

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'*

'FEAR NO ONE'

Do you remember the character the Cowardly Lion from the movie the *'Wisard of Oz'*? The poor fellow. He was meant to be the fierce, ferocious king of the forest but was instead a real scaredy-cat, afraid of almost everyone and everything. He was of so little help to Dorothy, the Scarecrow, and the Tin Man as long as he was so paralysed with fear.

Unfortunately, we live in an age and time when fear can dominate us. If the ordinary fears of sickness and death are not enough, we now have red and orange alerts, global warming and natural disasters. Our fears often cause us to build walls of protection against the unknown. Fears also keep us from challenging unjust situations in our lives and in our world.

This is why we are invited, three times in the Gospel, *not to be afraid*. We are called to be brave, daring daughters and sons of God. We are asked to speak and act with courage and conviction. And as we do so we are assured of God's loving care for even a single hair of our head!

'How has fear limited my effectiveness as a follower of Jesus?'

(A Year of Sundays - Gospel Reflection 2008)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

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

Fr. Michael Maloney - Charlestown 085-1510383.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Sunday 10 a.m.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Frank Cregg.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Thomas Marren.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mary McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan

CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Frank Cregg.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 28th June 8.00 p.m. Conor Stephens Brid Rogers Paul Quinn Shane Cunney

Sunday 29th June 11.30 a.m. Pierce Rowley Jonathan Burke Chloe Meehan Melissa Cronnolly.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Warde Family (Doontas)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The Conroy Family (Callow)

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

14th / 15th June amounted to €1, 210..

WEDDINGS:

Congratulations to Gerard Sheerin, Tiernanny and Geraldine Heraty, Westport who were married in Westport Parish Church on Friday last 20th June, to Michael Rowley, Cloonfinnish and Denise Kelly, Coalisland, Co. Tyrone who were married in Tyrone on Friday last 20th June also. We wish both couples every blessing and happiness in their future married life. Another parishioner, a member of the Cronnolly Family, Dunmaynor was married in the U.S. also on Friday last. More details in a later Newsletter.

KNOCK SUMMER YOUTH FESTIVAL 2008: Living life to the full? Looking for something more? Tired of the same? This is what you are looking for! Time out for you Knock Summer Youth Festival July 24th - 27th, Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. 18 - 35 years for more information and to book your place. Contact 094-9388100 / 087-6927850 or check our www.knock-shrine.ie/youthministry.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. PETER CLAVER SAY A SINCERE THANK YOU: Sr. Monica Daly, Sisters of St. Peter Claver wishes to express thanks on behalf of her Religious Order for your generosity towards the appeal made at all Masses last weekend by Mr. Willie Doyle. Willie Doyle was very appreciative of the welcome and hospitality he received. I thought he spoke excellently on the topic and it was more convincing because of him being a layperson. It is important that we continue to be conscious of the needs of our brothers and sisters living in appalling conditions in many parts of the world and respond to them as best we can. That is very much the challenge of today's Gospel - be compassionate as Christ himself was compassionate. The amount contributed at the three Masses last weekend amounted to €707.46c. Sincere thanks for your excellent response and your generosity.

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR KILLASSER CHURCH: There is now a rota of two people per month for the full twelve months. 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.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH CALENDAR 2008 was produced last year as a fund-raising project for the parish renovation fund. It was hugely successful. The amount of money collected for Calendars was €18,950 and the cost of printing was €1,590. This gave a profit of €14,250. Sincere thanks to everyone involved in the project and to all who purchased and sold the Calendars. There were 3,000 copies printed and almost 2,000 were sold. It cost very little to print the extra thousand. There are still some copies available which people might still like to have as a souvenir.

THE DANA CONCERT which was a tremendous success musically, socially and in terms of community spirit was also a huge success financially. To date €7,320 has been collected and the expenses amounted to €4,080. This leaves a profit of €3,290 approx. There is still some money to come in and a final figure will be given very soon. Another €320 for tickets was handed in over a week ago bringing the total profit now to €3,610 approx. Any further ticket money should be handed in as soon as possible. Again sincere thanks to all who organised, who sold and bought tickets and to everyone involved in putting on such a spectacular show.

A SPONSORED CYCLE ORGANISERS' MEETING was held in the Parish Office on Thursday Night week last and all monies collected and handed in to date was counted. The amount lodged on Friday 13th June in Swinford Credit Union was €4,725 leaving a profit to date of €4,275. **Since then another €50 has been handed in, bringing the profit to date to €4325.** If there are still any sponsorship money or ticket money to be handed in, you might do so at your earliest convenience to any of the following: Bridie Sheerin, Danny Gill, Pat Thompson or Fr. O'Mahony.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW RENOVATION FUND MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR April and May amounted to €3,315. Sincere thanks for your continued support and generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

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.

THE NEXT CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night next 26th June at 8.30 p.m. The representatives from Killasser/Callow are Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty. This is the final meeting of the year until it resumes again in September. The Eucharist will be celebrated during this final meeting before which any outstanding items will be discussed.

