

# KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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EASTER SUNDAY

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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 EARLY MORNING.

'Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning'. I live with a morning person. He is awake early every day, often before daybreak. When he returns from his early walk, he reports on the weather and, often, the beauty of the sunrise over the lake. His enthusiasm for the dawn has not yet convinced me, a night person, to join him on a regular basis. But on the occasional morning that I do rise early, I find pleasure in the early morning silence and stillness.

Often I feel guilty for being a late-to-bed, late-to-rise person. I have a tendency to think that those who are up early are more righteous than I am. Mary rose early to fulfil her religious duties. There is a great virtue in that.

Yet night people (like me) stay awake to care for people in the small hours. We sit by the bedside of those who suffer long after midnight and console them in their darkest hours.

Our own rhythms and movements of life are precious. Whenever and wherever we serve those in need is the time and the place that God has ordained for us.

Let us accept who and what we are and be grateful for God's purpose in our lives.

*'In what ways is God using my own rhythms to be of service to others?'*

(Living The Word - Gospel Reflection - Tom Clancy)

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 - Thursday, Friday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Monday 11 a.m. / Wednesday 10 a.m. / 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. Joseph McNulty.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Anne Holleran  
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Angela Conlon.  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Pierce Rowley Sunday 11.30 a.m. Aileen Gallagher

#### CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

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

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 8.00 p.m. Kevin Rowley Niall Armstrong Melissa Cronnelly Chloe Meehan  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford Conor Stephens Ciara Hussey Hayden Harrold.

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke) Sunday 10.00 a.m. The McGowan Family (Cullenaughton)  
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION; Sincere thanks to all who have already handed in their Trocaire Collection Boxes. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated. If you have not already handed in your collection box, you are encouraged to do so at your earliest convenience.

**A VERY HAPPY, HOLY, SAFE AND PEACEFUL EASTER.**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will not take place on this Monday. It will resume again on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated in the Parish this year on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at a time to be decided. The children of Fifth and Sixth Classes in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive the Sacrament.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated this year on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser.

**THE WEEKLY KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME** will be held in **Killasser Community Centre** on Monday night 24<sup>th</sup> March at the usual time of 9.00 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated for what is always a most enjoyable game.

**SWINFORD & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION** hope to organise a **Confined Draw** and to have a car as top prize. Any member wishing to be part of this draw should call in to the office to sign up. Usual terms and conditions apply. Application for the draw closes at the end of March.

**ACCORD CHARLESTOWN** All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at [www.accord.ie](http://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 NATIONAL PIONEER BALL** will take place in the Belmont Hotel, Knock on **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**. It begins with Mass at 7 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock. The guest speaker is John O'Mahony, Mayo Football Manager. Music is by Kay and the Country Stars. Tickets cost €30 and are available from Thomas Marren on 087-2344338.

**SOUVENIR DVD OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BRENDAN KELLY** is now available. It may be ordered through the parish or directly from the Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen. Please send a S.A.E. (DVD size) to "Acadh Chonaire", The Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon and include cheque/postal order for €20 payable to "Acadh Chonaire". See [www.achonrydiocese.org](http://www.achonrydiocese.org) for further details.

**'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.

**COSGALLEN NEWS - CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE:** Citizens' Information will **not** be in attendance at the Cosgallen Office on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March but will attend on April 4<sup>th</sup> as usual.

**COSGALLEN NEWS - ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:** Cosgallen Adult Education Spring Classes will start shortly. If you are interested in taking part in Irish, Sketching, Sewing, Bridge or Computer classes please contact the office on 094-9255070. This is a sixteen hour course, two hours per night, one night a week for eight weeks. The Course Fee is €70. If you have any suggestions for classes you would like to attend please contact us.

**COSGALLEN NEWS - HOME CARERS:** Cosgallen CDP are interested in hearing from people who live in the Swinford or Charlestown area who are providing care on a voluntary basis to a person who is in need of care (of any age) due to illness or disability. Cosgallen CDP are at present investigating the necessity of providing supports to assist home carers under the Dormant Accounts Fund 2007/2008 in the area of training programme.

