased Members of Hughes/Dunleavy Families, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.  
 Tom and Kathleen Durkin, Cloonygowan, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.  
 Nora Culkin, Corley, who died on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Funeral Mass on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**