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.

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 has been demolished recently. 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.

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 €35 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.

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A SPANISH STUDENT? Host families required for Spanish Students. Families are being sought to host boys between the ages of 11 years - 16 years. Irish families must have a boy of the same age bracket. Boys will come as a companion to a boy in the family. Students will come for the month of July. A Teacher travels with the students and is a great support during the students' stay. Generous terms and a rewarding experience. Contact Geraldine on 094-9255985 after 3.00 p.m.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE ANNUAL CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION was taken up before each of the Masses last weekend, 7th / 8th June, in Killasser and Callow Churches. Your support was very much appreciated and it will enable this group to continue the good work they have been doing over several years.

MASS ON MID-WEST RADIO: was broadcast from Callow Church on Sunday last 15th June. Sincere thanks to everyone who prepared for and participated so well in this Mass. As usual a very special words of thanks to our Organist, Musicians and Choir Members for the many hours of practice put in.

THE MAYO COMMUNITY GAMES FINALS OF TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS take place on Saturday 28th June. There was a meeting and training session for all those who have qualified for the finals, at Killasser Community Centre on Monday evening last 16th June. Further information from Martin Peyton and Michael Howley.

CSKA KILLASSER IS HOSTING A MULTI-SPORT SUMMER CAMP at Killasser Community Centre and Sports field from 7th to 11th July inclusive. The Children and young people will have the opportunity to learn the rules, laws and skills and play a wide range of sports including Gaelic Football, Rugby, Soccer, Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Rounders and Tennis with Head Coach Emmet B.A. Physical Education QTS. The theme of the camp is Fun and Learning and will cater for children aged 7 - 16 inclusive. The cost of the Camp is €40 per child, €75 for two children from the same household and €80 for three or more children from the same household. Each participant will receive a generous 'goodie bag' and certificate. Further information can be had from Martin Peyton Peyton on 087-9377644 or Michael Howley on 087-9144910.

CLUSTER CHOIR TO SING IN RAMADA HOTEL BALLINA: You can next catch up with the Cluster Choir in the Ramada Hotel, Ballina on Saturday evening 12th July. More details of that event later but just to remind you to keep that date free.

CLUSTER CHOIR FOR THE UNITED STATES IN 2009?: Next year 2009 is the centenary of the birth of Fr. Peyton. To mark this special year, celebrations will be held in Attymass and in the United States. Many people will be travelling over in September 2009 and the possibility of the Cluster Choir travelling is very real.

A MEETING OF ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL was held in Killasser School on Tuesday Night last 17th June. The purpose of this meeting was to inform all parents on the possible developments that are necessary in the grounds of the school. Various approaches and proposals were discussed, information was available and decisions will have to be made as soon as possible. A further Meeting will be held, probably on Monday 14th July when the engineer Michael Rowley will have returned from honeymoon and can be present to answer the more difficult questions that may arise.

A GRADUATION MASS AND CELEBRATION FOR SIXTH CLASSES IN CARRAMORE AND KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOLS took place in Callow Church on Wednesday evening last 18th June. This Mass was attended by all members of Sixth Classes in Carramore and Killasser National Schools. Also present were members of Fifth Classes who were involved in Choir for the Mass. All Parents of Sixth Class Children were invited and all who could attended. This has been a very special gathering each year for the past few years and last Wednesday Night was no exception. We acknowledged each child's contribution to school life over the past eight years and wished them well on the next stage of their education journey in Secondary School. Sincere thanks to all the teachers but especially to Mrs. Fallon, Carramore and Ms. Gallagher, Killasser the Teachers of Sixth Classes for all their work in preparing the children for this celebration of Eucharist. Following the Mass refreshments were served to everyone present. On the night the children shared many of their memories of National School which were interesting and humourous. Of course Hazel Fletcher, a member of Sixth Class in Carramore for 2007/2008, was remembered in a very special way. Hazel died on 27th May. We remembered her contribution to school life and we prayed for her, her Parents Richard and Cath and her younger sister Laura, a member of second classe.

THE 2008 DISCOVER PRIMARY SCIENCE AWARD OF SCIENCE EXCELLENCE: Congratulations to the Children in Second, Third and Fourth Classes in Carramore National School who received this award recently and were presented

with their Plaque at a special ceremony in Sligo on Tuesday 10th June. This award ceremony took place in the Clarion Hotel. The Childrens' Teacher is Mrs. Sharkey. Well done to all concerned. It was a most interesting project.