**NEWS - RESOURCE CENTRE:** Cosgallen Community Development Project's Resource Centre has a free information service on Social Welfare Entitlements, Health Benefits, Education and Grants. There are many forms available at the Centre e.g. Motor Tax, Drivers Licence, Passport, Register of Electors, Medical Card, European Health Insurance Card, Drugs Payment Scheme and more. The Resource Centre also has a number of services available at very low cost such as Photocopying, Laminating, Binding and Fax. The Staff at Cosgallen CDP are available to give assistance and advice to individuals or groups on services, activities in the area and will recommend other services for queries outside their remit. Drop in for a chat or browse at your leisure. The Resource Centre is open Monday to Thursday from 10.00 a.m - 4.00 p.m. and Friday by appointment.

**NEWS - MAYO SPORTS PARTNERSHIP GRANT:** The Mayo Sports Partnership Club Development Programme provides grant assistance to sport and recreation clubs/organisations within Co. Mayo for Special Participation Initiatives. Closing date for completed application forms is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008. For more information contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

**CSKA KILLASSER** started its ladies' keep fit classes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February in Killasser Community Centre. It commences at 7.00 p.m. and costs € per night. You are encouraged to come and try out the new Gym. There is a complete range of equipment available for use, with expert advice and supervision. With spring and summer just around the corner, now is the time for getting in shape for our splendid new tennis court. For more information contact Martin Peyton or Michael Howley.

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**THE SOUTH SLIGO SPRING WALKING FESTIVAL** will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> April 2008. There will be three walks on each day. Further information can be got by contacting Breege Mullarkey on 087-1381770 or Breda Monaghan on 071-9181291 or e-mail [tshe1963@hotmail.com](mailto:tshe1963@hotmail.com) The Walking Festival is organised by the Ox Mountain Development Co. Ltd. with funding assistance from Sligo Co. Council Led. Peace 11 Task Force.

**WATERPOINT ENNISCROME** is holding a Camp during Easter Week. It will take place from 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March. Cost: €60 per child - Discount after 2<sup>nd</sup> child of 10%. For more information or to sign up you should contact Waterpoint on 096-36999.

**THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER** is almost ready for printing and will be available during Easter week. It is a sixteen page edition of very interesting articles and pictures from each of the five parishes. It was due to be published before Christmas but the material was not ready in time. There will be a copy free of charge for every household in the Parish and for anyone who wishes to have a copy or send one to a relative elsewhere.

**COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR CALLOW CHURCH** will take place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a meeting for all who wish to become Altar Servers in Callow Church in the Church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00 p.m.

**A CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION IN AID OF BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA** will take place in Killasser and Callow at all Masses this weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**DANA IN CONCERT:** Former Eurovision Song Contest Winner Dana will sing in Concert in Killasser Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets for the Concert will be €20 and will be on sale in the not too distant future. Proceeds from the Concert will go towards the Killasser/Callow Parish Renovation Fund. It promises to be a very special occasion. Your support will be very much appreciated

**DAFFODIL DAY:** The Organisers of the recent Daffodil Day for the Irish Cancer Society would like to express their sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the collection. Over €7,000 was raised in the Swinford area. This was a very generous response and please be assured that the money will be put to very good use.

**KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT:** Enrolments will be taken form 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 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**IRISH ASSOCIATION OF ANGER MANAGEMENT - ANGER ISSUES:** Everyone know what anger is, but how do you express it without hurting others or hurting yourself? Uncontrolled anger can cost you your marriage, your job, relationships, health and the respect of your loved ones. If anger is starting to rule your life, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant at the **Irish Association of Anger Management** on 094-9037677 / 0877989253 or log onto [www.difficultemotions.com](http://www.difficultemotions.com) to see how you could temper your anger.