TEACHER LEAVING KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL: Mrs. Josephine Hall, who has been a Special Needs Assistant Teacher in Killasser National School for the past Eight Years finished in the school when it closed for the Summer Holidays on Friday last 20th June. She did not leave by choice but because that position is no longer available in the School. On behalf of the Board of Management of the School, the Parents of Children presently in the school and those who have moved on, present and past pupils, present and past teachers, I wish to express our deep and sincere appreciation of all she has contributed to the school - to children, parents and teachers - over the past nine years. Her pleasant personality, her calm presence, her dedication, commitment and good example have been a vital part of life in Killasser School for those nine years. We regret that the position is no longer open and that Mrs. Hall has to move on. We say a big thank you and wish her every blessing and happiness for the future.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL closed for the Summer Holidays on Friday last 20th June. We wish pupils, teachers and parents a very happy Summer Holiday.

CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL will close for the Summer Holidays on Wednesday next 25th June. We also wish pupils, teachers and parents a very happy Summer Holiday. We hope there will be lots of sunshine even if the days are gradually shortening from now on.

A CLUSTER CHOIR PRACTICE will be held in Foxford Church on Thursday evening next 26th June at 8.30 p.m. to prepare for the event in the Ramada Hotel, Ballina.

A MEETING KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held on Wednesday evening last 18th June in Killasser Church. Items discussed included: Training and Commissioning of New Eucharistic Ministers in the Autumn, A Review of the Radio Mass, More and Better Training for Altar Servers, Station Masses etc. This was the final meeting of the current year. It will resume again in September. Happy Holiday and sincere thanks to all members for their time, dedication and commitment over the past year.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Community Centre on Tuesday 24th June at 8.30 p.m. As many people as possible are welcome and encouraged to attend. Great improvements have been carried out on the Community Centre recently. It has been painted inside and outside and looks beautiful at present. The room on the right-hand side of the stage has been beautifully renovated and is fully equipped with computers and the latest technology. Of course the new roof was put on last autumn and should leave it secure for many years to come. Then there is the Gym that has been installed on the balcony over the stage - no excuse for being unfit! Of course there is the all weather Basketball and Tennis Court which can also be used for Soccer. This is completely floodlit. Well done to all concerned in making this happen. Let it now be used to its full potential. No need for anyone to be BORED Summer of Winter, Night or Day. Do come to this very important Meeting on Tuesday Night next.

ACHONRY AND ITS CHURCHES: This is a beautiful Book containing photographs of every Church in our Diocese as well as other place of worship and pilgrimage. There is also a list of all the bishops of the Diocese and other useful information. These books are available after each Mass in Killasser and Callow and they cost just €20. A lovely Book for oneself and a lovely present for somebody else maybe away from home.

ACHONRY PIONEER SPORTS: Boys and Girls from Killasser Pioneer Centre participated in the U-12 Gaelic and Soccer Finals recently in Cloonacool. The Boys were unsuccessful in qualifying but the Girls Soccer Team have qualified for the Connacht Finals which will be held in Shiven Rovers, Newbridge, Co. Galway on Saturday 12th July. The members of the teams were Jonathan Burke, Rian Stephens, Pierce Rowley, Finnian Leonard, Shane Leonard, Jonathan Leonard, Sinead Timlin, Siofran Frain, Melissa Cronnelly, Chloe Meehan and Rosie Hynes.

CHOLESTEROL AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE: A very informative talk was given on High Blood Pressure and Cholesterol in the General Purposes Room in Carramore School on Tuesday evening last 17th June by Eibhlin O'Callaghan. Stress was also discussed as a major cause of High Blood Pressure. The main theme of the talk was that a Healthy Diet and Regular Exercise is the best way to avoid these health conditions. A final resort is medication. The more organic food we eat the better for our health. Even if a bit more expensive, are we not worth it? Isn't it also cheaper than regular visits to the doctor or chemist. **Food for thought !!!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAYO on their victory over Sligo in the Connacht Semi-Final of the Senior Championship in Castlebar on this Sunday afternoon. The final score was Mayo 3 – 11 Sligo 0 – 7. It is now Mayo versus Galway in the Connacht Senior Final in Castlebar on Sunday 13th July.

PRAY FOR John and Ellen Howley, Cartron, Son Eddie and Michael James Hegarty, Saturday 8 p.m.
Patrick Stenson, Knocks, Saturday 8 p.m.
Johnny Doherty, Carramore, Saturday 8 p.m.
Mary and Jim Lalor, Bokeen and Dublin, and Deceased Family, Sunday 10 a.m.
Martin and May Kielty, Cullenaughton and Son Murt, Sunday 10 a.m.
John Sheerin, Tiernanny and His Sister Bea, who died recently in Helmshore, England, Sunday 10 a.m.
Brian and Catherine Groarke and their Son Bernie, Carrowleambeg, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Joe Warde, Doontas and Deceased Family, Saturday 8 p.m.
Tommy Hughes, Carramore-Moy, Saturday 8 p.m.
Anne and Tom Brennan, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.
Tom and Nora Howley, Carramore, Saturday 8 p.m.
Mary (Mai) Kerrane, Callow, who died on Monday last 16th June in St. Attracta's Nursing Home, Charlestown. Her Funerals Mass was celebrated in Callow Church on Thursday last 19th June. Her Burial took place in Craggagh Cemetery, Foxford.