**URGENTLY WANTED - FOR SEWING PROJECT:** Clean Coloured Cotton Pillow Cases or Coloured Cotton Sheets (No Patterns Please). Please contact Anne-Marie Carrol on 094-9381494 and at East Mayo LDP, Enterprise House, Aiden Street, Kiltimagh.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR** 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> March amounted to €1,677.  
17<sup>th</sup> March amounted to €400.

**THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND ENVELOPES** for the year ahead - March 2008 to February 2009 will be distributed over the next couple of weeks. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

**CHAIRPERSON OF DAIL NA nOG:** Congratulations to Mary Stenson, Carrowleambeg, who was selected as Chairperson of Dail na nOg for the Annual Convention which was held in Croke Park on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February last. Over two hundred delegates were present from all over the country. Mary became involved with Dail na nOg during her time as a pupil of Scoil Muire agus Pdraig, Swinford. It has to be a wonderful experience and we wish Mary every success in this area of her life for the future.

**A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in Callow Church on Wednesday evening next 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30 p.m.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next meeting for those involved in the preparation of Parents and Godparents of children for Baptism, from each of the Parishes in our Cluster will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be celebrated during the Easter Vigil and also during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Easter Sunday.

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**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** This is an invitation to the people of Callow and Killasser to follow a pilgrimage beginning on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Monday 2008. There is a group to 37 people, from Brighton MA., travelling to the Holy Land for 12 days. The pilgrimage is being led by Fr. Augustin Enda, who is a priest of the parish of Brighton. In order to enable people to follow the pilgrimage a website has been created whose address is [www.virtual-pilgrimage.com](http://www.virtual-pilgrimage.com) The site contains some useful information like:

**An Itinerary**

**A Petition Form (Click on Contact Details)**

**Gallery for both Photographs and Videos - these galleries will be updated at the end of each day of the trip.**

The goal of the site is to give people the opportunity to follow the pilgrimage on a daily basis by viewing the contents of the Galleries. As stated, the galleries will be updated at the end of each day so that people will be able to view that day's highlights. The hope is that people will enjoy the site and gain a sense of what it is like to visit such a special place as the Holy Land. - Caroline McGowan, Cullenaughton, Callow.

**PARISH STATISTICS 2007:** The following are the statistics for Killasser Parish for 2007:

<b>BAPTISMS</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>MARRIAGES</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>FIRST COMMUNION</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>21.</b>

**CEAD MILE FAILTE TO ALL OUR VISITORS:** A very warm welcome and cead mile failte to all of you who are visiting Family and friends for the Easter weekend. We hope it will be a very enjoyable and special time for you who are visiting and you who are being visited. Let us all try to travel safely on the roads in an effort to prevent any road accidents.

**THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS** celebrated in Killasser Church on Monday last 17<sup>th</sup> March was very well attended, which proved that as a community we identified more with the Feast celebrated on the actual day. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended.

**MUSIC AND SINGING FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS** was provided by the children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools guided by their Teachers, especially Mrs. Fallon and Ms. Gallagher. As usual it was beautiful and sincere thanks to all concerned.

**THE ARAS ATTRACTA ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE** will take place this year on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 will be available very shortly. 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.

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES VERY WELL ATTENDED:** Sincere thanks to everyone who made the effort to attend the Holy Week Ceremonies in Killasser and Callow Churches. It was very encouraging to see such a cross section of ages.

**SINCERE THANKS** to everyone who organised and participated in the Holy Week Ceremonies. Hopefully our celebration the Triduum has been very sincere and meaningful and will help us on our journey of Faith into the future. It is very special to have the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated during the Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Mass.

**PRAY FOR** People of the Parish, Easter Vigil 9.00p.m.  
 Anne Dunleavy, Killasser Estate and Carrabeg, Easter Monday 11.00 a.m.  
 Josephine (Dodo) Ginty, Clooncleeveragh and Parents Joe and Sarah Ginty, Wednesday 10 a.m.  
 Michael and Delia Kielty, Cullenaughton, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

***EASTER GLORY FILLS THE  
 SKY***